# SUSTAINABLE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN (SAMP)

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### **Overview**



- Rapid growth and a constrained operational footprint requires strategic land use planning and future Commission policy decisions to provide needed capacity
- Gaining clarity regarding implications of projected growth in passengers and operations – and the necessary facility changes
- Developing and evaluating options to meet facility requirements
- Will need to utilize properties beyond those now a part of the airfield and terminal complex.
- The optimal airport layout maintaining airfield capacity and adding terminal capacity – will require relocation of existing facilities
- Understanding these tradeoffs and the repercussions of balancing needs will be a next step



### Sea-Tac serves as critical regional and national asset

- More than 170,000 jobs attributable to airport activity
- \$6.1 billion in total personal income
- \$16.3 billion in business revenue

### Growth in air service supports regional economic activity

- Each new international flight generates an estimated \$75 million annually in direct and indirect economic impact to the region
- Keeping freight moving supports local and regional businesses

### Connects region to the global economy

### Creates new jobs in local communities

- Aeronautical jobs airlines, airline contractors, flight kitchens, aircraft maintenance
- Airport and visitor jobs dining/retail, hotels, parking
- Construction jobs

# **SEA Activity Forecast**



Drivers of domestic and international passenger activity

- Domestic originating passenger demand has strong historic correlation with key economic indicators
  - Inflation-adjusted airfares projected to decline long-term
  - PSRC forecast: per capita income growth in Puget Sound region higher than national average
- Domestic connecting passenger growth tied to airport's ongoing role as hub for Alaska Airlines, and development of Seattle as a Delta Air Lines domestic connecting hub and international gateway
- International originating passenger demand supported by Seattle economic profile and airline business plans
  - Location of global business communities
  - Proximity to Asia
- International connecting passenger activity driven by continued development of Airport as gateway for Delta and foreign-flag airlines.





**Passengers and operations** 

### Rapid growth in recent years

- Passengers: up 4.7% in 2013 & 7.5% in 2014
- Aircraft operations: up 2.5% in 2013 & 6.9% in 2014

### Airport traffic will grow by 28.5 million annual passengers (MAP) and 190,000 aircraft operations in next 20 years

- 66 million annual passengers (up from 37.5 million in 2014)
- 540,000 annual operations (up from 350,000 in 2014)





#### **Airfield**

### 36% more aircraft on the airfield during peak hours

- 2014 peak hour: 88 operations
- 2034 peak hour: 120 operations
- Operational delays begin at 90 operations per hour today

### Airfield impact

- Efficiency <u>exponentially</u> decreases as the airfield reaches and exceeds capacity
- Severe congestion along taxiway in front of terminal caused by departures queue and push back from gates
- Departing aircraft significantly delayed due to runway crossings by arriving aircraft
- Departures delays compounded by shift to larger aircraft





#### Terminal

### • 58% more departing passengers in the terminal during peak hours

- 2014 peak hour: 5,180 passengers
- 2034 peak hour: 8,170 passengers

### • 70% more arriving passengers in the terminal during peak hours

- 2014 peak hour: 5,040 passengers
- 2034 peak hour: 8,550 passengers

### Terminal impact

- Check-in: processing has become increasingly efficient, but significant expansion of bag drop positions will be required
- Security screening: current configuration of checkpoints is inefficient and future passenger loads will likely exceed capacity
- Baggage claim: at or near capacity today increased loads will cause congestion at claim devices and a low level of customer service



