

Des Moines acts to reduce health and noise impacts of Sea-Tac Airport

As is the case with many airports and is certainly the case in Des Moines, an urban airport impacts the jurisdictions and residences proximate to the airport in a disproportionate manner. While the operations of SeaTac Airport provide very substantive benefits for the local, regional, state and national economies; cities adjacent to SeaTac bear the brunt of disproportionate impacts. A summary of recent City action in relation to SeaTac Airport is as follows:

Legislative Involvement, Intervention and Lobbying:

- September 2016: City begins dialogue with Rep. Tina Orwall to offer City support for scientific analysis of ultra-fine particle emissions from aircraft operations.
- November 2016: City Council adopts legislative agenda which discourages expansion of SeaTac Airport and supports noise mitigation. (detailed below).
- January 19, 2017: City Council publicly endorses HR-1171 and companion bill SB 5225. (Attachment 1).
- January-Present 2017: City hires lobbyist to promote legislative agenda (detailed below). Lobbyist testifies in support of HR-1171 and SB 5225 and legislation consistent with City positions in Olympia.
- March 1, 2017: City Council commits \$25,000 to support research on emissions from aircraft operations and to show local importance of this study. (Attachment 2).
- April 7, 2017: City Council publicly endorses HR 598 in the United States House of Representatives. This bill emphasizes review of health impacts for those residents living underneath flight paths and calls for analysis of the NextGen program impacts on residents during take-offs and landings. Council also requests SeaTac Airport to be included in study. (Attachment 3 & 4).
- April 25, 2017 City of Des Moines Mayor and City Manager to testify at Port of Seattle Commission meeting regarding noise and health impacts of NextGen and increased aircraft operations at SeaTac.
- Fall, 2017: City of Des Moines will continue to provide input reflecting the concerns of our residents impacted by aircraft noise during the Environmental Impact Statement process of the SeaTac Sustainable Airport Master Plan.

Community Engagement:

- December 13, 2017: City Manager participates in large group meeting held by Rep. Orwall to discuss and support ultra-fine particle study and finding resources from the state and locally to fund the study.
- January 17, 2017: Hosted an informational briefing provided by representatives of the Puget Sound Quiet Skies group and attended by the Mayor and senior city staff.
- January-March 2017: Attempted to hold study session with representatives from FAA, Port of Seattle, and the public; however, FAA has declined to meet publicly while litigation is pending.

- March 2017: City issues Press Release on website and Facebook to inform citizens of actions City has taken to address various complaints related to impacts of airport.
- 2016-17: participated in the airport corridor safety program Open House in regard to tree removals.

Collaboration with Neighboring Jurisdictions and Government Agencies

- 2016-Present: Participating in a Mayor’s Roundtable with the Mayors and City Managers from Burien, SeaTac, Des Moines and Normandy Park, to discuss areas of mutual concern and cooperation including the impacts of SeaTac Airport.
- January, 2017: City leadership met with the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) Regional Administrator and Deputy Regional Administrator regarding impacts from the NextGen program.
- January 12, 2017: City Manager participated in SeaTac Bio-Fuels study release announcing plans to provide for aviation bio-fuels infrastructure.
- March, 2017: City senior staff meets with Port of Seattle staff to discuss the use of the \$1 million of Ecology funds.
- The City continues to advise the Port of our position in regard to the impacts of implementation of NextGen.

Des Moines City Council Adopted Legislative Agenda:

Legislative positions adopted by the Des Moines City Council at an open public meeting December 1, 2016:

- The City supports legislation establishing a state process for siting an additional major airport at a location at least 15 miles from SeaTac International Airport and other essential public facilities of a regional nature.
- The City opposes any legislation which directly or indirectly aids in the expansion of Sea-Tac International Airport or the lengthening of any of its runways.
- The City supports State tax policies that assist cities in meeting infrastructure needs for new development in airport noise impacted areas.
- The City supports expansion of the noise mitigation program to provide insulation to all buildings within the noise contours that trigger such action for single-family homes. The City supports construction of a Ground Run-up Enclosure but only if the ground run-ups hours of operation are not allowed to expand.

This list is a summary and is not exhaustive. Additional updates will be provided as the City continues to focus efforts on ensuring the health and safety of our citizens and reducing the impacts of SeaTac airport on our residents.

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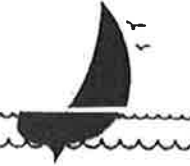
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January 19, 2017

Representative Tina Orwall
326 John L. O'Brien Building
PO Box 40600
Olympia WA 98504

Dear Representative Orwall,

The City of Des Moines would like to commend you and representatives Fitzgibbon, Gregerson, Tarleton, Pollet and Santos for introducing and sponsoring House Bill – 1171. This bill, which provides resources for a study to include the assessment and identification of options to reduce or mitigate emission of ultrafine particles coming from aircraft operations, is crucial to communities proximate to SeaTac International Airport.

Your leadership in this regard is appreciated by the City. We believe that a scientific assessment is critical to understanding the problem and can lead to appropriate actions to potentially mitigate impacts.

The City of Des Moines will assist in any way that you need, especially in regards to placement of monitoring stations or other aspects of the study. We look forward to participating on any level that would be helpful.

Sincerely,

Matt Pina
Des Moines Mayor

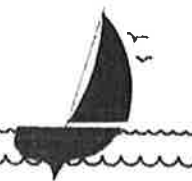
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March 1, 2017

Representative Tina Orwall
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Dear Representative Orwall:

The City of Des Moines has endorsed HR-1171, that you are sponsoring. As you know we sent an earlier letter to you endorsing this important bill which we understand is now a budget proviso. We have provided testimony in support of the bill in the House and companion bill in the Senate committees. In order to provide further support, we are recommending to the City Council of Des Moines to provide financial support up to \$25,000 for the support subject to passage of the budget proviso. This contribution is set for consideration at the March 9, 2017 City Council meeting.

We are grateful for your efforts to assure a scientific analysis of ultra-fine particle emissions that could lead to greater understanding of their impacts and that could lead to mitigation regarding potential health impacts.

Please let us know what else we can do to support this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Matt Pina
Mayor

Michael Matthias
City Manager

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cc: Senator Karen Keiser
Des Moines City Council

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April 6, 2017

Congressman Adam Smith
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The City of Des Moines requests your assistance in having SeaTac International Airport included in this study. The City is committed to enhancing quality of life for our residents and seeing appropriate mitigation of airport impacts. HR-598 is in line with the policy the City endorses of acquiring scientific data measuring impacts from documented scientific methodology that will provide the basis for identifying and implementing effective mitigation strategies. We have appreciated your support in the past and your involvement in these issues.

The wellbeing, health and safety of our residents is always of paramount concern to myself and to the City Council and we have and will continue to take proactive action to address issues related to the impacts of SeaTac Airport. We request your support for this legislation and the inclusion of SeaTac International as one of the locations in this study.

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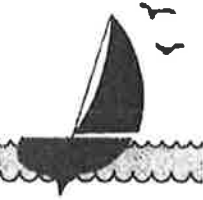
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Mayor, City of Des Moines



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