



### **Seattle-Tacoma International Airport**

## **Commission Briefing**

### **FIS (Federal Inspection Services)**

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### **Presentation Outline**

- History of FIS at South Satellite
- Issues with growth and facility
- Recent projects
- Studies and long term options
- International arrival facilities at other airports
- Long-term policy question



# History of FIS at South Satellite

- Built in year 1970
- Capacity of 2 narrowbody flights at peak in 1970
- Expanded in 1980
- Capacity of 4 widebody flights at peak in 2011



Bag Claim (Circa 1970's)

Primary Immigration Inspection (Circa 1970's)



### **Growth Issue**

### Rapid growth over recent years



Delta



**Air France** 

Korean



Lufthansa



Condor



**British** 







Icelandair



Hainan



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### **Growth Issue**

### Continued strong growth anticipated



#### Arriving International Peaks Have Increased 145% since 2006

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# What is Wrong with Existing FIS?

- Antiquated 40 year old facility (needs infrastructure renewal)
- Inadequate capacity (during mid-day peak)
- Hold on-board and misconnects (costly to airlines and disruptive to passengers)
- Wrong location (double claim bags and difficult wayfinding)





## **Recent Projects at FIS**

- Increased Airport Duty Manager staffing
- Global Entry booths
- New primary inspection booths at immigration
- Bag drop monitor screens at ramp level for operational efficiency
- MII for mid-term improvements to be issued this year





# Port and Airlines Agreed Upon Studies in Q1 2010

- Slotting (to limit number of flights at peak)
- Optimizing within footprint (mid term)
- Expanding footprint of existing facility (long term airside)
- Creating new facility (long term landside)



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# HOK Study in 2007

- Four potential FIS locations were studied
- Removed two locations from consideration



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# HOK Study in 2007

### Two locations remaining were South Satellite Basement and Concourse A



South Satellite Underground

**Concourse A GT Lot** 

**Alternative 2** 



# **URS Study in 2011 – Long Term South Satellite**



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# **Pros/Cons for South Satellite**

#### Pros

Ability to phase improvements incrementally

#### Cons

- Need to double claim bags
- Underground location
- More difficult gating operation
- Difficult to construct around existing operation
- Takes 5-7 years to complete (design, permit, construction)

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# **URS Study in 2011 – Long Term Concourse A**



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# **Pros/Cons for Concourse A**

### Pros

- Avoid double claiming bags for over 70% of arriving passengers
- World class regional gateway terminal identity
- Anticipates need to expand domestic bag claim and make-up in future

#### Cons

- Less ability to phase improvements incrementally
- Takes 5-7 years to complete (design, permit, construction)



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# Key Aspects of FIS Facilities at other Airports

- Positive first impression of King County and region
- Strong identity as regional gateway
- Direct exit to ground transportation (to avoid double claiming bags)
- Easy and quick transfer to connecting flights for passengers and baggage
- All major gateways except Seattle have rebuilt, or are rebuilding, their FIS



Vancouver, BC

Los Angeles

San Francisco



# **Long-Term Policy Question**

What level of investment in FIS by Port of Seattle is appropriate for Seattle as an expanding gateway of international travel and tourism?



