

**CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 375**

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON,  
REQUESTING SUPPORT AND INVESTMENT FOR BURIEN FROM  
THE PORT OF SEATTLE FOR ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, AND  
ECONOMIC IMPACTS CAUSED BY AIRPORT OPERATIONS**

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WHEREAS SeaTac Airport contributes to the economic growth of the Puget Sound Region and State of WA and the Port of Seattle is potentially an important partner for Burien in economic development,

WHEREAS SeaTac Airport has seen tremendous passenger growth in 2015 (according to Port data, plans called for 19 million passengers, while actual passengers totaled 42 million),

WHEREAS the SeaTac Airport Sustainable Airport Master Plan (SAMP) predicts a doubling of passengers (to 66 million annually) and a 30% increase in cargo by 2034,

WHEREAS passengers and cargo accessing SeaTac Airport cause congestion on roadways essential to commuters residing in communities adjacent to the airport,

WHEREAS airplanes using SeaTac Airport have significant impacts on the environment, as generators of greenhouse gas emissions known to contribute to climate change and as emitters of fine particulate matter and air toxics known to cause health impacts in adjacent communities,

WHEREAS increases in the number of flights and flight path patterns continue to generate significant noise impacts over many neighborhoods in adjacent communities, decreasing property values and cumulatively, with emissions, impacting health of residents, many of whom are low income and ethnic minorities,

WHEREAS decreased property values due to flight path proximity result in lower operating budgets for the City of Burien,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Burien, WA requests assistance and investments from the Port of Seattle as follows for the impacts that current airport operations have caused and future airport expansion is likely to exacerbate:

- Increased monitoring and publishing of collected data to track and document trends in noise, ultra-fine/fine particulate matter, greenhouse gases, and air toxics within the City of Burien,
- A thorough environmental justice investigation to assess the potential cumulative, disproportionate health impacts affecting Burien residents,
- Increased noise mitigation funding to ensure residents and businesses are not impacted by airport noise within their homes/businesses,

- Active engagement with the FAA and other partners to modify flight path patterns (location and timing) to ensure minimal noise impacts on adjacent communities,
- Requirements for airline companies to meet the highest standards for emissions of all types before they are granted landing rights at SeaTac Airport,
- Economic investments in Burien such as incentives for new businesses, development of lodging/conference/community/arts facilities, or other investments to support Burien employers and employees to generate enhanced revenue for the City of Burien,
- Commitment to engage collaboratively with the Port's own workforce, associated workers, and representatives to promote the creation of quality, well-paid jobs to support economic well-being for the residents of Burien and other cities,
- Exploration of and support for enhanced transportation options such as Link Light Rail to and from the airport for Burien residents and workers, and
- Active pursuit of transportation alternatives such as high-speed rail for short haul flights and additional airport locations as options to SeaTac expansion.

Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Burien City Council.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF THIS 16th DAY OF May, 2016.

CITY OF BURIEN

/s/ Lucy Krakowiak, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

/s/ Monica Lusk, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

/s/ Soojin Kim, City Attorney

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