

THE BRIEFING

EPISODE 2 – TRANSPARENCY

February 13, 2018 – Steve Edmiston, Des Moines resident

Thank you Commissioners. My name is Steve Edmiston. I live in the City of Des Moines.

Last April, this body asked for an FAA briefing to include the impacts of NextGen flight procedures and impacts increased aircraft operations on our airport neighbor communities.

You didn't get the briefing you asked for. In the 43 minute presentation from the FAA and Port staff, you were not briefed on the harms to human health or the environment. So I am here to give you the briefing you should have had – as public comment, two minutes at a time.

Today's segment is foundational – for the purpose of transparency. As you may realize from the cameras, these public comments are being filmed. For transparency, I want you to know how I'll use the film of these comments, including your reactions (even if it's just your body language), and ultimately, the film of the choices you make and the actions you take.

First, because I believe my concerns are shared as the collective concerns of most citizens in our airport neighbor communities, I have and I will seek to distribute each of my public comment segments through community groups – including the Quiet Skies groups around SeaTac Airport – as well as related social media outlets and traditional community and regional media.

Second, because I believe our collective community concern about harm to human health and the environment are also the concerns of communities near major airports all over the United States, I expect - and intend - that these comments will be shared around the United States through the network of national quiet skies groups, airport community groups, and related social media.

Finally, it is my hope as a filmmaker to use the collected public comments as the spine of a feature film about you – and more specifically, about how you – the Port of Seattle Commissioners - the five of you facing me now – when actually presented with the briefing you asked for - how you react and what choices you make. And how the Port, as it so publicly campaigns to be the greenest airport in the US (it's even on the fine print at bottom of agenda), how you Commissioners will actually choose to treat the human species that can be found living beneath the flight paths.

A have brought a transcript of today's comment, and this public record request, for inclusion in the record of today's meeting. Thank you for providing a citizen two minutes to comment.