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## **Port of Seattle and City of SeaTac partner for mutual success**

*Joint community open house scheduled November 16 to share  
proposed partnership agreement with the public*

SEATTLE – The Port of Seattle and the City of SeaTac have released a proposed interlocal agreement (ILA) to move the community and the region forward. As Seattle-Tacoma International Airport continues to serve regional demand, the new ten-year agreement establishes benefits for city residents and businesses, and supports the continued operation of the nation’s ninth-busiest airport. The proposal continues the partnership between the Port and the City which began in 1997 and, if adopted, will replace the current agreement which expires early in 2018.

“This proposed agreement highlights the unique relationship we have with the City of SeaTac. Sea-Tac Airport will continue its critical role in supporting economic vitality and regional air service, as we address impacts and share prosperity with SeaTac residents,” says Port of Seattle Commissioner John Creighton.

Sea-Tac Airport is located entirely within the City of SeaTac boundaries, covering over 40 percent of the city’s land area. The ILA addresses the overlapping statutory authority between the City and the Port concerning such issues as planning, land use and zoning, transportation, surface water management, critical environmental areas and public safety. Sea-Tac Airport served over 45 million passengers and more than 366,000 metric tons of air cargo in 2016, making an ILA critical to the successful operation of the airport and the efficient and timely completion of projects to address operations and the traveler experience.

Mayor Michael Siefkes stated: “The proposed ILA sets the stage for the City and the Airport to grow and thrive together. It represents a fair and balanced agreement providing predictability and consistency while assisting the City with addressing some of the current and future impacts of being the Airport’s home city.”

### **More details about the ILA**

The purpose of the ILA is to jointly establish a mutual and cooperative system to recognize jurisdictional authorities and to avoid disputes. It provides transparency, predictability and consistency when addressing operations of Sea-Tac Airport and the City of SeaTac, and reduces the potential for litigation between the Port and the City.

New or enhanced elements contained within this proposed ILA include:

- Support for public safety and traffic enforcement
- Support of traffic impact fees, permit fees and stormwater fees for Port-owned property
- Unique land use and development regulations that meet the needs of both the Port and the City
- Quality assurance for Port development permits integrated into the City system, and
- A process for the Port to further support City business license compliance

## **Joint ILA Open House**

A joint public open house will be held to share the details of the proposed agreement on November 16, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the SeaTac Community Center, 13735 24<sup>th</sup> Ave S., SeaTac.

For more information, visit [Port of Seattle](#) or [City of SeaTac](#) online.

## **About Seattle-Tacoma International Airport**

*Operated by the Port of Seattle, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA, KSEA) is ranked as the 9<sup>th</sup> busiest U.S. airport, serving nearly 45.7 million passengers and more than 366,000 metric tons of air cargo in 2016. With a regional economic impact of more than \$16.3 billion in business revenue, Sea-Tac generates 171,796 jobs (109,924 direct jobs) representing over \$2.8 billion in direct earnings and more than \$565 million in state and local taxes. Twenty-four airlines serve 90 non-stop domestic and 26 international destinations.*

## **About the City of SeaTac**

*Incorporated in February 1990, the City of SeaTac is located approximately midway between the cities of Seattle and Tacoma. The City of SeaTac is 10 square miles in area and has a population of 28,853. The City is a vibrant community, economically strong, environmentally sensitive, and people-oriented. The City boundaries surround the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, (approximately 3 square miles in area) which is owned and operated by the Port of Seattle.*

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