



## Study Overview

Through an Interlocal Agreement, the City of SeaTac and Port of Seattle are required to complete a Joint Transportation Study. The Study recognizes that passenger traffic at the Airport affects local traffic within the City. Likewise, traffic within the City influences the effectiveness of people moving to and from the Airport. This Study will provide a unified analysis of the ground transportation needs of the area, as well as recommendations on the best way to meet those needs.

The Study has two parts:

- ◆ City of SeaTac's Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update
- ◆ Seattle-Tacoma International Airport's Ground Access Facility Plan Update

## Study Issues

Like most urban areas within the State of Washington, the City of SeaTac is expected to experience significant growth in the future. This Study allows the City and the Port to create a comprehensive transportation plan to address impacts of this growth. The Study will outline a plan of action that accommodates transportation needs between now and 2020. Some of the Study topics include:

- ◆ **Passenger and Population Growth**  
As the population of the area increases, the City of SeaTac needs to be able to accommodate the number of people using its streets. The City must develop a transportation plan that allows for this growth, and that complies with the requirements of the Growth Management Act. Likewise, the Port of Seattle must develop a transportation plan that supports the Airport Master Plan Update and its activity forecasts.
- ◆ **Parking**  
The SeaTac area has major parking needs. It must accommodate parking for City residents and businesses, as well as parking for Airport employees and passengers who leave their vehicles while they are traveling. The Study will determine how these parking needs can best be accommodated over the long-term.

## ◆ New Modes of Transportation

The Sound Transit plan includes new bus and light rail options for the SeaTac area. The Study will include an analysis of how those modes can best be integrated and accommodated with other modes of surface transportation.

## ◆ Transportation Demand Management

The study will include the development of Transportation Demand Management strategies for both the Airport and the City in order to reduce the amount of vehicle traffic in the SeaTac area. This could include an expanded Commute Trip Reduction program, as well as increased bus/vanpool services. Additionally, the Study will further investigate the concept of a "people mover" system between the Airport and the City.

## ◆ Protection of Neighborhoods

Within the City of SeaTac there are a number of neighborhoods that must be protected from the heavy traffic flowing through the area. The Study will include recommendations on the steps that can be taken to keep these neighborhoods safe and relatively quiet. For example, traffic "calming" devices will be analyzed in the Study.

## ◆ Pedestrians and Bicycle Riders

Transportation is more than just cars and trucks. The Study will include an analysis of the needs of people who want to walk or ride bikes in the area, and will make a number of recommendations on ways to accommodate these needs.

## ◆ Financing

Transportation improvements can't be built until they are funded. The Joint Transportation Study will identify sources of funding and recommend strategies to obtain that funding.

