

December 15, 2020

John Parrott, Airport Director
King County International Airport
7277 Perimeter Road South
Seattle, WA 98108

Dear Mr. Parrott;

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the King County International Airport Master Plan Update.

Washington State Department of Transportation Aviation Division (WSDOT Aviation) understands the importance of the King County International Airport (KCIA) to the state aviation system and the region. We value the role the airport fills in meeting the state and region's air transportation needs, and respect the master planning process. We also recognize and support local community level input to shape the future of the airport while allowing the process to work.

The 2017 Washington Aviation System Plan (WASP) classifies KCIA as a "Major Airport" with the primary activities of this classification being commercial service and aerospace manufacturing. WSDOT Aviation, a member of the Washington Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission (CACC), acknowledges that Washington State has capacity issues with commercial passenger service, air cargo, and general aviation aircraft storage. Commercial passenger service and air cargo demand is projected to double in the next twenty years. Thus, the CACC is working to add capacity throughout the state aviation system to accommodate future demand including general aviation storage.

For your consideration, WSDOT Aviation recommends that the Master Plan include a commitment from King County to conduct or participate in developing a plan to accommodate tenants at the airport should future projects displace them. In accordance with both state and federal grant assurances, airport sponsors are required to undertake reasonable consultation with affected parties when making decisions to commence any airport development project.

The importance of King County International Airport to the region and state's transportation system cannot be overstated. We appreciate the opportunity to offer written comments. WSDOT Aviation is available to provide technical assistance to the airport and the community. Our office is available for any questions or further discussions. Please don't hesitate to contact me at 360-709-8020 or david.fleckenstein@wsdot.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

David Fleckenstein
Director, WSDOT Aviation