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Summer 2009

Empty Lora Lake Apartment buildings to be removed

Agreement to guide site cleanup

The Port of Seattle expects to complete demolition of the buildings on the former Lora Lake Apartments site, 15001 Des Moines Memorial Drive, in Burien, by the end of summer.

The Port bought the site in 1998 because a portion of the apartment complex was located within the Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) of the third runway, and the Port was required to demolish all structures within this zone. The portion of the site not in the RPZ is slated to be redeveloped. Burien and the Port are working together on a long-term redevelopment strategy that includes this property.

Environmental testing on the apartment property has revealed soil contamination consistent with industrial uses that occurred at the site prior to construction of the apartments. Cleanup is required by state law and is necessary for the future redevelopment.

Agreed Order

While planning for demolition, the Port entered into a legal agreement called an Agreed Order with the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology), which will guide the steps leading to clean up of the property. The agreement requires the Port to prevent contaminants from migrating during demolition, to issue a public involvement plan, and to perform further investigations of the contamination and evaluation of appropriate cleanup methods.

Ecology scheduled a public comment period for the Agreed Order to begin July 10. It is being announced in newspapers, by direct mail and Ecology's Web site, and will continue through Aug. 10. Documents are available for public review at the new Burien Library,

400 S.W. 152nd St., Burien, and at the Department of Ecology, 3190 160th Ave. S.E. Bellevue—call (425) 649-7190 for an appointment. Information also is posted at www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/loraLakesAps/loraLakesAps_hp.html. Or, contact David South, Ecology's site manager, at (425) 649-7200 or dsou461@ecy.wa.gov.

Public Meeting

You will have an opportunity to ask questions and comment about the Agreed Order at a public meeting scheduled for July 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Highline School District's Educational Resource and Administration Center, 15675 Ambaum Blvd. S.W., Burien.

Ecology and the Port agreed to move forward on the demolition this summer because the empty apartment buildings are a public safety hazard. The demolition project will include steps to prevent soil disturbance, safeguard workers and collect construction storm water for appropriate treatment and discharge.

By the time the demolition is complete, the Port will start investigating the contamination and evaluating the steps needed to clean up the site. Once that work is complete, the Port will develop a cleanup action plan, which will be available for public comment before it is finalized and work begins on the cleanup.

To comment or ask questions about demolition activities, call (206) 439-7777.



Neighbors can expect to see demolition activity this summer at the Lora Lake Apartments location, near the north end of Sea-Tac Airport's third runway.



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Sea-Tac Airport Web Site:
www.portseattle.org/seatac/

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Kids are 'dressed for success' in more than one way

Prom dresses, scholarships and environmental curriculum were ways Port of Seattle employees were able to contribute this spring to students who live and learn in the Sea-Tac Airport area.

Highline Schools Foundation for Excellence recently announced that Seattle-Tacoma International Airport Scholarships are going to the following graduating seniors from Highline School District:

- Ahn Le, Mount Rainer High School, and Diana Nguyen, Health and Human Services High School, each will receive \$12,000 (\$6,000 a year for two years). Both plan to attend the University of Washington.

- Christopher Sheridan-Draper, Highline High School/Puget Sound Skills Center, will receive \$6,000 (\$3,000 a year for two years) for studies at the University of Honolulu.

Sea-Tac Airport concessionaire HMSHost and Port employees host the Sea-Tac Airport Scholarship Golf Tournament each year, under the sponsorship of airport tenants and consultants. Tournament proceeds go into a scholarship fund, and the Foundation awards the scholarships. A total of 24 seniors have been awarded \$204,000 in scholarship money since 2002.

And, just in time for prom, employees donated 30 gowns to Project PROMise, which collected a total of 200 dresses for girls whose families were unable to buy prom gowns this year. Highline Schools Foundation partnered with community organizations for this cause.

In addition, employees developed and taught a week of curriculum for the sophomore class at Aviation High School designed to introduce students to airport environmental issues and spur interest in environmental careers. The curriculum became the basis for the students' end-of-the year project, and culminated with the students presenting their initiatives before a panel of aviation experts. This was the second year for this program, which covered noise abatement, storm water management, climate change, wetland and creek mitigation, and environmental finance.



Students from Aviation High School visit an area along Miller Creek where native vegetation has been restored. About 100 sophomores toured Sea-Tac Airport environmental facilities and restoration areas as part of Airports and the Environment studies.

