



King County Airport
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To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Georgetown neighborhood, we, the Georgetown Community Council Board, submit the following comments on King County International Airport Master Plan Update.

As the closest neighborhood to the King County International Airport, residents and businesses alike are affected by airport operations. Changes in scope to operations, airport plans and goals, or policies have significant impact to the health and vitality of those who live next door to KCIA. Which means that community involvement in decisions affecting the airport is literally a matter of life and death.

With this in mind, we ask that King County include as a part of the master plan:

Measure current and future air and noise emission and identify and implement mitigation measures. The current master plan update calls for a 300-foot runway expansion, north in Georgetown. KCIA admits that this encroachment into the residential and commercial area of Georgetown will increase noise. We ask that a mitigation and monitoring strategy be included for both air and noise. These strategies should be co-created with community and other agencies. We also for a semi-annual review, with community, of the master plan and racial equity, health, and social justice outcomes before taking on projects that lead to additional airport growth.

Conduct a thorough assessment of the environmental impact of the master plan. Ensure that KCIA examines both the impacts to community project by project AND the cumulative impacts during the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and SEPA processes for each project and develop racial equity and social justice outcomes.

Create a green canopy around the airport to improve health outcomes for impacted communities. Preserve the grove of pine trees along Ellis Ave S at the current Army Reserves facility. Work with current airport tenants to provide living, green screens across from residential use.

Include KCIA in the King County Climate Strategic Plan with target greenhouse gas emissions. Publicly document alignment with the King County Strategic Climate Action Plan and Airport Carbon Accreditation Program. Develop racial equity, health, and social justice outcomes for each KCIA strategy toward its goal of carbon neutrality.



Include Beacon Hill, Georgetown and surrounding KCIA communities in targeted local hire recruitment and targeted selection of BIPOC communities for KCIA training apprenticeships, jobs, and contracts.

Include bike pathways to help slow down the traffic and integrate the airport into the neighborhood.

Please let us know if you have questions about our comments. We look forward to continuing to build our relationship between the surrounding communities and the airport and will continue working with the responsible government entities to address our concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Greg Ramirez'.

Greg Ramirez
Chair of the GCC Board of Directors