#### Landside

### 42% more vehicles on Upper Drive during morning peak

- 2014 peak hour: 1,240 vehicles
- 2034 peak hour: 1,760 vehicles

### • 61% more vehicles on Lower Drive during evening peak

- 2014 peak hour: 1,170 vehicles
- 2034 peak hour: 1,880 vehicles

### Landside impact

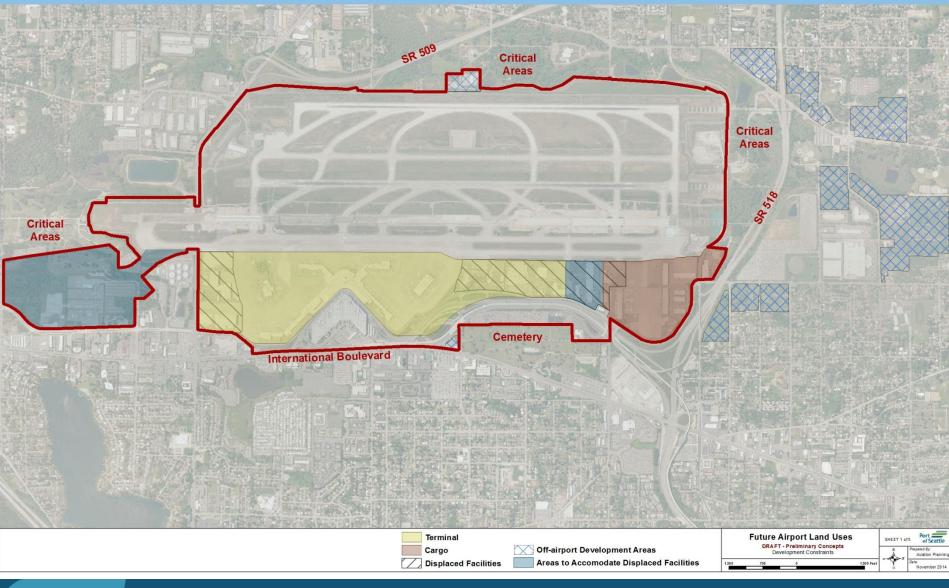
- Upper drive sidewalk congestion creates a low level of service today passenger safety and access to the terminal will be severely compromised in 2034 without improvements
- Traffic accessing terminal drives backs-up to control tower and occasionally onto SR 518 today – roadways will gridlock by 2034 without significant capital improvements



## **Development Constraints**



#### Environmental, airspace, and land use constraints severely limit expansion options





#### Airport Comparison

### No US airport handles comparable passenger volumes with as small an operational footprint as SEA

2013 Airport		Airport		Developed	
PAX rank	Airport name	code	2013 PAX	Acreage	PAX/acre
14	Seattle-Tacoma	SEA	34,800,000	1,500	23,200
7	San Francisco	SFO	44,900,000	2,000	22,450
13	Newark	EWR	35,000,000	1,700	20,590
19	Boston	BOS	30,200,000	1,600	18,880
9	Las Vegas	LAS	40,900,000	2,400	17,040



#### Land Allocation

- Western operational boundary of airfield is 16R-34L (no 4<sup>th</sup> runway)
- Three runways are needed in 2034 (cannot push terminal edge west)
- No terminal facilities west of 16R/34L (topography, wetlands)
- Limited footprint requires prioritization of land uses and complex phasing plan. Functional priorities for property allocation:
  - Passenger terminal
  - Airfield
  - Landside
  - Cargo
  - Airline support
  - Airport support
  - General aviation



#### Gates

 Accommodate all planned, peak hour activity at aircraft parking positions with direct terminal access (*no remote busing operations*)

### • Minimum Connect Time (MCT) (people & baggage)

- 60 minute MCT with 20-year SAMP improvements

### Dining and Retail

 Adequate concessions and amenities space to optimize revenue and meet customer expectations

### Cargo

- Sufficient warehouse and hardstand facilities to meet demand

### Roadways

- Reliable terminal access with minimal delay

Parking -- TBD



 35 additional aircraft parking positions with direct terminal access ("gates") – after eight new gates at NSAT

- Providing gates will drive overall airport plan, toppling dominoes airport wide

### International Arrival Facility (IAF)

- 27 international widebody gates (vs 11 in 2014 & 18 in 2019)
- 2,200 passengers per hour processing capacity

• 400,000-500,000 total square feet of cargo warehouse (based on SAMP forecasted growth)

- Warehouse space will need to be consolidated and potentially mechanized to accommodate projected growth
- Currently assessing ramp space requirements
- Analyzing potential to accommodate Century Agenda growth





### Airport access roadways, terminal drives and parking

### Terminal

- Check-in Expanded current terminal or additional terminal?
- Security screening
- Holdrooms
- Dining & retail
- Baggage systems
- Campus-wide "Automated People Mover" (APM) (RCF to terminal; between terminals; terminal(s) to remote concourses)

## Airline support

- Aircraft maintenance & Ground Run-up Enclosure (GRE)

