

November 9, 1983

Mr. Charles Foster  
Director, Northwest Mountain Region  
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FAA Building, Boeing Field  
Seattle, Washington 98108

Dear Mr. Foster:

Re: Airport Noise Remedy Update - Henry M. Jackson International Airport

This letter requests clarification of the eligibility requirements for Federal financial assistance under the Airport Improvement Program available to the Port of Seattle for the implementation of a purchase assurance program as part of Henry M. Jackson International Airport's Noise Remedy Program.

The Port of Seattle expects to fulfill the requirements of Federal Aviation Regulation Part 150 for an Airport Exposure Map and Airport Noise Compatibility Program through the completion of the Sea-Tac Noise Exposure Update, the Airport Noise Remedy Update, and any other supplemental work deemed necessary by the Federal Aviation Administration. As part of this process, the Port will include a recommendation for implementation of a purchase assurance program, as presented in paragraph 344 of AC 150/5020-1, "Noise Control and Compatibility Planning." However, the schedule and scope of any such purchase assurance program will depend in large part on the availability of Federal financial assistance.

Purchase assurance was originally recommended as a noise remedy in the 1976 Sea-Tac/Communities Plan. However, higher priority noise remedy activities in the form of outright acquisition of properties have to date consumed almost all available funds for noise remedy implementation. Almost all the areas originally identified for outright purchase in the Plan are currently under Port of Seattle ownership or control. We can now consider implementating a purchase assurance program for less noise impacted areas, provided additional funds are made available.

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In clarifying the eligibility requirements for Federal financial assistance, please include but not be limited to consideration of the following issues:

- \* Level of Federal financial assistance.
- \* Eligibility of costs of different components of the program (e.g., purchase, sound insulation, realtor commission, avigation easement, etc.)
- \* Eligibility of types of residential properties within a range from single-family detached housing to high density multi-family dwellings.
- \* Implementation responsibility and conditions of full disclosure agreements for property resale by airport operator.
- \* Interior sound-level requirements for sound insulation, if any.
- \* Eligibility for financial assistance of improvements to structure and property if required for resale by airport operator above and beyond noise insulation (e.g., painting, landscaping, plumbing, electrical wiring, etc.).
- \* Requirements for compliance with Public Law 91-646, "Uniform Relocation Assistance and Land Acquisition Policies Act of 1970."

Your prompt attention to this request for clarification would be greatly appreciated. Given the established schedule for the development of the Airport Noise Remedy Program as part of the Airport Noise Remedy Update Study, we ask for your response within 45 days.

If you need any additional information, please call the Project Director of the Airport Noise Remedy Update, Mr. Joe Sims, at 382-3331.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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