

September 5, 2018

The Honorable Mayor Jim Ferrell
City of Federal Way
33325 8th Avenue South
Federal Way, WA 98003

Dear Mayor Ferrell and City Council:

Thank you for your letter dated August 22, requesting an extension of the scoping comment period for the Sustainable Airport Master Plan (SAMP) Near-Term Projects (NTP) environmental review.

Scoping, the initial phase in this environmental review process, is a means to determine the scope and the potential impacts that will be addressed in the environmental review document. To ensure that federal, state, and local agencies, as well as interested community members, have sufficient time to provide comments during the scoping process, the Port and FAA established a 60-day scoping period. This scoping period exceeds the 21-day requirement under the State Environmental Policy Act.

As you know, we will be holding a public scoping meeting on September 17 at the Federal Way Community Center. We will also have three additional public scoping meetings in Des Moines, Seattle (Beacon Hill), and SeaTac. Your constituents are welcome to attend all of these meetings. Technical experts will be available at the scoping meetings to discuss the SAMP NTP and the resource categories that will be included in the environmental review. Attendees will have the ability to provide formal comments for the record to inform the environmental review process.

The public meetings are just one mechanism for interested parties to provide their input. Members of the public are also encouraged to access our Online Open House. The Online Open House provides the Scoping Information Packet, which includes a summary of the SAMP NTP, and will include all materials presented at the public scoping meetings. The public can provide formal comments through the Online Open House, which can be accessed at: www.SAMPNTPenvironmentalreview.org. Public comments can also be submitted via mail and email. Instructions for doing so are provided at the Online Open House.

These avenues for information and input give your constituents the means to provide informed and meaningful input on scoping. In addition, there will be opportunities to provide comments on the environmental analysis as part of the SAMP NTP environmental review. Due to the ample opportunities for review and comment, the Port and FAA will not be extending the scoping period beyond September 28, 2018.

Thank you for your interest in the SAMP NTP Environmental Review. We look forward to your participation as well as the participation of your community and agency members at the scoping meetings in September.

Sincerely,



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