

What's next for the CACC?



Studying two options

In October 2022, the Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission (CACC) made a recommendation to the Washington State Legislature that included the advancement of two options to meet the demand for commercial passenger service, air cargo, and general aviation capacity in Washington state.



Other important considerations

Emerging technology

The CACC recommends assisting airports that work to establish or increase regional commercial service based on emerging technology, such as hybrid-electric, all electric, and hydrogen propulsion aircraft.

Growth at Sea-Tac

Recommendations assume Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac) executes its Sustainable Airport Master Plan.

Our Guiding Principles



Public benefit

Considers how many people could potentially benefit from additional capacity for each potential airport location being studied.



Economic feasibility

Considers the potential economic and jobs benefits of adding capacity; during the next phase, we will identify rough order of magnitude costs for expanding or developing a new airport.



Environmental sustainability

Studies built environment and social resources, natural environment resources, and incompatible land uses; our recommendation focused on an "Airport of the Future" that would address harmful emissions and noise.



Social equity

Studies the burden on disproportionately impacted communities, impacts to people of color, and impact to households with low incomes for each potential airport location being studied.

What if we do nothing?

The CACC also studied a do-nothing alternative. The Commission recommended advancing study on the locations listed above, because the consequences of the do-nothing alternative would have significant negative impacts on Washington state residents.

Lost economic opportunity

More flight delays

Not enough seats for everyone who wants to fly

Delays and increased costs on air cargo

Pressure on existing smaller airports



Overcrowding at existing airports

More expensive tickets for air travel



Next steps

The next milestone for the CACC is to submit a final recommendation to the Legislature by June 15, 2023. Between now and then, the Commission will review a lot more technical data about each of the locations we and look for additional community input.

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