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Dear Commissioners,

I am submitting this comment to express my concern regarding the Port of Seattle's continued spending on Sea-Tac Airport improvements (e.g., Agenda Item 6c).

As of 2017, aviation emissions -- measured by fuel pumped -- [made up a quarter of King County's greenhouse gas emissions](#). This is before considering that aviation emissions have a [2.7 times higher warming impact](#) than on-the-ground emissions. Given that dire need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions dramatically in the next decade, there is no justification for continuing to lay the groundwork for a continued increase in aviation emissions; money currently penned for airport projects should be redirected to zero- or low-emission public work projects, not projects that support continued and increasing aviation emissions.

The current downturn in aviation activity presents a unique opportunity to shift toward a truly sustainable mode of moving people and goods. The Port of Seattle should lead the way through this transition by redirecting investments from Sea-Tac to truly sustainable transportation and cargo infrastructure.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Shifley