

Sea-Tac Forum

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Noise insulation well under way

The Port of Seattle has soundproofed 14 Sea-Tac area homes so far to minimize the noise impact from nearby aircraft. The soundproofing is part of the Port's Demonstration Program to test the new remedies of noise insulation and home selling ("transaction") assistance on a sample of about 20 homes in the area.

The Demonstration Program will help solve technical and procedural problems before the Port carries out these remedies on potentially thousands of additional homes under its full-scale Noise Remedy Program over the next 15 years.

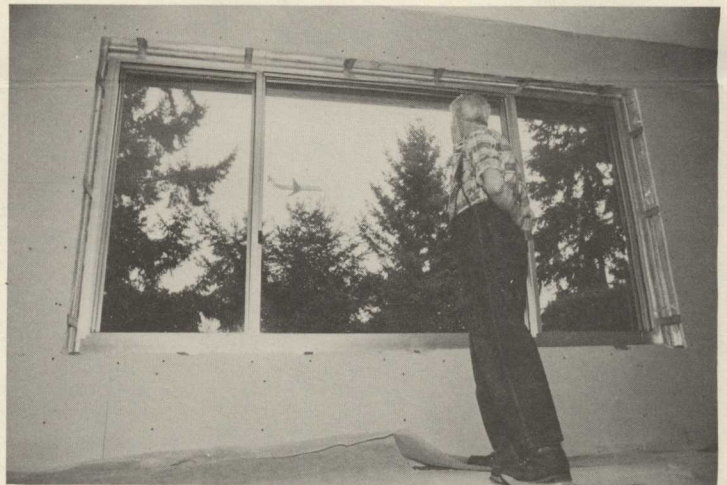
People living in the newly noise-insulated homes generally are finding that the intensity of jet noise heard inside the house has decreased considerably as a result of the work. They report that they now can watch TV, talk on the telephone and hold conversations with fewer or no interruptions, and that sleep disturbance is minimized. Technical tests also are under way to measure the decrease in noise, and the results should be available soon.

One of the noise-insulated homes was placed on the market under the transaction (home selling) assistance part of the Demonstration Program early in November. It has tentatively been sold, with Port assistance in the form of partial payment of the real estate fee. This will be the first home to receive selling assistance under the Port's Demonstration Program.

As the noise insulation and home selling assistance elements of the Noise Remedy Program continue, participants will be selected from a list of homeowners

who have applied for these noise remedies. Selection is based primarily on length of residency and relative amount of noise exposure at the house.

Interested homeowners living within the designated Program areas around the airport should complete an application available at the Port of Seattle Noise Remedy Program Office, located next to Highline High School, at 253 S. 152nd St. in Burien. To find out if you live in the Program areas, or for more information, call 431-5913.



Noise insulation in this home consisted of adding a secondary interior wall and insulation to the existing interior wall, and replacing the window with a very highly rated acoustical window. After completion of these measures, this homeowner reported that the noise was much more muffled than before. (Photo, Don Wilson)

Sea-Tac Forum Committee

November meeting

At the November meeting of the Port-sponsored inter-agency Sea-Tac Forum Committee, King County presented an overview and status report on its Sea-Tac Area Update of the Highline Community Plan. The presentation covered land-use alternatives north and south of the airport, the North Sea-Tac Park Master Plan update, and transportation issues such as the possible extension of S.R. 509.

The main focus of the Sea-Tac Area Update is determining the appropriate land-use mix for property around Sea-Tac that is no longer suitable for single family residences. Following extensive public input, King County is developing a final proposed land-use mix, which will be presented to the community for comment before going to the King County Council.

Next Sea-Tac Forum Committee meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 21, 1987
7-9 p.m.

Airport auditorium (see calendar)

- Agenda:**
1. Port of Seattle's Flight Track Project—status report
 2. Federal Aviation Administration presentations:
 - Air traffic pattern concepts to maximize the capacity and efficient use of air space.
 - Federal funding for airport projects.

Citizens who wish to add an item to the agenda should call 433-5342 at least 10 days before the meeting.

Other airports learn from Port's Noise Remedy Program

A delegation of representatives from the major airports in New Orleans, Kenner (LA), Memphis, Tucson, and Burbank/Glendale/Pasadena visited the Port of Seattle to find out about the various aspects of Sea-Tac's Noise Remedy Program. These airports all are preparing or just beginning to implement their own noise remedy programs.

The airport delegates received a full briefing on the Port's Noise Remedy Program, with local community representatives joining Port staff to provide their perspectives. The briefing also included a tour of homes that have been soundproofed under the Program.

Land acquisition—quarterly status report

The Port of Seattle's land acquisition program began in 1975 at both ends of Sea-Tac's runways. Since then hundreds of homes have been purchased. In the first land acquisition phase, 845 homes were acquired in the most severely noise-impacted areas, at a total cost of \$50 million. The next phase, which will ultimately include more than 500 additional homes, began last January. The first group to be acquired in this phase consists of 163 homes north of the airport. So far, 102 of those homes have been acquired.

Calendar

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| Port of Seattle Commission | Jan. 13 and 27 , 1 p.m. Port of Seattle Commission Chambers Pier 66 |
| Sea-Tac Task Force | Jan. 6 , noon Sunset Activity Center 1809 S. 140th St. |
| Joint Committee on Aircraft Overflights (Flight Track Project) | Jan. 8 , 7 p.m. Airport auditorium—mezzanine level (parking validated) |
| Highline Community Council | Jan. 8 , 7:30 p.m. Sunset Activity Center 1809 S. 140th St. |
| Sea-Tac Community Council | Jan. 12 , 7:30 p.m. Angle Lake Fire Station 2929 S. 200th St. |
| International Gateway Committee | Jan. 20 , 8 a.m. Hyatt Hotel 17001 Pacific Highway S. |
| Sea-Tac Forum Committee | Jan. 21 , 7-9 p.m. Airport auditorium—mezzanine level (parking validated) |
| Sea-Tac Area Update, Highline Community Plan—Citizens' Advisory Committee | Jan. 28 , 7 p.m. Angle Lake Fire Station 2929 S. 200th St. |

Rules for runners

Running is a popular source of exercise, and Sea-Tac employees enjoy it as much as anyone. But Port of Seattle Police point out that "rules of the road" must be obeyed for safety's sake—yours, if you're a runner, and that of drivers using the road.

The general rule of thumb is: *Stay out of the roadway*. In particular, do not run on a well-traveled roadway when a safe and convenient alternative is available. Legally, runners are subject to the same restrictions as pedestrians. It is unlawful for them to use a roadway where an adjacent walkway of any kind is provided.

On Air Cargo Road, for example, there is no cement sidewalk; but one side of the road has a fairly wide grassy area for people on foot, with a visibly well-worn path a few feet from the roadway. Runners must stay on the path because it is extremely dangerous to run on the roadway—and especially in fog!

Running is a great way to get exercise as long as it's done in a safe manner. Running on the roadways is not safe—nor is it legal wherever a reasonable alternative exists alongside the road.

Noise Hotline

The airport's 24-hour hotline number for reporting unusual aircraft-related noise is 433-5393.

Noise abatement staff are on hand to answer hotline calls and give callers in-depth information during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). At other times, callers desiring more information can request that noise abatement staff return their call.



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