

May 16, 2016

Mayor Lucy Krakowiak, City of Burien  
Members of the Burien City Council  
Burien City Hall  
400 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Street, First Floor  
Burien, Washington 98166

Dear Mayor Krakowiak and members of the City Council:

The Port Commission was recently informed about Item 12C on the Council's May 16 agenda, a proposed resolution regarding support and investment for Burien by the Port of Seattle. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight many of the ways Burien and the Port are working together on our mutual interests, and the prospects for future engagement.

I speak for my colleagues on the Port Commission, as well as Port management, when I say we truly appreciate our partnership with the City of Burien. That was my primary message when I addressed you on April 18.

The Port acknowledges that while the airport is an essential regional asset and powerful economic engine, there are community impacts that must be addressed. Our ability to come together, beginning with our joint membership in the Highline Forum, the Soundside Alliance and the South King County Area Transportation Board, has provided a focus on projects and investments that will make a difference in Burien. Recent work includes:

- Joint investment in the NERA properties to create stable, good-paying jobs in the community, including stormwater management and the City's water quality retrofit project on Eighth Avenue S.
- Collaborative development of the Request for Proposals for development on the NERA properties;
- Continued funding by the Port for the Miller/Walker Creek basin steward program, which primarily serves the municipal interests of Burien and Normandy Park;
- The Port's ongoing work to support growth and development in Burien through support for completion of SR 509 in the Legislature's transportation package;
- The Port's support for transportation improvements to serve Burien and the larger south County region in the Sound Transit 3 project;
- The Port's support for a \$5 million FAA grant for redevelopment planning work in NERA, directly benefitting Burien;

- Upcoming investment in Burien for future sound mitigation including sound insulation of single family homes, condominiums, apartments and places of worship. To date, the Port has sound-insulated approximately 1,186 homes in the city of Burien.
- The Port's financial support of an economic impact study coordinated through the Soundside Alliance;
- Airport staff's work with city staff on noise code updates and stormwater management; and
- Our ongoing, multi-year commitment to the Lora Lake clean-up program, with Port funding, regardless of MTCA grant reimbursement.

As part of the Sustainable Airport Master Plan process, the Port Commission remains committed to working further with Burien on ideas to help address the impacts of the airport. In that spirit of cooperation, we will continue to see successful investment and growth in Burien. My colleagues and I appreciated hearing a similar direction at the recent Community Roundtable on April 24 from Burien's representatives as well as other airport-area cities and businesses.

Thank you for your consideration of these thoughts, and I hope you won't hesitate to reach out to continue the conversation.

Sincerely,



John Creighton  
President, Seattle Port Commission

cc: Commission  
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**Council Discussion Matrix**  
**Sea-Tac Operations and Impacts**  
**May 16, 2016**

<b>Option</b>	<b>Document</b>	<b>Council Direction/Decision</b>
#1	<p>Resolution NO. xxx (In Council Packet and attached)</p> <p>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.</p>	
#2	<p>Staff Alternative Letter to John Creighton, President, Port of Seattle Commissioners, re Sustainable Airport Master Plan (SAMP) and Related Issues. (Attached)</p>	

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

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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 is essential to the economic growth of the Puget Sound Region and State of WA and many communities have experienced economic growth because of SeaTac operations, but economic growth in Burien has not kept up with other cities

WHEREAS SeaTac Airport has seen tremendous passenger growth in 2015 (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 and a 30% increase in cargo by 2034

WHEREAS passengers and cargo accessing SeaTac Airport cause significant 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 (SeaTac cumulatively is the largest single facility producing GHGs in King County) known to contribute to climate warming and 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 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,

- Thorough investigation that satisfies environmental justice requirements of the 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,
- Modification of 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 a hotel/ performing arts facility, or other investments to support Burien employers and employees to generate enhanced revenue for City of Burien operations to offset losses due to decreased property values,
- Active pursuit of transportation alternatives such as high-speed rail for short haul flights and additional airport locations as options to SeaTac expansion.

