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Meeting Date: October 22, 2019

Accessibility Improvements at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport



Background

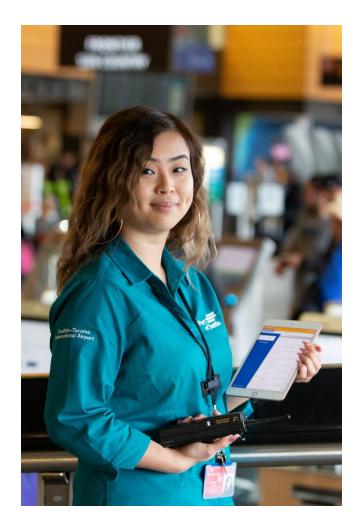
- 2017 Open Doors Organization (ODO) conducted Accessibility Assessment at airport.
- 2018 ODO issued their final report that included multiple recommendations organized by suggested priority and timeline.
- Facilities & Infrastructure (F&I) Architecture group is working collaboratively with multiple departments to move forward initiatives based on recommendations in report

Progress To Date

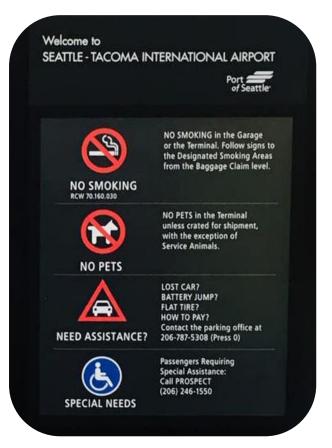
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Passenger Amenities



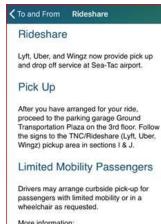


Passenger Information









https://www.portseattle.org/sea-tac/groundtransportation/app-based-rideshare



- **B1 ICE-International Currency Exchange**
- B4, B7 ATM, Charging Station, Lotto, Vending
- **B6 Baggage Storage by Smarte Carte**Baggage storage, packaging and shipping, rentals of strollers and wheelchairs and other traveler-friendly services
- B5 Bicycle Assembly Station
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www.bit.ly/SEAaccessibility



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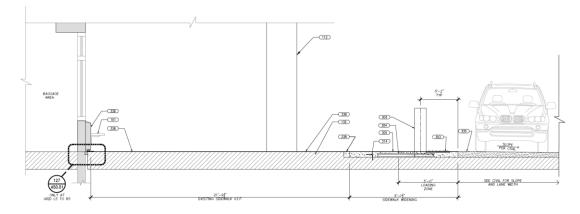




Infrastructure Updates



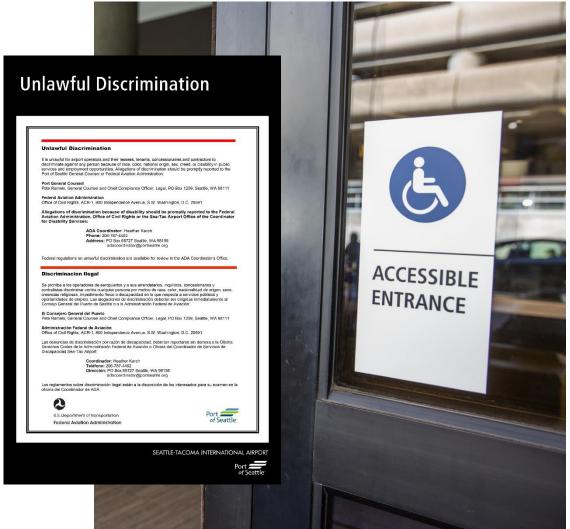
Updated Departures Curbside



Updated Arrivals Curbside

Infrastructure Updates





Staff Training



SEA Accessibility highlights:

- Accessible restrooms, elevators, and drinking fountains
- ADA parking and accessible Ground Transportation options
 - Rental Car busses are accessible
 Rental cars can be requested with hand controls available
 - Area courtesy shuttles and busses
- Relief area for service animals
- Wheelchair services (Prospect Airport Service—206.246.1550)
 - To and from gate—arranged with the airline
 - Wheelchair service to/from the garage and Light Rail



Staff Training

Guidelines to Effective Communication

Effective interaction and communication with or about people with disabilities

- Speak directly to the person with a disability.
- Do not refer to a person's disability unless it is relevant. Focus on the word "accessibility" not "handicapped"
- Most people with disabilities prefer "person-first" terminology such as:
 - o "person who is blind," "people with disabilities" since this acknowledges them as people first rather than their disability.
 - Avoid referring to groups of people by their condition or disability such as "the blind," "the deaf," etc
- Introduce and identify yourself and ask "How may I assist you?"
 - Wait for instructions on the help needed and follow the instructions.
- Let people know, especially those who are blind or have low vision, where they are and where you are taking them; be descriptive.
- Do not pet service animals as they are working. Provide escort or descriptive instructions to an animal relief area if requested.
- Remember, your attitude can make or break someone's travel experience.
- Never say anything that you would not want said to or about yourself.
- Respect the privacy, individual preferences and independence of people.
- If you say something wrong, apologize and move on, do not try to deflect.

Acceptable Language

- · Person with a disability, or person who · The disabled, handicapped, invalid, is disabled, people with disabilities, person with reduced mobility
- · Non-disabled, able-bodied
- · Uses wheelchair, uses assistive device
- Congenital disability
- Person with a physical disability
- · Person who is deaf, hard of hearing
- · Has a speech disability
- · Person who is blind, has low vision
- Person with an intellectual, cognitive, or developmental disability
- · Person living with epilepsy, seizure disorder
- Person with a psychiatric disability

..... Unacceptable Language

- physically challenged
- Normal or healthy
- · Wheelchair bound, confined to a wheelchair
- · Birth defect or deformed
- Crippled, lame, invalid, gimp
- · The deaf, hearing impaired, deaf/
- · Has a speech defect
- The blind, blind people
- · Stupid, retarded, slow, subnormal, mentally challenged
- · Epileptic, has fits, spastic
- · Crazy, nuts, loony



Disability Sensitivity Training Video

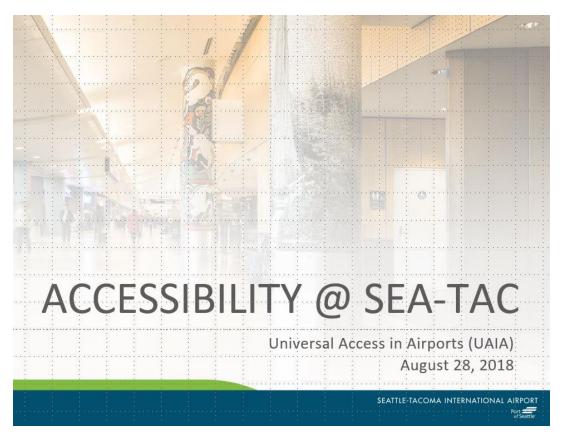
Capture from ADA Sensitivity Video

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Engagement







Next Steps

- Aviation will continue to address the recommendations in the report and in addition:
 - Hire an ADA Coordinator for Aviation, Maritime, and additional facilities throughout the Port as a dedicated resource for addressing accessibility requirements
 - Perform self-audit to evaluate new opportunities for improvement and ongoing community engagement
 - Continue to develop accessibility focused online and in person training
 - Ongoing updates to the STIA app and accessibility webpages including text maps to improve wayfinding for passengers with vision loss.
 - The Port of Seattle website will be evaluated for Web Content Accessibility
 Guidelines (WCAG) v 2.1 compliance