Population Surge in Puget Sound

4.1 million people in the region (King, Pierce, Snohomish and Kitsap counties)

- 354,000 people have moved to the region over the past 5 years.
Regional Job Growth Remains Strong

2.2 million jobs in the region

- Job growth rebounded in 2018.
- 285,000 jobs created over the past 5 years.

Data Source: https://fortress.wa.gov/esd/employmentdata/docs/economic-reports/wa-historical-employment-seasonally-adjusted.xlsx
Sea-Tac Airport Data

- **32.8m passengers** in 2018
- **49.8m passengers** (up 52%)
- **314k operations** in 2018
- **438k operations** (up 39%)
Between 2010 and 2017, Sea-Tac Airport passenger volumes have grown faster than any other large airport in the country.

- Passenger volumes have grown by more than 47% since 2010.
Getting Ready for 2050

- 5.8m people
- 3.4m jobs
Current Regional Policy

- Region should maximize aviation capacity within the existing regional airport system before constructing new airports.

- State will play a lead role in addressing aviation capacity needs and place a priority on funding and planning the state’s air transportation system.

- When additional capacity is forecast to be needed, and no feasible airport capacity is available in the region, the state will take the lead role in addressing capacity needs, including by funding a site selection study for the placement of new airport(s) if no sponsor is available.
Regional Aviation Baseline Study

• Identify the roles of each airport and the aviation activities within the study area based on existing planning efforts.

• Provide a regional perspective on how aviation activities at airports in the study area interact with each other, the community and the broader economy.

• Obtain input from stakeholders about their needs and build a common understanding about aviation and airspace constraints.

• Identify future aviation needs within central Puget Sound Region and set the stage for future planning.
29 Regional Airports
Regional Airports Include...

Renton
Boeing Field
Paine Field
Sea-Tac
Auburn
Regional Airports Include...

- Arlington
- Bremerton
- McChord Field
- Tacoma Narrows
- Thun Field
Study Phases

Airport & Aviation Activity Analysis (Summer 2019)
- Existing conditions & constraints
- Market trends & forecasts
- Economic analysis

Future Aviation Issues Analysis (Fall 2019)
- Future landside & airside capacity needs
- Analysis by activity and by airport
- Major challenges

Scenarios Definition and Evaluation (Spring 2020)
- Identify and analyze scenarios
- Identify potential next steps

Project Completion (Fall 2020)
- Public & stakeholder briefings
- Public comment
- Finalize report
Thank you

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