

7-14-2020 PoS Commissioner's meeting

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Comment on item 9b – Budget Guiding Principles.

Over all, the Objectives, Strategies, Guiding Principles, and budget Guidelines seem to follow the status quo – that is, no meaningful changes to take into account the massive changes happening in the world due to climate change/global warming. Also needed are statements that acknowledge the need for sustainability and that meeting equity needs in the community needs to be met aggressively.

Some suggestions of guiding principles to change/add:

- Identify and develop plans for alternatives to airline flights
- Remove growth in the number of flights and instead add a statement to reduce the number of flights to reach a sustainable level. The effects of the pollution and emissions is not sustainable if the world is to meet climate goals and if you are to promote a healthy community.
- Aggressively pursue the guideline “Seek new revenue opportunities”. Think out of the box – get out of the idea that the only thing you can manage is flights. Imagine what you can do as a convention center and travel hub, with access to a variety of travel services and access to the largest shopping mall in Washington, which Sea-Tac already has.
- Reconsider maintaining construction until you have evaluated the other activities you can pursue, make construction flexible so it can accommodate other activities as needed.

While not specifically mentioned in the budget document, please reverse the decision to use facial recognition – it does not fit with the current guiding principle of promoting equity (for all the reasons presented at the March 10 meeting about increased misidentifications of non-white men). It also reduces the costs of defending against any resulting law suits.