

## **What are the most frequent complaints from other cities about NextGen?**

- Increased noise from increase frequency
- Increased noise from new procedures and routes over communities and areas previously not impacted
- Lack of engagement from FAA on noise
- Failure to conduct adequate environmental reviews from new procedures



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## **Who is suing the FAA over NextGen around the country and why?**

- Highlights of types of claims made
- Highlights of lawsuits to date – focus on Phoenix Sky Harbor
- Our alternative plans if FAA loses lawsuits
- Why we should or should not wait until lawsuits are resolved before implementing NextGen in Seattle



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## **What new federal law passed in 2017 that put the brakes on NextGen?**

- National Defense Authorization Act
- Senator McCain's Amendment to FAA law
- McCain/Flake letter to FAA about lack of compliance
- The four McCain/Flake questions – what are the answers in relation to SeaTac Airport?



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## **What new federal legislation is pending about NextGen noise, human health, and the environment?**

- 2017 AIM Act
- Expected renewal of 2016 legislation:
  - From House
  - From Senate



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## What does the President of the United States say about NextGen?

"I hear the government contracted for a system that's the wrong system," Trump told the White House gathering of airline and airport executives. "I hear we're spending billions and billions of dollars. It's a system that's totally out of whack. It's way over budget. It's way behind schedule. And when it's complete, it's not going to be a good system. Other than that, it's fantastic."



Fox New, February 9, 2017; Politico, February 9, 2017



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"The FAA is spending billions to implement "NextGen," a system that would utilize satellites to monitor aircraft instead of radar and make other changes and has faced implementation challenges. The FAA said it has spent \$7.5 billion on NextGen over the past seven years, which "has resulted in \$2.7 billion in benefits to passengers and the airlines to date, and is expected to yield more than \$160 billion in benefits through 2030." Last month, Trump criticized spending on NextGen, saying the system was "totally out of whack," over budget and behind schedule."

- FORTUNE, MARCH 16, 2017



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"President Donald Trump is proposing to shift oversight of the U.S. air traffic control from the federal government to an independent group... Trump, who called the U.S. air traffic control system "obsolete" in a meeting with airline executives last month, is proposing \$16.2 billion for the Department of Transportation's discretionary budget for fiscal year 2018, a reduction of 13 percent.

The document says Trump's plan "initiates a multi-year reauthorization proposal to shift the air traffic control function of the Federal Aviation Administration to an independent, non-governmental organization."

- Reuters, March 16, 2017



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## What happened in the Burien lawsuit?



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