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SENT VIA EMAIL

RE: City of Burien Review Comments for PSRC Draft Regional Transportation Plan

Dear Ms. McGourty,

The City of Burien has reviewed PSRC's Draft Regional Transportation Plan and offers the following comments.

1. Burien's primary commuter route to the Duwamish Industrial Center and to Downtown Seattle is the corridor composed of SR 509, East Marginal Way/SR 99, and /or 1st Ave S. This corridor is critical for both transit and passenger vehicles, and has operated over capacity for many years. Transit reliability is particularly impacted because there is only a short 1 mile segment of HOV lanes across the 1st Avenue S bridge(s). No HOV or BAT lanes exist at all on 1st Ave S or on East Marginal Way between SR 509 and Spokane St. There are no HOV lanes on SR 509 south of the Cloverdale St interchange. When the SR 509 extension to I-5 (project ID 1613) opens in 2030, corridor capacity will be further degraded.

Burien notes with dismay that there are no capacity improvement projects listed in Appendix G except project ID 5635, SODO Area ITS. This City of Seattle project is described as a freight mobility project, unlikely to benefit commuter throughput. If this is a Regional Transportation Plan, then it needs to include cross-jurisdictional projects to address the mass movement of Burien and vicinity commuters into and out of Seattle.

2. Burien is resubmitting for PSRC's consideration, City Council Resolution No. 396. Burien believes the Final Regional Transportation Plan should address the region's long-term aviation capacity needs. This effort will serve the purposes of both future economic development and reduction of health-related impacts for communities proximate to airport facilities. Given the economic activity generated by the region's airports, and the surface transportation needed to access and service these facilities, their absence from the final

Plan is a serious omission. Please see the attached document for the full text of Resolution 396.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Assistant Public works Director

Attachment: City of Burien Resolution 396

Cc: Brian J. Wilson, City Manager
Maiya Andrews, P.E., Public Works Director
Chip Davis, Community Development Director

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 396

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON,
REQUESTING THE KING COUNTY COUNCIL, THE PUGET SOUND
REGIONAL COUNCIL, THE STATE LEGISLATURE, AND THE
GOVERNOR’S OFFICE TO TAKE ACTION TO ADDRESS LONG-
TERM AVIATION CAPACITY NEEDS IN WESTERN WASHINGTON.**

WHEREAS, the City of Burien (“City”) is a community adjacent to Sea-Tac Airport; and

WHEREAS, the City has experienced considerable and disproportionate health and environmental impacts due to proximity to Sea-Tac Airport (“Sea-Tac”); and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that Sea-Tac is an engine for economic growth for the region; and

WHEREAS, the City has formed the Burien Airport Committee (“BAC”) to examine potential opportunities and impacts associated with Sea-Tac; and

WHEREAS, the BAC has examined Sea-Tac growth (average 9% annual rate from 2013-2016) and believes that the expected timeframe for Sea-Tac to exceed capacity is likely to be by 2025 and not 2034 as outlined in the Sea-Tac Sustainable Airport Master Plan (SAMP); and

WHEREAS, since 1989, various governmental agencies tasked by state statute with planning and decision-making related to ensuring future aviation and airspace capacity have failed to identify or promote any alternatives;¹ and

WHEREAS, the financial costs and environmental impacts of continued expansion at Sea-Tac are not sustainable; and

WHEREAS, the SeaTac footprint, transportation infrastructure, and air space capacity will constrain future growth and compromise safety; and

¹ Puget Sound Air Transportation Committee, “Flight Plan,” June 17, 1992 (see: <http://www.historylink.org/File/4201>); Puget Sound Regional Council, “PSRC Supplemental Airport Site Search,” October 27, 1994 (see: <http://www.historylink.org/File/4204>); Washington State Department of Transportation, “Washington State Long-Term Air Transportation Study” (LATS), July 1, 2009 (see: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/LATS.htm>); Washington Department of Transportation, Washington Aviation Strategic Plan (WASP), July 2017 (see: <https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/Planning/>)

WHEREAS, various other airports exist within the greater Puget Sound and Western Washington region that could potentially accommodate some aviation growth, and that coordination among these facilities is limited; and

WHEREAS, the BAC believes that immediate action is needed to coordinate plans for long-term aviation capacity for the greater Puget Sound and Western Washington region to ensure the ability to accommodate anticipated growth and to minimize further impacts on Burien and adjacent communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Action Requested. The City Council of the City of Burien herein requests that the King County Council, the Puget Sound Regional Council, the State Legislature, and the Governor's Office take deliberate action to fund and implement the means to cooperatively update an existing or, as needed, develop a new plan that will address the region's long-term aviation capacity needs. This effort will serve the purposes of both future economic development and reduction of health-related impacts for communities proximate to airport facilities. To address capacity needs, this effort must be launched as soon as possible.

Section 2. Burien's Cooperation. The Burien City Council is willing to assist or participate with the effort outlined in Section 1 as necessary.

Section 3: Responses Requested. The Burien City Council requests that the entities named in Section 1 respond to the Council of their intended actions no later than sixty days from receipt of this resolution.

Section 4. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Burien City Council.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF THIS 4TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2017.

CITY OF BURIEN
/s/ Lucy Krakowiak, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:
/s/ Monica Lusk, City Clerk

Approved as to form:
/s/ Lisa Marshall, City Attorney

Filed with the City Clerk: December 4, 2017
Passed by the City Council: December 4, 2017
Resolution No. 396

Copies to be distributed to:

- The Honorable Joe McDermott, Chair, King County Council
- Josh Brown, Executive Director, Puget Sound Regional Council
- The Honorable Joe Fitzgibbon, Washington State Legislature
- The Honorable Tina Orwell, Washington State Legislature
- The Honorable Mia Gregerson, Washington State Legislature
- The Honorable Karen Keiser, Washington State Legislature
- The Honorable Jay Inslee, Washington Governor