Section 3. 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 \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

CITY OF BURIEN

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Lucy Krakowiak, Mayor

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Port of Seattle Commissioners  
P.O. Box 1209  
Seattle, WA 98111

XXX, 2016

RE: Sustainable Airport Master Plan and Related Issues

Dear Commissioner Creighton,

Thank you and Port of Seattle staff for attending the April 18, 2016 Burien City Council meeting and presenting information on the Sustainable Airport Master Plan (SAMP). We also appreciate meeting with you, Commissioners Albro and Felleman, Port staff and City representatives at the Port Roundtable event on April 27, 2016. Opportunities such as these help to maintain and enhance communication and promote greater collaboration. Thank you also for sending letters on the Sound Transit 3 System Plan and for your support in recent legislative sessions for storm-water funding from the state. In important ways, Burien's and the Port's interests are in alignment regarding the need for transportation and infrastructure investments in our area, and we look forward to on-going opportunities to advocate together for these critical needs.

I am writing to convey initial comments from Burien on the SAMP and related economic and environmental issues. As you know, communities such as Burien that are located near Sea-Tac International Airport are uniquely affected, positively and negatively, by the Port's airport operations. The dramatic growth forecast in the SAMP will continue to affect our quality of life. We intend to help accentuate the positive aspects of our proximity, while urging the Port to minimize and mitigate the negative effects. These three issue areas are the most important:

1. **Economic Development.** Our city sees an opportunity for enhanced economic development planning, goals and policy development that could be tailored to and implemented in partnership with Burien and other airport communities. Such efforts would build on the Port-led Soundside Alliance Workforce Development study that was completed last year by identifying specific steps the Port and our communities could take to help retain and expand existing businesses and recruit new businesses. We appreciate comments from all three commissioners at the Roundtable that confirmed the Port's interest in this area, and we suggest that follow up conversations be scheduled soon to take next steps.

2. **Transportation and Infrastructure.** In the SAMP process, the Port should examine transportation and infrastructure needs in our city, not just on the airport site itself, to efficiently move the projected 66 million passengers and thousands of airport workers to and from the airport. Since high growth rates are happening even now, infrastructure improvements of all types (streets, highways, rail lines, bus lines and facilities, etc.) are needed sooner rather than later. We should continue to work together to compete for needed funding, and build on the success of FAA Pilot Program to develop and advocate for new or expanded federal and state programs and funding to construct high-capacity transit, highway and street improvements, and other key infrastructure. We suggest development of a complementary legislative strategy to further advance this idea.
  
3. **Environmental Issues.** We applaud the Port's national environmental leadership on energy conservation, reducing impacts from ground operations, storm-water management, and alternative fuel development. We also urge continued energetic progress on environmental issues important to airport communities such as noise and emissions. While we recognize the complexity of the national and international regulatory landscape, we want to work with the Port, FAA and other partners to reduce greenhouse gas and other emissions, noise and other impacts associated with flight operations. We urge the Port to ensure that the SAMP include specific strategies to reduce and mitigate noise and emissions impacts from Sea-Tac that directly affect lower socio-economic groups, people of color, property values and our environment. Also, we urge the Port to help prompt and facilitate the regional or state conversation on how to accommodate air traffic beyond SAMP levels at a new location. And we encourage the Port to explore high-speed rail and other modes with lower environmental impacts to address transportation demands.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. If you have questions, please contact Burien City Manager Kamuron Gurol at 206-248-5503 or [kamurong@burienwa.gov](mailto:kamurong@burienwa.gov).

Sincerely,

Lucy Krakowiak  
Mayor

CC: Port of Seattle Commissioners  
Ted Fick, Chief Executive Officer, Port of Seattle  
\_\_\_\_\_, State of Washington  
Josh Brown, Executive Director, Puget Sound Regional Council  
Burien City Councilmembers

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- 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.

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