### Airport support

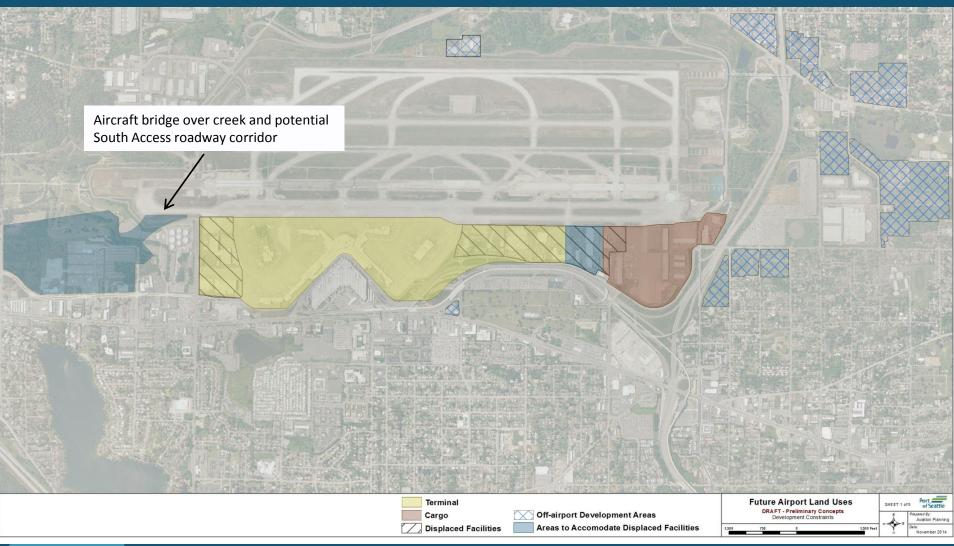
- Airport Rescue and Firefighting station (ARFF)
- Ground Service Equipment (GSE) maintenance

# Airfield



#### **Challenges**

### • Additional airfield connected land required to meet demand





#### Challenges

- Accommodate 120 peak hour operations (up from 88 with no airfield expansion)
- Increase airfield efficiency to make full use of three runway system
  - Minimize runway crossings
  - Reduce congestion on Taxiway B and improve access to/from south end gates in north flow

### Other factors that impact airfield capacity

- Closely spaced runways require staggered arrivals
- Interactions with Boeing Field create departure and arrival delays



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# Airfield

#### **Options**

### End-around taxiways

- 70% of operations (all Group III) could avoid crossing departures runways
- Minor reduction in take-off weight for large, long-haul international flights
- Center runway could become primary departure runway significant increase in efficiency/capacity

### Taxiway A extension

- Doubles queuing capacity
- Provides a bypass on south end taxiway system
- Improves access to/from south end gates & SASA





# Airfield



#### Next Steps

- Alternatives analysis (detailed modeling will determine efficiency benefits of airfield improvements)
  - Further develop potential capital and operational fixes
  - Airfield and terminal ramp modeling
  - Feasibility and cost/benefit

### Coordination with FAA



#### Challenges



### • Aircraft parking positions with direct terminal access ("gates")

- Provide 35 additional gates
- Expand terminal in manner that:
  - Will be operationally efficient
  - Will connect widebody gates to IAF with good customer service
  - Can be phased with least disruption to existing facilities

### Remain Over Night (RON) aircraft parking positions

 Locate required RON north and south of the expanded terminal to minimize operational impacts of towing

### Passenger processing capacity

- Can we support 35 additional gates with a single, expanded terminal?
  - Or is a second terminal needed to supporting new gates to north?
  - How do we connect passengers between new concourses and terminal(s)?



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• Expansion is needed north and south to provide additional gates

### Early decisions:

- Concourse A extension or additional south satellite, and
- Piers north of existing terminal <u>or</u> North Satellite extension

### Based on decision above, then decide:

- Expand current terminal <u>and/or</u> build additional terminal to the north



# **Terminal: Gates -- South**



#### **Concourse A Extension**

#### Pros

- Meets international gate requirement
- Widebody gate connection to IAF through Concourse appears better
- Does not require lidding over S 188<sup>th</sup> ST
- Dual taxilanes between new gates and SSAT

#### Cons

– Yields fewer gates



#### Additional South Satellite

#### Pros

- Meets international gate requirement
- Yields more gates

#### Cons

- Difficult widebody gates connection to IAF
- Requires lidding over S 188<sup>th</sup> ST
- Single taxilane between new gates and SSAT



# **Terminal: Gates -- North**



#### **North Piers**

#### North Satellite Extension

#### Pros

- Meets domestic gate requirement
- Straightforward opportunity for second terminal (*if required*)
- May not require relocation of southbound lanes of North Airport Expressway (*if no second terminal*)
- Can more easily phase gates additions
- Easier to accommodate widebody aircraft

#### Cons

Challenge connecting passengers to the north



#### Pros

- Meets domestic gate requirement

#### Cons

- Pushback onto taxiway impacts operations
- Limited opportunity for second terminal if required
- Requires relocation of southbound lanes of the North Airport Expressway (NAE)
- Gate phasing has more impact to existing facilities
- Limited ability to accommodate widebody aircraft
- Challenge connecting passengers to the north