Study to evaluate noise

The long days and good weather of summer are here, beckoning residents to be outside and have their windows and doors open. For neighbors of Sea-Tac Airport, the arrival of the season also means that aircraft noise becomes a bigger issue, and even more of a challenge this particular summer with the eastern runway closed through September, and all aircraft using the center runway and new third runway.

Staff at the Port of Seattle Noise Office encourages you to track flights on the Sea-Tac Airport Web site at www.portseattle.org/community/environment/noise.shtml, and call the Noise Information Line at (206) 433-5393 to comment, register a complaint or ask a question. Your feedback will help identify community concerns that need to be included in the Part 150 Noise and Land-Use Compatibility Study, which will start later this year.

Part 150 is the main avenue the Port uses to work with the community in creating its package of noise reduction programs. The study will compare earlier assumptions with actual noise conditions, including the third runway. Details will be announced in late 2009.



Keeping it quieter

For the fifth year in a row, the Port of Seattle recently recognized airlines at Sea-Tac Airport for their continuing efforts to minimize aircraft noise for airport communities.

Two airlines received the 2009 Fly Quiet Awards for their efforts in 2008. Virgin America, one of Sea-Tac's newest carriers, was the quietest among passenger airlines. Federal Express was acknowledged as the quietest cargo carrier for the fourth time in the history of this award program. Air Canada Jazz earned honorable mention in the passenger category.

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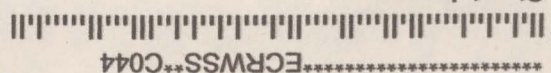
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Fall 2010

Third workshop to focus on new noise exposure maps

The first preliminary results of Sea-Tac Airport's current noise study will be unveiled this fall at the third in a series of Part 150 public workshops.

This study, known as the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Part 150 Noise and Land-Use Compatibility Study, looks at ways to reduce aircraft noise impacts on communities. The objectives are to determine existing noise levels, predict future noise, evaluate alternative mitigation ideas, and recommend targeted programs to minimize impacts.

The upcoming workshop, hosted by the Port of Seattle, will be Oct. 27, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Mount Rainier High School, 22450 19th Ave. S., Des Moines, WA 98198. Staff and consultants will present the new airport-area noise exposure "contour" maps showing neighborhoods currently affected by noise and those that will be affected by noise five years in the future.

What's included

The computer-generated noise exposure contour maps are based on an average of the cumulative noise produced by aircraft over 12 months. The noise exposure maps take into account current operating conditions at Sea-Tac such as aircraft fleet mix, existing arrival and departure procedures, runway use, and the total number of daytime and nighttime operations.

Required by the FAA as a prerequisite for using federal money to fund noise mitigation efforts, noise exposure maps are an important step in the Part 150 process. The maps will be the basis for the Part 150's land-use analysis that will identify any "noise sensitive" buildings (such as single-family homes, schools, churches and condominiums) located within the most noise affected area around the airport. Results of this analysis will be the basis for determining potential future mitigation, such as sound insulation.

Information about aircraft noise monitoring at locations suggested by residents will be discussed, and there will be progress reports on some specific mitigation items, including ideas for noise reduction alternatives discussed at earlier workshops. There will be ample opportunities for participants to ask questions, raise concerns, and suggest ideas for reducing noise.

More to come

Part 150 workshops are expected to continue well into 2011. They are designed to be inclusive, and to give everyone the opportunity to express their concerns and suggestions for reducing the impacts of noise near the airport. Each workshop is devoted to a particular aspect of the Part 150 Study.

Reports on the first two workshops, including participant input and other study details, are available at www.airportsites.net/SEA-Part150/, where you also can sign up to receive e-mail updates as the process continues. If you do not have computer access, please call (206) 787-4944 about receiving Part 150 Study notices. Residents also are encouraged to call the Noise Information Line at (206) 787-5393, and to track flights via the WebTrak tool at www32.webtrak-lochard.com/WebTrak/sea/.

All public input collected at the workshops will be included in the study process. Once recommendations are developed, they will be discussed at a public hearing at the end of the study.

This is the fourth such Part 150 Study undertaken at Sea-Tac Airport since 1985.

You are invited!

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WebTrak (flight and noise data):
www32.webtrak-lochard.com/WebTrak/sea/

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Renovated center runway reopens

Sea-Tac Airport's center runway reopened the second week of September, following a 60-day closure to replace 164 worn concrete surface panels and complete related in-pavement light replacement, pavement finish work and painting.

