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2022 AVIATION FEDERAL PRIORITIES

As the region and the world continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) is committed to providing a safe and healthy travel experience and to serving as a key contributor to regional and statewide economic recovery. We are focused on developing more modern, high-tech facilities that will speed travelers on their way; better connecting the Puget Sound region to the world; maximizing the environmental sustainability of our operations; and ensuring that our local communities and residents thrive. The federal government can help us achieve this vision by:

I. INVESTING IN OUR AIRPORT II. ADDRESSING COMMUNITY IMPACT

As the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) begins to roll out, SEA is preparing to invest \$4 billion in our facilities in sustainability and addressing impacts on our surrounding communities. To take advantage of this opportunity, we seek to:

- a. Fight Climate Change: We support comprehensive Leverage Dedicated IIJA Airport Dollars: We will work closely with federal partners to invest both solutions to address the climate crisis with legislation formula funds and competitive grant dollars in key SEA to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other projects. harmful toxic pollutants while providing flexibility
- b. Compete for IIJA Sustainable Transportation to respond to changing market conditions and Funding: We will work closely with federal partners to technological advances. take advantage of dollars to incentivize the transition b. Implement Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF): We to greener forms of surface transportation to and from will engage federal partners to help us take next the airport, including electric vehicle infrastructure steps toward widespread use of SAF at our airport. In funding at or near the airport as well as high-speed particular, we will seek additional federal funding for rail and transit infrastructure that can increase the SAF research, SAF infrastructure, and tax credits for availability and attractiveness of low-carbon travel blending of these fuels. We will work to leverage the options for airport passengers and employees. U.S. Departments of Defense, Agriculture, Energy and c. Increase Self-Funding Flexibility: Once IIJA dollars Transportation as key partners in this effort. are spent, we will need a modernized Passenger c. Address Airplane Noise and Air Quality: We will Facility Charge user fee for long-term sustainable advocate for the shared federal agenda developed by funding needs. the airport and its six surrounding cities – including
- d. Build Federal Support: We will work closely with changes to federal funding, policies, regulations and federal agencies and members of Congress to programs such as studying aviation-related ultrafine ensure their support for in-progress and future particulates and allowing for secondary noise mitigation capital projects, including the Sustainable Airport investments in certain previously insulated homes. Master Plan near-term projects currently under We will work to better understand potential indoor air environmental review. quality investment benefits near airports as well.

AIR TRAVEL RECOVERY FROM PANDEMIC IMPACTS

Total Passengers (+80%) Domestic Passengers (+85%) Int'l Passengers (+23%) Total Air Cargo in (+10%)

- 2021: 36,153,839 • 2021: 34,484,666 • 2021: 1,669,173 • 2021: 498,741
- 2020: 20,061,507 • 2020: 18,690,119 • 2020: 1,371,388 • 2020: 454,584

II. ADDRESSING COMMUNITY IMPACT (cont.) IV. ACCOMMODATING THE RETURN TO TRAVEL

- d. Protect Passenger, Employee and Community As the pandemic subsides, SEA is working to accommodate Safety: We will partner with federal agencies the return of passengers in the most efficient and safe to improve human trafficking prevention and manner possible. In particular, we seek to: intervention efforts. In addition, we will engage a. Adjust to Changing Travel Protocols: We will monitor with FAA leadership to speed the transition to non- changes to current national guidance regarding fluorinated airfield fire-fighting foams. protocols to protect the health of passengers and e. Increase Economic and Workforce Development: employees while simultaneously restoring traveler We will engage actively in supporting policies and confidence in a return to air travel. programs that boost economic, workforce and tourism b. Partner with Federal Agencies: We will work with U.S. development, and augment existing Port efforts to Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and U.S. support small and minority-owned businesses. We Customs & Border Protection (CBP) leadership on the support realigning federal funding, programs and safe and healthy return of air travel passenger levels, policies to support rebuilding the U.S. small business through proper staffing, necessary federal funding to sector, reviving entrepreneurship, and closing the supplement lost user fees, appropriate health protocols racial wealth gap. and the deployment of touchless technology solutions.

f. Address Racial Equity: We will advocate for c. Support Key Funding Needs: We will monitor comprehensive federal policing reforms that further additional discussions regarding supplemental federal the goals of the Port Commission's Task Force on relief for businesses impacted by the pandemic; in Policing and Civil Rights. In addition, we support federal particular, we support additional federal support for legislation on biometric technology that ensures the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) to assist local protections for privacy, equity and civil liberties. restaurants – including those at SEA – impacted by reduced dining and travel because of the Omicron variant. In addition, we will fight to preserve TSA

III. CONNECTING US TO THE WORLD funding for Law Enforcement Officer reimbursement

SEA is an international gateway, and the success of our grants and reimbursements for checkpoint-area airport depends being able to reopen international travel in janitorial services.

a safe, healthy manner while presenting a welcoming face to d. Increase the Efficiency and Safety of our Airport the international visitors, immigrants and refugees who travel and Airspace: We will engage with national through or work at our facility, particularly related to the airport associations, the FAA, the Washington arrival and resettlement of Afghan refugees. To achieve these Congressional delegation and other key stakeholders goals, we seek to: to limit operational disruptions caused by the

a. Welcome International Travelers and Residents: We implementation of 5G wireless telecommunications will be a leading voice on comprehensive immigration near airports. In addition, we support airport industry policies that ensure the Port, its partner and its recommendations to improve the integration, customers have the workforce to succeed in the global detection, identification, and mitigation of Unmanned economy, and that immigrants and refugees are fully Aircraft Systems (UAS) in and around airports. Similarly, welcomed into the opportunities that our region's we encourage a consistent and predictable federal economy provides. approach to urban air mobility (UAM) deployment.

Finally, we encourage expedited deployment of the

b. Lower Trade Barriers: We support policies that FAA's Terminal Flight Data Manager (TFDM) airfield level playing fields for international commerce while congestion management program at SEA in order to protecting workers and the environment. In addition, improve flow and efficiency on the airfield. we believe that tariffs should be a measure of last resort and – when necessary – carefully and narrowly For more information on the Port of Seattle's targeted to minimize impacts on American producers federal legislative agenda, contact: and consumers.

c. Facilitate International Air Travel: We support global Eric Schinfeld, Port of Seattle agreements that set clear health and safety standards Senior Manager Federal & Int'l Gov't Relations and protocols to facilitate the recovery of international (206) 787-5031 | Schinfeld.E@portseattle.org travel and trade. In addition, we will coordinate with CBP leadership to ensure operational readiness and P.O. Box 1209 staffing for the opening of our new International Seattle, WA 98111 Arrivals Facility. (206) 787-3000 www.portseattle.org 02/2022