

December 15, 2020

By Electronic Mail

King County Airport
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RE: NBAA Comments on King County Airport Master Plan

Dear Master Plan Coordinator:

The National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) is pleased to provide feedback on the King County Airport (BFI) Master Plan.

NBAA represents the interests of over 11,000 member companies that rely on general aviation (GA) aircraft to help make their businesses more efficient, productive and successful. Those members include numerous tenants and users of the King County Airport (BFI) who continue to be strongly interested in the airport's future accessibility and viability.

We recognize the county's efforts to improve safety by making changes to the runway 14R/32L Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) and in making various airfield geometry and lighting upgrades necessary to maintain the airfield in accordance with current FAA design standards. We understand that GA areas on the north side of the airfield must be eliminated as a result of the RPZ improvements. While we recognize that the airfield is space constrained, we urge the county to find ways to minimize loss of GA capacity and ensure continued accommodation for GA activities by identifying other areas on the airport to relocate facilities displaced as the result of the changes to the RPZ, and to specifically include that plan in the Master Plan.

NBAA advocates for the entire spectrum of general aviation aircraft that rely on BFI and contribute to its success. While we recognize the jobs and potential for revenue growth an additional cargo area can bring to the airport, we are concerned that other changes proposed in the Master Plan, such as transition of Southwest Air Park area to cargo, without an accompanying plan in the Master Plan to fully relocate affected tenants if such a transition occurs, will negatively impact GA users at all levels.

In closing, we applaud the county's leadership for recognizing the benefits general aviation facilities contribute to securing a robust, sustainable future for King County Airport and the safety efforts the county is planning to undertake. We believe a

successful Master Plan envisions positive change for all types of aviation activities. We ask that the county give strong consideration to find ways in the Master Plan to not only maintain current capacity to accommodate general aviation, but to also lay the foundation for enhancements.

We look forward to jointly working with the County Council, King County Airport staff, GA users and tenants and the greater community to ensure that all users can benefit from our collective efforts as part of the Master Plan program.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if NBAA can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Gertsen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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