

Airport Runway to Close for Six Months for Reconstruction

On May 4, Sea-Tac Airport's center runway will close for a comprehensive reconstruction. The reconstruction is expected to take six months with the reopening scheduled to occur by the end of October. A few details about the project are below.

- Flights will be directed to Sea-Tac's other two runways during the center runway's reconstruction.
- Airport neighbors may notice runway use changes for the six months the center runway is closed.
- Since it was first built in 1969, this is the first time the Port has been able to complete a comprehensive rebuilding of the entire runway – from the runway lights to the pavement.
- The center runway's temporary closure is not anticipated to impact flight schedules, passengers or other airport operations.
- To minimize impacts to local roads, construction site access will be by way of SR 518.
- Upon completion of the project, all three of Sea-Tac's runways will have been constructed or rebuilt within the last seven years.

The Port of Seattle has issued a [news release](#) and created a [Web page](#) with more information on the project.

New Senior Apartments Begin Construction

A new senior apartment development, The Reserve at SeaTac, will begin site preparation work early next week. It will provide 289 units of independent senior housing on the site of the former Hertz car sales lot at 19707 International Boulevard in the Angle Lake Station District. This \$25 million project is the first new development in close proximity to the new light rail station and public plaza being constructed at S. 200th and 28th Avenue S. The developer, AVS Communities of Laguna Beach, California, has agreed to provide a public pedestrian access and construct a walkway to connect International Boulevard and 28th Avenue creating a more direct access to the station and plaza. The Reserve is scheduled to open in late 2016. Nearly every division within Community and Economic Development has played an important role in bringing this project from inception to construction over the past several months.



Comment on Light Rail Route through SeaTac until May 26

Sound Transit is asking for public comments on the extension of Link light rail south from SeaTac's Angle Lake Station at S. 200th Street. Alternatives for the 7.6-mile route include corridors paralleling Interstate 5 and State Route 99/International Boulevard.

On April 10, Sound Transit and the Federal Transit Administration published the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for extending Link light rail to Kent/Des Moines—also known as the Federal Way Link Extension. The DEIS answers questions such as:

- Could the project change the look of my neighborhood?
- How much could the project cost?
- How many people could ride light rail each day?
- Would traffic improve or get worse?
- How many homes or businesses could be displaced?
- How much noise could the project create?

Service on the new extension to Kent/Des Moines will begin in 2023 and extend to Federal Way when funding becomes available. The Sound Transit Board is scheduled to identify a preferred alternative this summer.

The public can review and comment on the DEIS at upcoming public hearings, through interactive web tools and by email or regular mail through May 26.

Public meetings

Wednesday, May 6, 4:00 – 7:00 PM
Public hearing begins at 5:30 PM
Federal Way Community Center
876 S. 333rd Street, Federal Way

Thursday, May 7, 4:00 – 7:00 PM
Public hearing begins at 5:30 PM
Highline College - Student Union Building
2400 S. 240th Street, Des Moines

Interactive web tools

Users can go to federalwaylink.org to watch a simulated video, build a route from alternatives and station options, and submit comments using an online form. The public can also email comments to FWLE@soundtransit.org, or mail them to Federal Way Link Extension, Draft EIS Comments, Sound Transit, 401 S. Jackson Street, Seattle, WA 98104.

Lora Lake Clean up Public Meeting

On May 13, the Washington State Department of Ecology will host a public meeting to answer questions and receive comments on the Consent Decree and the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) documents connected to the Lora Lake area sites. The Consent Decree includes the draft Cleanup Action Plan for the sites.

The meeting is from 6:00 – 9:00 PM at the Highline Public Schools' Educational Resource and Administration Center, 15675 Ambaum Boulevard SW in Burien. Port staff will participate at the meeting.

A Department of Ecology publication on the history of the Lora Lake area sites and the planned clean up can be found [here](#). The publication includes further information on the May 13 public meeting and the May 4 to June 17 public comment period.

Valley View Library May Events
17850 Military Road S, SeaTac, WA 98188

Children & Families

Family Story Times

Mondays, May 4, 11 & 18, 7:00 PM & Thursdays, May 7, 14 & 21, 10:00 AM
All ages welcome, ages 5 and younger with adult.
Stories, rhymes, song and dance!

Teens

Game On!

Thursday, May 28, 4:30 PM
Play video games at the library!
Wii, Xbox 360, PS3 and more!

Study Zone

Monday -Thursday, 6:00 PM, No Study Zone on May 25
Grades K-12.
Drop in for free homework help from trained volunteer tutors.

Adults

Scratch Board Owl Workshop

Thursday, May 7, 7:00 PM

Learn about owls while learning to draw them! Discover what characteristics owls share, how they live and their basic anatomy. After a brief tutorial in scratch board techniques by Science Illustrator and Art Instructor Marlin Peterson, students will create their own original owl portrait. No previous experience required. All supplies provided. Registration required.



One-on-One Computer Help

Saturday, May 9 & 23, 12:30 PM

Have computer or software questions? TechTutor Volunteers are here for you. You may bring your own laptop, but TechTutors cannot provide hands-on or hardware assistance.



Knitter's Book Club

Wednesday, May 13, 7:00 PM

Bring your current knitting project and share what you've been reading in this casual monthly gathering. Hear about some of the latest new titles and meet other knitters. Knitting needles, yarn, basic lessons and plenty of encouragement will be on hand for beginning knitters.

Drop-in to Learn about eBooks

Friday, May 15, 3:00 PM

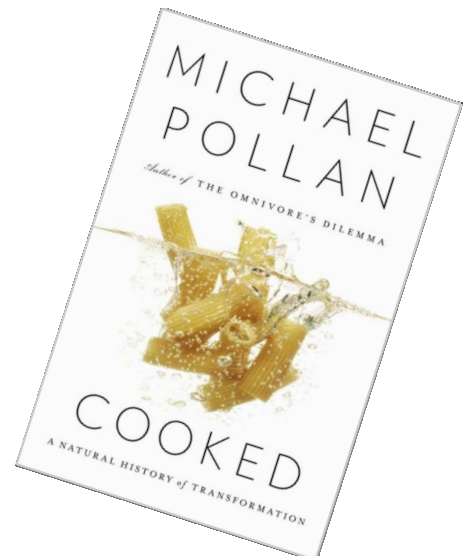
Get started with KCLS eBooks! Bring your eReader, tablet, phone or just your questions.

Valley View Library Book Club

Cooked: A Natural History of Transformation by food writer and advocate Michael Pollan

Tuesday, May 26, 7:00 PM

Join the Valley View Library's monthly book group for lively literature discussion.



Website Links

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[City Council Actions](#)



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Citizenship Preparation Classes

Wednesdays, 10:00 AM

Learn how to become a United States Citizen. Study for the naturalization test, including civics questions, reading and writing English and practicing your interview skills. Classes are free, join anytime!

Talk Time Classes

Wednesdays, 1:00 PM

Practice speaking English with other English language learners. Learn about American culture and meet people from around the world. Classes are free, join anytime!

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Gwen Voelpel, Assistant City Manager

