

## **Press Release**

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Port of Seattle's Draft Environmental Assessment for SAMP to be Released Oct. 21

Public comment period open Oct. 21 to Dec. 5, 2024



**SEATTLE** — We want to hear from you! The draft National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment (EA) for Seattle-Tacoma International Airport's (SEA) Sustainable Airport Master Plan (SAMP) will be available for review starting October 21, 2024. The public is invited to visit the <u>SAMP website</u> to learn more and participate in this important process.

The EA for the SAMP Near-Term Projects (NTPs) is a crucial step under the NEPA. This process ensures that federal agencies assess the environmental impacts of proposed actions and provide opportunities for public input.

The Puget Sound region is projected to grow by another one million people by 2035. To accommodate this growth and align with the Port's sustainability goals, the SAMP serves as SEA's strategic blueprint for future development. This plan includes 31 NTPs, including a second terminal, an elevated busway, and new cargo facilities.

We encourage you to visit the SAMP website to explore details about the SAMP, the proposed NTPs, and the NEPA process. Your feedback is valuable to us, and we welcome your comments during the public comment period, which will be open from October 21, 2024, through December 5, 2024. Official comments can be submitted in-person at one of the public meetings, by email, by mail, or on the <u>SAMP website</u> once the public comment period opens on October 21.

## About the Port of Seattle

Founded in 1911 by a vote of the people as a special purpose government, the Port of Seattle's mission is to promote economic opportunities and quality of life in the region by advancing trade, travel, commerce, and job creation in an equitable, accountable, and environmentally responsible manner.

The Port owns and operates Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA), Fishermen's Terminal — home of the North Pacific fishing fleet — and public marinas. The Port also owns two cruise ship terminals, a grain terminal, real estate assets, and marine cargo terminals through its partnership in the Northwest Seaport Alliance.

Port operations help support nearly 200,000 jobs and \$7 billion in wages throughout the region. Over the next 13 years, the Port's Century Agenda seeks to create an additional 100,000 jobs through economic growth while becoming the nation's leading green and energy-efficient port. Learn more at the Port's website.

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