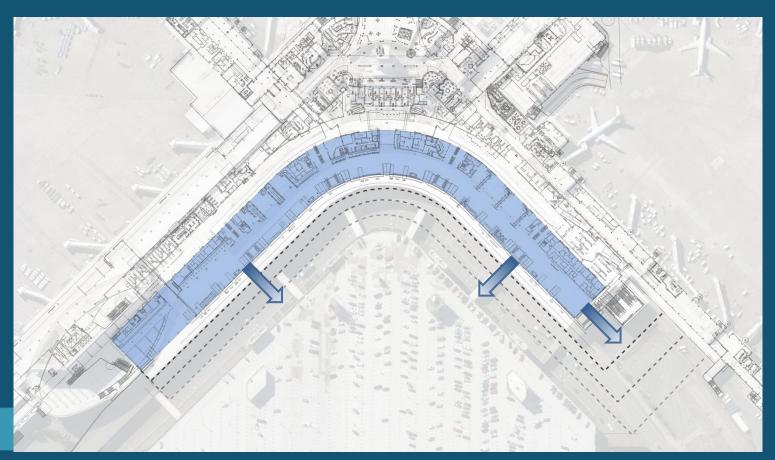
# **Terminal: Check-in**



#### **Options – Main Terminal Expansion**

### Expand Main Terminal to the east and north

- Expand check-in lobby to the east and north
- Link screening check-points to APM access to remote gates
- Expand bag claim to the north



# **Terminal: Check-in**

**Options – Additional Terminal to the North** 



### Construct second terminal to support north gates

- Connect existing terminal and north terminal with APM
- Provide landside access, curb, and parking
- Provide pedestrian connection to gates over/under North Airport Expressway



# Terminal



#### Next Steps

### Detailed analysis of expansion options

- Cost/benefit of south and north expansion options
- Cost/benefit and feasibility of terminal expansion to the east/north
- Capacity analysis to determine if second terminal is needed

### Incorporate non-terminal functions into overall terminal plan

### Coordinate terminal-related facilities planning

- Check-in/Bag drop
- Curbside
- Security screening
- Automated People Mover (APM)
- Baggage systems
- Holdrooms; Dining & retail; vertical circulation

### • Airfield and terminal ramp modeling

# Landside



#### **Challenges**

### Upper and Lower Drive expansion difficult

- Expensive
- Construction impacts on operations
- Expressway access to parking / Upper/Lower Drives exceedingly narrow
- Regional roadways outside of direct Port control
  - SR 509 extension has been delayed for decades
  - Phasing of South Access needs to be modeled and evaluated
- RCF bus traffic contributes to congestion accessing the drives
  - Anticipated eventual automated people mover when RCF was built

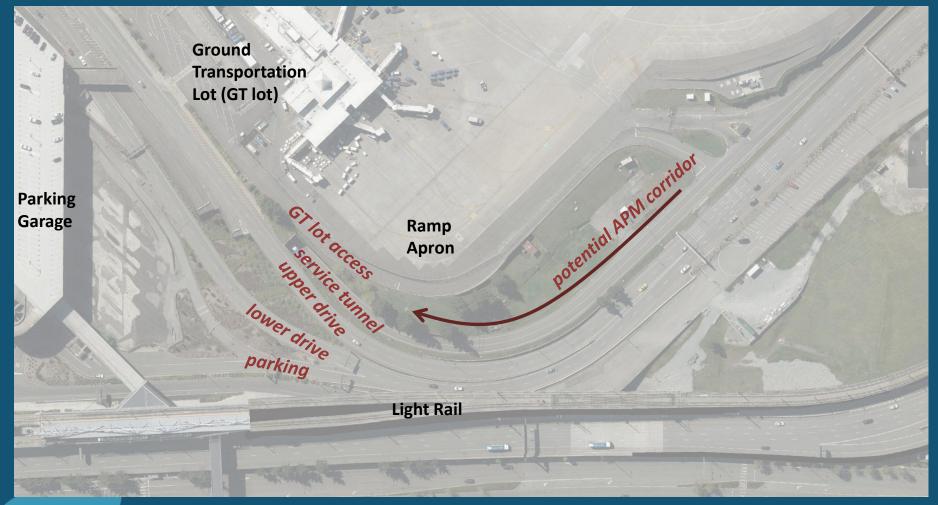


# Landside



#### Challenges

### All traffic accessing the airport funnels through a bottleneck on the North Airport Expressway (NAE)





#### **Options - Upper Drive Expansion**

- Widen Upper Drive
- Add 3<sup>rd</sup> lane to Upper and Lower Drive access
- Potentially divert demand to alternate drop-off locations
- Complex interaction with terminal expansion options



