August 23rd Part 150 Study at Mayors Roundtable.

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Honorable Port Commissioners

Writing as a private citizen may I suggest consideration of a different and possibly better use of funding for the Part 150 Study.

I have been following this study for some time and attended your joint meeting with the City of Federal Way. Your study group was very pessimistic regarding the feasibility, cost and placement of the hush house and aircraft noise fence at Sea-Tac. There was discussion of obtaining additional funding from the Port Commission for continuation of the study. I recall no mention of a supplemental federal grant.

I also attended your last Mayors Roundtable at Sea-Tac Airport without the Commission being present. The same pessimism concerning the feasibility was present however at the tail end of the meeting the suggestion was that an extension of the study was going to be requested from the Commission with a possible follow-up with a federal grant request. No visible noise reduction plans were presented.

The cost of the hush house would be paid for by higher ticket costs and property taxes without creation of any new benefits for the residents of the airport cities.

The Port Commission has certain funding latitude which is not available to the Cities and residents. Perhaps the Port could consider freezing future funding for Part 150 and set those funds and future funds aside for future Port related residential and business development in the Airport cities.

To continue studies with no feasible ending in sight appears to be a waste of taxpayer dollars.

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