



# Air Mail

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## Noise study takes deeper look at recommendation



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The Federal Aviation Administration Part 150 Noise and Land-Use

Compatibility Study process looks at ways to reduce aircraft noise impacts on communities. This process helps determine existing noise levels, predicts noise for the next five years, evaluates alternative mitigation ideas, and recommends targeted programs to minimize impacts.

After months of study and public outreach for Sea-Tac Airport's "Part 150 Study," the study team recently completed a list of draft recommendations to address airport noise issues, including the following:

- Continue offering sound insulation to eligible homes within the updated noise remedy boundary;
- Offer new sound insulation programs to eligible condominiums and apartment buildings inside the updated noise remedy boundary;
- Offer to purchase aviation easements for mobile homes on private land within the updated noise remedy boundary;
- Offer to purchase eligible residential properties in the south approach transition zone of the third runway; and
- Evaluate the feasibility of building a "hush house" enclosure to reduce noise during aircraft engine testing on Sea-Tac's airfield.

Citizens can call the Noise Information Line at (206) 787-5393 to request details about the draft recommendations.

### Part 150 information for non-English speaking neighbors:

Para obtener respuesta a las preguntas acerca del estudio de ruidos de la Parte 150 en español, llame al 206-787-3797, presione 2.

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The recommendations prompted discussion by stakeholders including the airlines and the airport community. On Aug. 23, the Port of Seattle Commission held a meeting with the mayors from several nearby communities, including the cities of Burien, Des Moines, Federal Way, Normandy Park, SeaTac and Tukwila. At the Mayors' Roundtable, the mayors were briefed on the details of the draft Part 150 recommendations and they provided feedback directly to the Port Commission.

### Further review under way

Interest in the hush house recommendation, in particular, recently prompted the Port to embark on a more in-depth analysis to examine possible locations on the airfield, costs of construction and operational impacts. This additional planning is expected to move completion of the draft Part 150 report from this fall into 2012.

The draft report is expected to be available for public review and comment in early spring 2012. The Port will schedule a final public open house and hearing after the release of the report. Plans are to announce further details later this year.

More information about the study is available at [www.airportsites.net/SEA-Part 150/](http://www.airportsites.net/SEA-Part 150/), or call (206) 787-4944. You can comment by calling (206) 787-5393, and track flights through the WebTrak tool at [www32.webtrak-lochard.com/WebTrak/sea/](http://www32.webtrak-lochard.com/WebTrak/sea/).

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### Following are ways to get details on programs or projects:

**Acquisition and Relocation Office:**  
(206) 787-5915

**Noise Information Line:**  
(206) 787-5393 or 1-800-826-1147

**Sea-Tac Airport Web Site:**  
[www.portseattle.org/seatac/](http://www.portseattle.org/seatac/)

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

## 2011: A year of celebration

### Book captures Port's first 100 years

The Port of Seattle is capping off its year of centennial anniversary events by offering a keepsake book available from online retailers. *Rising Tides and Tailwinds: The Story of the Port of Seattle, 1911-2011* was published in association with History Ink/HistoryLink and the University of Washington Press. Copies are available at [indiebound.org](http://indiebound.org), [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com).

## Companies & employees provide opportunities for area students



Every year, companies associated with Sea-Tac Airport and airport employees volunteer time and support for events and activities that benefit area students.

This past summer, airport concessionaire HMSHost and Port of Seattle employees hosted the 2011 Sea-Tac Airport Scholarship Golf Tournament, under the sponsorship of airport tenants and consultants. Proceeds from this year's tournament totaling about \$55,000 will go into a scholarship fund. Highline Schools Foundation for Excellence awards the scholarships to deserving students.

### Following are the names of the most recent scholarship recipients:

Tuyet Nguyen, Arts & Academics Academy, and Emily Eidson, Academy of Citizenship & Empowerment, were each awarded a \$14,000 scholarship (to be paid over a two-year period). They both plan to attend the University of Washington. Matthew Marble, Big Picture High School, was awarded an \$8,000 scholarship (to be paid over two years) for studies at South Seattle Community College.

Since the scholarship program began a decade ago, the Foundation has awarded \$268,000 in scholarships to 30 seniors. Sea-Tac Airport golf tournaments have raised nearly \$1 million in support of the scholarship fund.

This year's scholarship competition had the added benefit of summer employment for some students. During interviews, scholarship winners Nguyen and Eidson met Debbie Grantham, who was general manager of the HMSHost duty-free shops at Sea-Tac. Grantham hired both young women as paid summer-relief sales associates in the shops. An active participant on the scholarship committee for more than a decade, Grantham also hired three of the other scholarship applicants to work in the shops and the duty-free warehouse.

### Other education-related contributions and efforts included the following:

- The Port gave \$10 million toward construction of Highline School District's new Raisbeck Aviation High School, slated to open in 2013. The Port also donated nearly \$5 million to Aviation High School for earlier construction projects and education efforts. Airport Managing Director Mark M. Reis serves on the school's board of directors.
- Port employees taught curriculum at Aviation High School last spring that introduced sophomores to airport environmental issues and careers. This was the fourth year for the *Airports and the Environment* program, which covered recycling, air quality, finance, planning and more.
- In connection with the Port's 2011 centennial, area schools competed in a video contest around the theme of "What the Port Means to Me." Kentwood High School won first place; Aviation High School won two second place awards; and the Islamic School of Seattle won a second place award and the people's choice award.

## Port makes more creek improvements



The Port of Seattle recently completed some environmental improvements to Miller Creek and habitat, west of Sea-Tac Airport, as follow-on mitigation related to building the airport's third runway.

To eliminate a fish barrier at South 160th Street, workers removed an old bridge and box culvert that the creek flowed through. To improve fish habitat, they rerouted and reshaped that portion of the creek to a more natural configuration, and installed spawning gravel, logs and root wads. They also added more gravel and plants at the north end of the creek near South 154th Street.

Later this year, workers will return to both sites to plant the banks with more than 3,000 willows and other wetland plants. Monitoring of the new channel and associated habitat will continue for several years.

## Airport tenants receive environmental awards



The Port of Seattle recently recognized environmental achievements by airlines and concessions at Sea-Tac Airport.

The first-ever **Green Gateway Environmental Excellence Award** went to both Alaska Airlines and HMSHost for their recycling and composting accomplishments in 2010.

Alaska earned the honor for increasing its in-flight recycling capture rate from 28 percent in 2009 to 46 percent in 2010, and for increasing recycling at its Sea-Tac flight kitchen from 25 tons to 106 tons.

HMSHost won for both recycling and composting. This airport partner diverted about 90 percent of its pre-consumer food scraps from landfills by using composting procedures at all of its airport food preparation areas. In addition, Host recycled 70 tons of cardboard, 83 tons of glass and large quantities of other recyclable materials.

Three airlines earned the 2011 **Fly Quiet Awards** for their noise reduction efforts in 2010. Air Canada Jazz finished first, with Sky West Airlines/United Express second, and Mesaba Airlines/Delta Connection receiving honorable mention. This was the second year in a row Air Canada Jazz and Skywest won the award. The Fly Quiet incentive program measures airlines on overall noise level of operations, and compliance with noise abatement flight paths and nighttime engine testing restrictions.

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