

PoS Commissioner's meeting 5-26-2020, Bernedine Lund, Federal Way resident, member of QSPS and 350 Seattle Aviation group

Thank you for modifying the Century Agenda Policy Directive to have more realistic goals. Given the Covid-19 pandemic it is reasonable to reduce the Port's long term goals for air cargo and all travel, including international travel.

Here are a few changes and additions to the Century Agenda that would make it more meaningful to the public:

- Add a goal to not operate at the expense of the health and safety of the local communities. You already know that the noise from aircraft has a negative impact on people in local communities, based in part on the WHO Report of 2018. And recent reports also state that pollution from the jet engines falls to the ground and has a negative impact on health, that is both the noise and pollution cause increase illnesses, disease, and death in local communities

- Modify the goal to become the greenest Port in North America to also endorse climate change limits. It is not enough to say that the operations of the airport will be using green energy, as the public can easily misunderstand this goal to include the jet flights they take. The Port needs to take responsibility for the emissions from the jet fuel it pumps each day. You already know that the jet engine emissions are spread around the world, and each airport cannot keep saying that it is not responsible for the fuel it pumps.

- Add a goal to become a transportation – communication hub as described in my last public comments. Airline flights cannot continue into the future if you are serious about meeting climate goals. The Covid-19 pandemic has already shown the public that jet flights need to be reduced and the Port can take advantage of this new awareness to plan for a real Century agenda. The 5-year goal could be to develop some general proposals which you could circulate to legislature for comment.

A few comments about the presentation slides:

My main comment about the presentation, is: Do you, as Port Commissioners, understand what is being proposed, and agree on what the details will be. It was also disappointing to see that the proposal “does not change or adjust current priorities or activities” (page 5) when changes to priorities would be more useful.

My initial reaction to many of the slides in the presentation is that it is full of jargon and boiler plate words that do not specifically tell us what the actions will be. It seems to be prepared for insiders to be filed away and referred to during PoS meetings. When supervising people I learned that it was very helpful to tell people exactly what you wanted and what it would look like. It was also helpful to tell people what a good job would look like, rather than just say “Good job.” It is hard to see how the Port divisions can meet the goals when there are no parameters given.

Example, page 7 of the presentation,

- Goal 3 “Responsibly Invest in Economic Growth of the Region and all its Communities: The last bullet “support for family-wage jobs” seems questionable given that some workers did not make minimum wage last year - the catering staff made \$12/hr or about \$24k/yr,

when a recently Seattle times article said that the average wage in Seattle is \$40k. Yes, I know that they were on contract to another company, but the PoS should have fought for better wages for the staff as they do work that supports the activity of the PoS.

- Goal 6: Be a highly effective public agency:.

The bullet points give text but do not describe what exactly will be done. The Port can now say that it has community engagement. However, past experience with one meeting forum has fallen apart, and community members report being abused and threatened. That is not what community engagement should look like.

Example, Page 11 titled “Proposed Key Performance Indicators With better, performance-based and enduring KPIs, that the public can relate to, we gain actionable intelligence about our status and trends and can tie business planning to data-informed outcomes.” This title is long and sounds like words put together from a manual or text book. How would you put this in language that people can understand?.