The center runway dates back to 1969. The Port has been replacing panels since 1993 to maintain runway integrity and reduce concrete debris that can break off and be a hazard to aircraft. The latest renovation is expected to keep the center runway safe and operable until a full reconstruction slated for 2016.

Air traffic was directed to the other two runways during the construction closure. Construction activity was limited to daytime hours to reduce nighttime noise impacts for area neighborhoods.

Airport events benefit area students

Companies associated with Sea-Tac Airport and airport employees continue to support annual events and activities that benefit students attending schools in the airport area.

Airport concessionaire HMSHost and Port employees recently hosted the 2010 Sea-Tac Airport Scholarship Golf Tournament, under the sponsorship of airport tenants and consultants. Proceeds from the tournament go into a scholarship fund, and the Highline Schools Foundation for Excellence awards the scholarships to deserving students.

Following are the names of the Highline School District graduates most recently awarded scholarships by the Foundation: Zelalem Getahun, ACE High School, and Joslynn Vasquez, Highline High School, will receive \$12,000 each (\$6,000 a year for two years) for studies at Western Washington University. Mark Kerrigan, Highline High School, will receive \$6,000 (\$3,000 a year for two years) for studies at South Seattle Community College.

Since the scholarship program began nine years ago, the Foundation has awarded \$232,000 in scholarships to 27 seniors.

To benefit Aviation High School sophomores, Port employees developed and taught a week of curriculum that introduced the students to airport environmental issues and careers.

It included classroom instruction, hands-on activities, and a field trip to environmental management sites on airport property. The students had a real-world airport environmental problem to solve using what they learned during the week of curriculum and through their own research. They presented their recommended solutions to a panel of community leaders and aviation and environmental professionals.

This was the third year for the Airports and the Environment program, which covered recycling, storm water management, aviation planning, finance and other topics.

Making skies greener

Alaska Airlines, Boeing, Portland International Airport, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, Spokane International Airport and Washington State University recently launched a strategic initiative to promote aviation biofuel development in the Pacific Northwest. Biofuel is made from renewable materials such as algae, camelina or wood byproducts.

In another aviation-related sustainability effort, Alaska Airlines recently tested next-generation flight procedures over Puget Sound that burn less fuel and reduce emissions and noise compared to conventional landings.

The test was part of Alaska's "Greener Skies" project at Sea-Tac that uses satellite-based guidance technology to fly more direct, continuous descent approaches. Alaska, in cooperation with the Port of Seattle, Boeing, and other airlines, is seeking Federal Aviation Administration approval for the procedures.

Quieter college classrooms

As part of the Port of Seattle's effort to mitigate for Sea-Tac Airport noise, work is under way on the sound insulation of the 13th classroom building at Highline Community College.

The Port began insulating college classroom buildings through an agreement with the college established in 1994, when the Port committed to insulate up to 22 buildings using noise mitigation funding. The college is responsible for design and construction, with the approval of the Port and the Federal Aviation Administration, which makes the funding available.

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Winter 2010

First community workshop for tackling airport noise issues

At an upcoming kickoff meeting, Sea-Tac Airport neighbors will have an opportunity to help “scope” a new airport noise study that will include the third runway.

Participants are invited to contribute their ideas and concerns during small group break-out sessions, and get involved in and learn about the study at the first in a series of workshops, scheduled for Feb. 24, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Mount Rainier High School, 22450 19th Ave. S., Des Moines.

This study, known officially as the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Part 150 Noise and Land-Use Compatibility Study, is a voluntary effort that looks at ways to reduce aircraft noise impacts on communities. The objectives are to determine existing noise levels, predict noise for the next five years, evaluate alternative mitigation ideas, and recommend targeted programs to minimize impacts. This will be the fourth Part 150 Study undertaken at Sea-Tac since 1985.

A Part 150 Study also enables the airport to use federal money for noise mitigation projects. It is the main vehicle the Port of Seattle uses to work with the community in creating a package of noise reduction programs.

Information sharing

The workshop on Feb. 24 will be a venue to gather and share information about the Part 150 Study, Sea-Tac’s existing mitigation programs, and plans to involve the public in creating feasible noise impact recommendations and alternatives.

