

**ORDER 2023-14**

**AN ORDER OF THE PORT OF SEATTLE COMMISSION**

...to affirm the Port of Seattle’s longstanding commitment to developing SEA as one of the most accessible airports in the nation and consider accessibility as a priority in aviation division strategy, facility design, construction, and operations.

**PROPOSED  
NOVEMBER, 14, 2023**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Port of Seattle’s commitment to providing accessible facilities and operations pre-dates the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act. This commitment is reflected in myriad of physical and operational improvements throughout SEA and the Port of Seattle.

This order extends the Port’s commitments and commits to continue to provide adequate resources moving forward to fully achieve the goal of being one of the most accessible airports in the nation and to ensure SEA Airport is welcoming, safe, and comfortable for all.

**TEXT OF THE ORDER**

The Commission affirms the Port of Seattle’s ongoing commitment to construct and operate Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, SEA, as one of the most accessible airports in the nation and that the facility meet or exceed designs and considerations outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Port Commission hereby directs the Executive Director to expand his interpretation of the Port of Seattle’s Century Agenda goals and objectives including but not limited to goal 5, “Become a Model for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion”, and Goal 2, “Advance this region as a leading tourism destination and business gateway” to reflect this formal commitment to prioritize accessibility considerations in areas including SEA facility design, operations, and ongoing community engagement. Included in this commitment is to ensure accessibility of our conferences, events and sponsored events by utilizing remotely available digital conference or meeting options whenever possible.

**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE ORDER**

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The Port of Seattle’s Century Agenda goals highlight broad support for accessibility including but not limited to goal 5, “Become a Model for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion”, Objective 14 to “Ensure that all internal and external programs, structures and practices provide equitable opportunities for all”, and Goal 2: Advance this region as a leading tourism destination and business gateway Objective 3: Continuously improve the operational efficiency and customer experience at SEA.

The Commission commends the work of Port staff, members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee and our community stakeholders in guiding the Port to where we are today and for your commitment to working together into the future. SEA has a long-standing history of prioritizing accessibility as an interdepartmental initiative and the work of many.