

PORT OF SEATTLE
MEMORANDUM

COMMISSION AGENDA - STAFF BRIEFING

Item No. 7a
Date of Meeting February 28, 2012

DATE: February 22, 2012

TO: Tay Yoshitani, Chief Executive Officer

FROM: Michael Ehl, Director Aviation Operations

SUBJECT: Recognition of Seattle-Tacoma International Airport's Perfect Score in Annual FAA FAR Part 139 Airport Certification/Safety Inspection

BACKGROUND:

On February 3, 2012, for the fifth time in the last ten years, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Airport) earned a zero-discrepancy score on its annual Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Part 139 Airport Certification/Safety Inspection.

This inspection is the central regulatory review by which the Airport retains its Operating Certificate and is the ultimate measure of our performance as a team in maintaining the highest levels of safety at the region's largest air transportation hub. This four-day inspection includes:

- Airport self-inspection program
- Training programs
- Safety procedures with a focus on preventing runway incursions
- Low visibility procedures
- Fire Department response times
- Vehicle driver training on the airfield
- Airport emergency plan
- Snow and ice control procedures
- Ground vehicle movement
- Aircraft fueling procedures and fuel truck safety
- Runway and taxiway markings
- Runway and airfield conditions
- Electrical systems
- Wildlife management
- Examination of all Airfield and Fire Department operational records

COMMISSION AGENDA

Tay Yoshitani, Chief Executive Officer

February 22, 2012

Page 2 of 2

During the out-briefing, FAA inspectors complimented Airport staff for their professionalism and dedication to our mission. Specific accolades were made in regard to our collective performance given the impacts recent winter weather had upon the airfield.

A great deal is owed to the many who make the success of these inspections possible. Thanks go to the Fire Department, Aviation Maintenance, Aviation Finance and Budget, Emergency Planning and Aviation Operations for the day-to-day stewardship of our Airport Operating Certificate.

OTHER DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS BRIEFING:

Airport Certification Overview PowerPoint