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2023 Annual Report

Since its inception, StART's Aviation Noise Working Group, with a mission to prioritize and explore potential near-term actions to reduce and prevent aviation noise, has made its primary focus its Near-term Aviation Noise Action Agenda which includes several programs and efforts, some already implemented and others in development, intended to provide aviation noise relief to the Highline Forum-member cities.

The Aviation Noise Working Group is comprised of a subset of StART members, Port staff, and additional staff from the Highline Forum-member cities and other representational entities along with a noise consultant to provide expert advice.

Each meeting in 2023 included a report on the Aviation Near-Term Action Agenda, including tracking the Runway Use Plan's goal of minimizing use of the Third Runway during the late night hours and quarterly reports on the Late Night Noise Limitation Program and which carriers had the most noise exceedances and why.

Working Group members also received, at each meeting in 2023, a Sound Insulation Status Report detailing work completed and what would be occurring next.

Other Port of Seattle staff reports at 2023 meetings included finalization of the continuous taxi to takeoff language, air cargo developments, FedEx Express fleet changes, and aircraft recent trends with aircraft go-arounds.

In addition, the working group heard about the topics below from the following guest speakers in 2023:

Single Engine Taxiing - Steve Osterdahl, Air Traffic/Airspace Operations Director,
Alaska Airlines

Greener Skies/Optimized Profile Descents in Seattle - Lynae Craig, Director of ATM & Airfield
Operations, Alaska Airlines

Airport Go-Arounds 101 - Oscar Vela, Captain, Alaska Airlines

Single-Engine Taxiing - Vince Mestre, Noise Consultant

FAA Noise Portal Demonstration - Cindy Gibb, Manager, BridgeNet Intl. & Mark Karmelich,
President, BridgeNet Intl.