

AIR CARGO STUDY BRIEF

Air Cargo Study (2017-2018)

2ESSB 5096, 204(3) directs the Joint Transportation Committee to conduct a study of air cargo movement at Washington airports, to evaluate current and projected capacity of the system and various airports throughout the state, to identify market forces contributing to cargo service movement throughout the state, and to evaluate what is needed to more effectively use existing capacity throughout the state. The study will develop recommendations on options to reduce air cargo congestion, to address the state's interest in reducing air cargo congestion, and strategies to accomplish the recommendations. The final report is due by December 14, 2018. Budget: \$500,000

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Consulting Team

In late August, the Joint Transportation Committee JTC hired a consulting team in a Request for Proposal RFP process (<http://leg.wa.gov/JTC/Pages/RFPs.aspx>):

- It will be led by the freight transportation group at WSP USA (formerly Parsons Brinkerhoff). The project manager for WSP is Joe Bryan, operating out of their Boston office. The principal-in-charge will be Paula Hammond, formerly of WSDOT (<http://network.wsp-pb.com/author/paula-hammond/?page=12>).
- The team includes an aviation expert, provided by Keiser Phillips Associates (<http://www.kpa.aero/>). For Keiser Phillips, Tom Phillips, operating out of Seattle, will be the aviation expert.
- The team includes a facilitation specialist at PRR. Rita Brogan, PRR (<https://www.prrbiz.com/about-us/our-team/rita-brogan/>), will facilitate the Stakeholder Panel meetings.

Stakeholder Panel & Meetings

The purpose of the Stakeholder Panel is to allow participants to learn from each other and provide an opportunity to discuss the consultant's deliverables. The Panel will have up to 30 members including legislators, airports, air cargo industry representatives, as well as other freight transportation interests. The panel list is mostly complete, we are still finalizing legislative members as well as doing outreach to additional industry representatives.

The first stakeholder panel meeting is on **December 8th** at Boeing Field from 10 am to 2 pm. We will also have a short tour after the meeting to see some of UPS's operations at Boeing Field. At the meeting we will introduce the study and its objectives, get an overview of the air cargo industry, discuss the goals for the system, begin the discussion of air cargo congestion, and provide an opportunity to hear from stakeholders on their own perspectives. During 2018, we will have an additional three meetings of the panel, leading up to a draft report in the fall.

Joint Transportation Committee

The next Joint Transportation Committee Meeting in Olympia is on **November 15th**.

Air Cargo Study Website - <http://leg.wa.gov/JTC/Pages/aircargo.aspx>

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Additional Resources

Transportation Resource Manual January 2017 Update - <http://leg.wa.gov/JTC/trm/Pages/TRM2017.aspx>

State Plans and Reports –

<http://leg.wa.gov/JTC/trm/Documents/TRM%202017%20Update/23%20-%20State%20Plans%20-%20Final.pdf>

Aviation - <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/>

Washington Aviation System Planning July 2017- <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/Planning/>

WA State Long-Term Air Transportation Study (LATS) July 2009 -

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/lats/default.htm>