A major focus of the Part 150 process will be on Sea-Tac’s third runway and its community impacts. Other major areas of the study will analyze sideline noise, noise reduction flight procedures, and the feasibility and potential impact of an enclosed “hush house” for engine run-ups during maintenance.

A comprehensive public information and comment process is part of the Part 150 effort. For

example, at the Feb. 24 workshop you can get details about the process; opportunities and constraints; overall schedule; and the role of the Part 150 Technical Review Committee, which will review all technical information and study documents, and provide feedback.

Finding solutions

Following the Feb. 24 workshop, you are invited to participate in the solution and recommendation process through a series of additional public workshops during 2010 and 2011.

These workshops are designed to involve the most people, and bring out the most feasible recommendations possible. Each workshop will focus on a particular Part 150 Study element. Results of the workshops will be included in the study review process. Once recommendations are developed, they will be discussed at a public hearing at the end of the study.

Watch for announcements about the workshops in the *Highline Times*, *Air Mail* and on the Port of Seattle Web site. To keep up-to-date throughout the Part 150 process, visit the Port Web site at www.portseattle.org/community/environment/noise.shtml and sign up to receive e-mail updates. If you do not have computer access and want to receive notices, call (206) 787-4944.

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Light rail and more at Sea-Tac

Sound Transit's Link light rail made an on-time arrival at the new SeaTac/Airport Station in December 2009. The station connects to International Boulevard/City of SeaTac and the airport garage via pedestrian bridges.

The light rail trains operate 20 hours a day on weekdays, starting just after 5 a.m. (6 a.m. Sundays) and run until nearly 1 a.m. (midnight on Sunday). Tickets, passes and frequent user (ORCA) cards are available at ticket vending machines in the station. For details visit www.soundtransit.org.

Earlier in 2009, the Port of Seattle completed reconstruction of the runway closest to the terminal, and the airfield returned to three-runway operations. All air traffic was directed to the other two runways during construction. The runway reopened in late September.

Also, the Port resumed work on the new airport rental car facility, scheduled to open in 2012. Construction was suspended in late 2008 due to the credit market crisis, but restarted in 2009 as a result of positive signs in the global economy and the successful sale of revenue bonds to finance the project.

Port completes wetlands restoration

The Port of Seattle recently wrapped up the last major section of environmental mitigation related to building the third runway and other major improvements at Sea-Tac Airport over the past decade.

The five-plus-acre site is the former Des Moines Creek Nursery location on the east side of Des Moines Memorial Drive, just north of State Route 518, in the City of SeaTac.

Included were wetland restoration; wetland and riparian enhancement and buffer restoration with more than 13,000 new native trees and shrubs; enhancement of Miller Creek including installation of habitat features such as large woody debris; plus conversion of a storm drain pipe to an open swale for better treatment of rainwater runoff.

This brings the total number of mitigated wetland and buffer acres near the airport to more than 102. The Port also created or enhanced 68 acres along the Green River in Auburn.

In a separate but related effort, the Port converted four construction storm water ponds for permanent use. These ponds were originally built to manage runoff from the third runway project. They were lined with weed control fabric and covered with netting to discourage birds, which can be hazardous to aircraft. There are 10 storm water detention ponds serving the airport, with plans to add one more this summer. Also in summer 2010, the Port plans other Miller Creek improvements including removal of a box culvert to improve fish migration, and steps to enhance the flow in the relocated section of the creek.

Interns gain real-world experience

Nine high school and college students served as interns at Sea-Tac Airport in 2009, working in fields such as security, environmental programs, engineering and emergency planning.

These paid internships give students an inside perspective on the variety of skills needed to keep the airport running, and the extensive coordination that goes on with the airlines and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

As part of an enrichment program, the interns also toured areas rarely seen by the public, including the FAA air traffic control tower, Port of Seattle fire and police facilities and the baggage handling operation. The students also participated in the first intern environmental service project, spending a half day clearing out invasive species in the Walker Creek Basin.

College internships at the airport are open to all. High school internships at the airport are targeted to students within the airport communities. For details, contact Derek Bender at bender.d@portseattle.org.

Acquisition services in new location

The Port of Seattle's Acquisition and Relocation Office recently moved from its neighborhood field office on 28th Avenue South to the Port's Airport Office Building, at the south end of Sea-Tac Airport's Main Terminal. For details, call (206) 787-6792.

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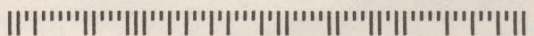
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