

# StART

## 2023 Annual Report

### SEA Stakeholder Advisory Round Table

## Aviation Noise Working Group

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.