

Surface Area Management (SAM) Letters of Endorsement



May 3, 2019

To whom it may concern,

Alaska Air Lines is in strong support of the implementation of an airport wide surface management and surveillance system for the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

With the continued growth at SEA as flight schedules expand, there are numerous critical efficiency gains to be identified as well as the need for mitigations of increasing taxi times and other surface constraints.

At airports where surface management systems have been deployed, we have seen measurable improvement in safety and efficiency. Real time situational awareness and the ability to conduct in depth reviews based on the data collected by the system are invaluable and most useful for our ability to run a smooth, safe and efficient operation.

Sincerely,

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To whom it may concern,

Delta Air Lines would like to take this opportunity to support the implementation of an airport wide surface management and surveillance system for the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

Based on our engagement and experience at several large hubs in the development and deployment of these systems we can state that demonstrable improvement in safety and efficiency can be expected. Real time situational awareness and the ability to conduct in depth reviews based on the data collected by the system are invaluable and most useful for a variety of reasons.

As SEA continues to grow and flight schedules expand there are numerous critical efficiencies to be identified as well as mitigations for increasing taxi times and other surface constraints.

Sincerely,

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Seattle Tower supports any tool that will improve safety and efficiency at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. From reducing taxi times and coordination to providing targeted data that ensures timely informed decisions, surface management tools have shown significant safety and efficiency gains at airports throughout the National Airspace System, where implemented. As this airport continues to grow, Seattle Tower and our partners need every tool available to assist us in providing the best possible service to our customers.

Respectfully,

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Argue for your limitations, and sure enough they're yours -Richard Bach