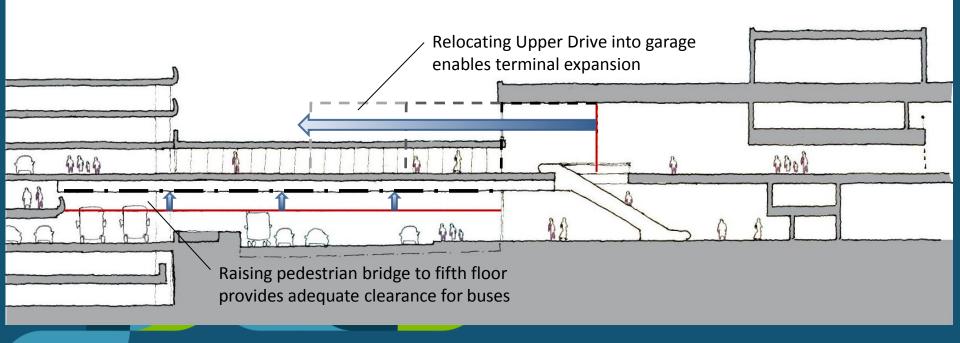
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#### **Options - Upper Drive in Parking Garage**

### Relocate Upper Drive into garage

- Enables expansion of main terminal to the east
- Provides additional clearance on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor ground transportation curb for buses
- Provides opportunities for APM connection to main terminal





# Landside

#### Next Steps

- Critical and organic interaction between possible terminal expansion and curb/garage options
- Continue refining curbside relocation/expansion alternatives
  - Feasibility of required modifications to curbs and garage
  - Cost/benefit

### Landside modeling

- Drives capacity/demand analysis
- Connections to regional roadway system

 Integration of opportunities, costs, and impacts of terminal and landside options

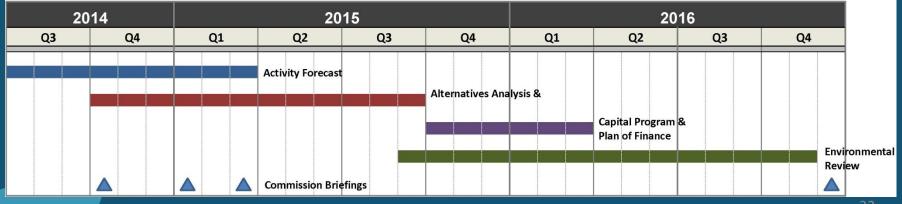


# **Planning Schedule**



- Activity forecast (completed Q3 2014 in FAA review Q1 2015)
- Alternatives analysis & plan development (Q4 2014 Q3 2015)
  - Iterative process, finalizing facility requirements and developing preferred development alternative
  - Commission engagement at key decision points
  - Constructability assessment
  - Phased implementation plan
  - Planning level cost estimates
- Program plan of finance (Q4 2015 Q1 2016)
- **Environmental review** (Q3 2015 Q4 2016)







#### Near-Term

### Challenges

- Shortage of gates over the next 5 to 10 years
- Where/when to build interim remote gate lobby?
- Additional gate capacity will be needed soon after completion of IAF & NorthSTAR
- Check-in processing becoming increasingly efficient, but nearly all existing positions will be utilized in 2015
- Security screening rates have increased with implementation of PreCheck, but current configuration of checkpoints is inefficient

### • Anticipated actions prior to completion of SAMP environmental

- Remote hardstand operations and busing starting in 2016
- Potentially construct interim remote gate lobby
- Expand check-in and reconfigure security checkpoint in zone 7
- Provide additional bag drop on promenade level in zone 6

# **Sustainability**



### Draft Strategy for a Sustainable Sea-Tac (S3)

- Builds on our Environmental Strategy Plan 2009 2014
- Includes sustainability objectives, social responsibility and economic sustainability
- Commission briefing February 10<sup>th</sup>
- Draft strategy Spring 2015

### S3 integration into SAMP

- S3 objectives and initiatives evaluated throughout the SAMP process to ensure that capital development is planned in the most sustainable manner possible
  - Environmental sustainability objectives used as part of screening criteria in evaluating concepts
  - Environmental sustainability objectives will be evaluated extensively in proposed new buildings and renovations of existing buildings
  - Final, long-term plan will include management initiatives (in addition to capital improvements) to ensure airport meet its sustainability goals and objectives in future years



# **Public Outreach**



### Public outreach planning

– Phase I: Series of meetings with local officials and stakeholders

### – Phase II: Conduct 3 public outreach & comment meetings

- 1st Public Meeting (February-March 2015): SAMP process, goals, forecast, and development concepts
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Meeting (Spring 2015): Preliminary development alternatives
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Public Meeting (Summer 2015): Preferred development alternative