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Dear Commissioners,

Since the pilot program discussion started, some lobbyist associate with dispatch companies, mainly companies with wheelchair vehicles are pushing the idea of adding more wheelchair vehicles to the airport fleet. These companies and their lobbyist are claiming that travelers with disabilities are landing in Seattle Tacoma airport in big number, and there aren't enough wheelchair vehicles to service. Lobbyist always try to create something that don't exist and hope to sale it, this is one of them.

The issue of more disables travelers land at SeaTac a fabricated one and it come from airlines request form that travelers request to be wheeled to the gates to board the flight or carousal area because they can't walk long distance due to various reasons. These travelers aren't in a disable category and can't be called as person of disability; nevertheless, they didn't requested wheelchair vehicles.

But one thing lobbyist shouldn't attempt to create and that is a forging and turning travelers requested wheeled to the gate of the plain as disable person and try to convince commissions that there is a demand for wheelchair vehicles. The truth for such claim existed is highly questionable, when you have a date collected by both Ground transportation and SP+ shows less disable customers are serviced every month by the current wheelchair vehicles that operating at the airport, however, if there were any demand in that area, GT would have shared such information with you.

Reacting to this claim made by others and started changing part of the recommendation could created enormous problems for the port and that could result in a legal challenges, the right decision is to keep the recommended option as stated in the recommendation:

- Two years pilot program.
- Limiting the number of on demand to (405).
- If the demand increases, add additional on demand considering percentage point in a lottery process.

It's an option that is viable given the current situation surrounding the on demand issue.

On the other hand, current on demands operating at the airport are two hundred seventy six and each averages four trips with in twelve hours a day, adding additional twenty two a day on demands tops the numbers to close three hundred and means more suffering for those who hoped to cope from income lost in the past.

I and many others fully support staff recommendation, and we encourage you to support it.

Sincerely,

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