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The Honorable Jimmy Matta
Mayor of Burien
400 SW 152nd Street
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Dear Mayor Matta:

Thank you for your March 3, 2020 letter wherein the Burien City Council expressed concern about the level of environmental analysis being conducted on the Sustainable Airport Master Plan (SAMP). The current Environmental Assessment (EA) is for all of the Near Term Projects (NTP) designed to meet the projected demand through 2027 and not the entire SAMP.

The Federal Aviation Administrator (FAA) believes that the preparation of an EA is an appropriate level of analysis for the NTP. The scope of work includes a thorough evaluation of all resource categories in accordance with our guidance on the National Environmental Policy Act. In addition to project level evaluation, the EA will consider the cumulative impacts for past, present and reasonably foreseeable projects on and adjacent to the airport.

The decision to prepare an EA does not preclude the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Pursuant to our environmental guidance, the FAA could issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or determine the need to prepare an EIS.

Thank you for this opportunity to answer your inquiry. If you need further assistance, please contact Ms. Leslie Lardie, Senior Advisor, at (206) 231-2008.

Sincerely,

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