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MEMORANDUM

COMMISSION AGENDA – STAFF BRIEFING

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Date of Meeting

May 24, 2011

DATE: May 12, 2011

TO: Tay Yoshitani, Chief Executive Officer

FROM: Elizabeth Leavitt, Director Aviation Planning & Environmental Services
Jeremy Webb, Environmental Management Technician

SUBJECT: Special Order of Business: Recognition of the Winners of the 2010 Seattle-Tacoma International Airport Green Gateway Environmental Excellence Awards Program

In 2010, Aviation Environmental staff created the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport Green Gateway Environmental Excellence Award Program (“Awards Program”) as a way to annually recognize Airport tenants and airlines for outstanding environmental leadership. The Awards Program is also intended to encourage continual environmental improvement by tenants and airlines and acknowledge the critical role they play in assisting the Port in meeting its environmental goals.

The Awards Program is designed such that the Port may award one or more awards each year, depending on the quality of the nominations it receives. Nominations are accepted for any project, process, or action that promotes environmental leadership and stewardship in one of three categories:

- Environmental Performance
- Environmental Education and Outreach
- Environmental Innovation

Between January and March, 2011, the Port accepted award nominations for projects, processes or actions completed during 2010. Nominations were evaluated by a panel of Aviation Division staff and managers in accordance with criteria established for each category. This panel determined two nominations in the Environmental Performance category met established criteria, and demonstrated environmental stewardship and/or leadership at Seattle Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac Airport). Both nominations were selected to receive a 2010 Environmental Excellence Award.

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2010 AWARD WINNERS:

- **Alaska Airlines** (Environmental Performance Category)

Increased in-flight recycling capture rates from 28% in 2009 to 46% in 2010.

In-flight recycling programs helped increase recycling from 25 tons in 2009 to 106 tons in 2010 from Alaska's Sea-Tac flight kitchen.

- **HMSHost** (Environmental Performance Category)

Implemented pre-consumer food scrap composting at all Sea-Tac HMSHost concession locations, and diverted an estimated 90% of HMSHost generated pre-consumer food scraps from landfill.

Recycled 70 tons of cardboard, 83 tons of glass, and large quantities of a broad range of other common recyclable materials generated by comprehensive recycling programs at Sea-Tac HMSHost concession and off-site support locations.

NEXT STEPS:

Winners of 2010 awards were notified in conjunction with Earth Day, April 22, 2011. Commemorative plaques will be distributed to award winners during the Commission meeting. The Port will also acknowledge award winners on banners located inside the terminal of Sea-Tac Airport, and in a press release to local media and the public.