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# Air Cargo Briefing



# **Briefing Highlights**

- Air cargo economics
- New cargo services for 2016
- Positioning Air Cargo for Growth



## Air Cargo Economics



#### \$23 billion

Total economic value of air freight exported & imported through Sea-Tac airport



#### \$6 billion in wages and salaries

+ \$521 million contributed to annual state & local taxes



120,000 Jobs jobs related to air cargo

Source: Martin Associates, 2014



Air cargo operations support middle class jobs for the region

# Regional Air Cargo Dynamics

Air cargo delivers critical last minute shipments where speed is driving factor

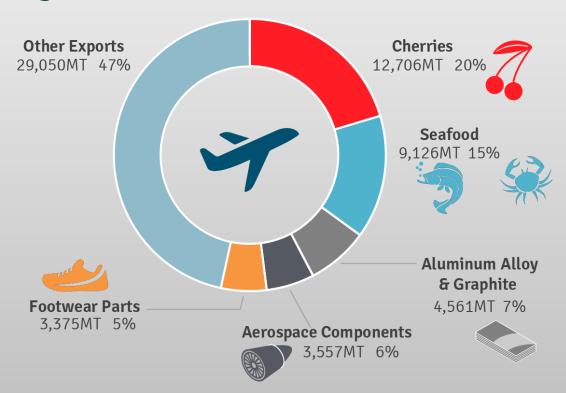
- 65% of Sea-Tac air cargo is for domestic markets
  - Significant portion is express package and mail
- 35% of Sea-Tac air cargo is international
  - More than half is exported



Seattle-Tacoma International Airport is the Pacific Northwest's air cargo gateway to the world

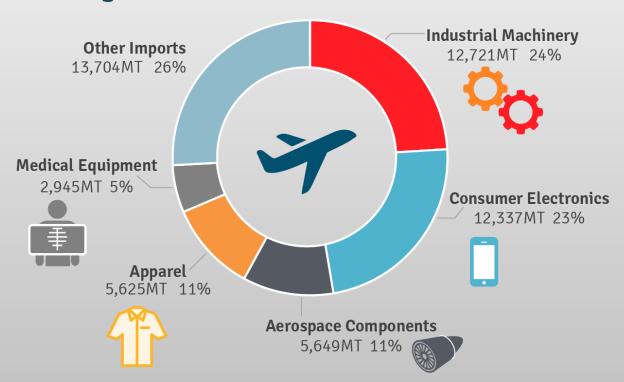
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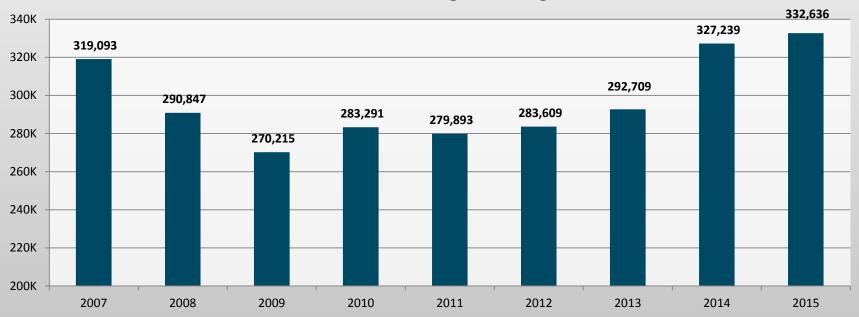
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#### **Longer Term Growth Trends**

#### **Annual Air Cargo Tonnage**



#### **Rebounding from recession**

# Seattle Air Cargo Trends

- International market (Export/Import)
  - Has been a growth engine for cargo over last 4 years
    - +7.1% growth in 2015
    - Accounts for a record 35% of total air cargo
    - Region is a net exporter driving employment in production industries
    - Indicator of global economic health and trade

## **New Cargo Carriers**

#### New Freighter Services

- Lufthansa Cargo / April 1 / Boeing 777F / Frankfurt / 1 flight weekly
- ABX / May 10 / Boeing 767F / Daily domestic flight
- DHL / May 28 / Boeing 767F & 757F / 4 flights daily (20 flights weekly)



#### New Belly Cargo Service

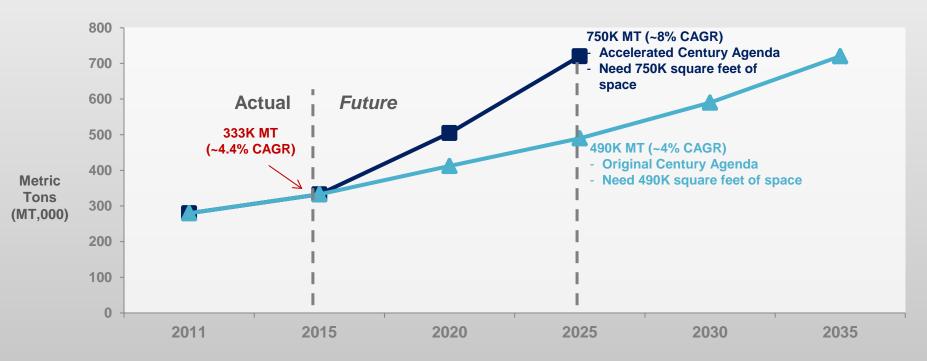
Xiamen / Sept 26 / Boeing 787 / Shenzhen / 3 flights weekly

Sea-Tac is attracting growth in trade and employment

## eCommerce Opportunity

- Domestic, express package, and mail market
  - Showing recent surge in volume
    - Mail saw +10% growth over past 10 months
    - Historically saw a mode shift to trucking over last decade
    - eCommerce delivery speed guarantees are bringing volumes back to air mode

#### Century Agenda Air Cargo Goal



Future growth depends on sufficient airport facility space

# Facility Challenges

- Airfield vacancy rate is effectively zero – insufficient to meet demand
  - Need real estate options for near term expansion that can support trade industry and job growth
  - Disposition of cargo buildings dependent on timing of terminal expansion



Sea-Tac air cargo facilities are constrained

## Space Squeeze

- Most cargo buildings may remain in current configuration for 10+ years
- Airfield expansion options limited during that time period
- Century Agenda growth will add more than 150,000 metric tons in 10 years
- Airfield may experience gap as demand exceeds supply, or lack of space may stifle growth

# Strategy to Support Growth

- Interim plan increases efficiency of remaining air cargo buildings
  - Leverage return of airfield cargo buildings to Port ownership and control as ground leases expire
  - Focus on cargo growth tenants
  - Utilize and invest in buildings until they are disrupted



Leverage Port real estate to support air cargo growth

# Real Estate Strategies for Air Cargo

- Explore development options on Airfieldadjacent properties
  - Target development to specific air cargo user types
  - Implement flexible design to handle displaced airfield operations in near-term, or secondary users such as freight forwarders thereafter



Airport land can support air cargo growth

#### On the Horizon

- Market airport's cargo capabilities to increase trade capacity and market share
- Continue work with Long-range Plan (LRP),
  Sustainable Airport Master Plan (SAMP), and real estate development teams
- Return for annual update in Spring 2017