



**AGENDA  
DES MOINES AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

**City Council Chambers  
21630 11th Avenue S, Suite C  
Des Moines, Washington  
Monday, January 12, 2026 - 4:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- Item 1. **Approval of Minutes**  
**Motion:** "I move to approve the minutes from the Airport Advisory Committee meeting held on December 08, 2025."
- Item 2. **Airport Advisory Committee Workplan**  
**Motion:** "I move to approve the Airport Advisory Committee Workplan as presented."
- Item 3. **Complaints/Communications**
- Item 4. **Sea-Tac Stakeholder Advisory Round Table (StART) Meeting Update**
- Item 5. **Sustainable Airport Master Plan (SAMP) Update**

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

February 09, 2026

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Airport Advisory Committee  
AGENDA ITEM**

BUSINESS OF THE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
City of Des Moines, WA

**SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. December 08, 2025 Airport Advisory Committee Minutes

**FOR AGENDA OF:**

January 12, 2026

**DEPT OF ORIGIN:**

Administration

**DATE SUBMITTED:**

December 30, 2025

**CLEARANCES:**

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**Purpose and Recommendation**

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Committee to review the minutes from the December 08, 2025, Airport Advisory Committee Meeting.

**Suggested Motion:**

**Motion:** "I move to approve the minutes from the Airport Advisory Committee meeting held on December 08, 2025."

**Background**

The City Clerk's Office has prepared action-format meeting minutes for City Council's consideration.

**Discussion**

**Alternatives**

The Committee may make corrections to errors and approve the meeting minutes as amended.

**Financial Impact**

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Committee approve the meeting minutes as presented.

## MINUTES

### DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE City Council Chambers

Monday, December 8, 2025 - 4:00 PM

## CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Joe Dusenbury called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

### Committee Present:

Joe Dusenbury; Steve Reagin; Todd Downing; Barton DeLacy; and Jeffrey Bogen

### Staff Present:

Community Development Director Rebecca Deming; Senior Planner Jason Woycke; and Administrative Coordinator Laura Hopp

## AGENDA

- Item 1: APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2025 AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

### Direction/Action

**Motion:** made by Barton DeLacy to approve the November 10, 2025 Airport Committee Meeting Minutes; seconded by Steve Reagin. Motion passed 5-0.

- Item 2: SEA STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY ROUND TABLE MEETING (StART) UPDATE
- Committee Chair Joe Dusenbury notified the Committee of the StART general meeting scheduled on Wednesday, December 10, 2025.
- Item 3: SUSTAINABLE MASTER PLAN (SAMP) UPDATE
- Community Development Director Rebecca Deming shared documents on the SAMP.
- Item 4: COMPLAINTS/COMMUNICATIONS
- The Committee reviewed the form letter in response to airport complaints that are received.

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December 8, 2025

Item 5: COMMITTEE WORKPLAN/FORMAT

- The Committee discussed the workplan and suggested edits.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

**Airport Advisory Committee  
AGENDA ITEM**

BUSINESS OF THE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
City of Des Moines, WA

**SUBJECT: Airport Advisory Committee Workplan**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Airport Committee Workplan
2. DRAFT Council Presentation

**FOR AGENDA OF:**

January 12, 2026

**DEPT OF ORIGIN:**

Community Development

**DATE SUBMITTED:**

December 31, 2025

**CLEARANCES:**

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**Purpose and Recommendation**

Review the Airport Advisory Committee Workplan and approve it for Council consideration.

**Suggested Motion:**

**Motion:** "I move to approve the Airport Advisory Committee Workplan as presented."

**Background**

The Committee has worked on the Workplan and discussed it at the December meeting.

**Discussion**

The Workplan is the product of work by the Airport Advisory Committee and, after approval by the Committee, will be presented to City Council for review and approval.

**Alternatives**

1. Approve as presented
2. Approve with modifications
3. Continue to a future meeting

**Financial Impact**

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends approval as submitted.

## Work Plan

1. We recognize that a healthy environment is essential to the quality of life in Des Moines. To ensure that we have a healthy environment the Committee will advocate for: \

- Expansion of the air quality monitoring system and formalizing an arrangement for permanent funding, control, and management of the system.
- An appropriate level of funding for the ongoing study of the data collected by the air quality monitoring system.
- The addition of a nationally recognized toxicologist(s) to the team responding to the Port's Sustainable Airport Master Plan (SAMP)

2. The Airport's Part 150 Study is occurring concurrent with the SEPA for the SAMP. The Part 150 Study will determine changes to the area impacted by the sound from the Airport's operations and recommend mitigation measures in three areas, operations, sound insulation, and zoning/compatible uses. The Committee believes that the result of the 150 Study will shift the burden of mitigating the noise impacts to the surrounding communities by de-emphasizing sound insulation packages and recommending significant changes to land use designations. The Committee will;

- Start discussions in the city about how this will impact us.
- Research mitigation measures that do not include sound insulation such as the use of eminent domain to purchase and transition affected properties to uses that can tolerate higher noise volumes

3. The Committee is concerned that the only significant impacts noted in the NEPA are impacts on traffic. Final decision lists 10 intersections that will have "Category 1 Impacts" and none of the intersections are in Des Moines. The Committee will advocate for a more comprehensive traffic analysis in the SEPA process that includes impacts from WSDOT's completed HWY 509 project.

4. The Committee believes that the projected increased operations at the Airport over the next 7 to 12 years will be at least as impactful as the 3<sup>rd</sup> runway and even more so. Towards the middle of 2026, when our citizens are more aware of the full scope of the SAMP, the Committee would like to develop a community survey to determine where the community is in terms of awareness. This will provide the Committee with an opportunity to adjust our outreach efforts.

## AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### COUNCIL PRESENTATION

January 22, 2025

#### Introduction

We are here tonight to update the Council on the Committee's activities to-date and to submit a proposed work plan for the Council's consideration.

#### Activities to-Date

To-date, the Committee has met six times. In addition to developing the work plan we are presenting tonight the Committee has:

- developed a process for responding to citizens' complaints about airplane noise.
- Discussed adding legal counsel to the team that our city and the cities of Burien and SeaTac are forming to respond to the SAMP's SEPA & NEPA and sent a memo to the Council affirming the Committee's support for the addition.
- Discussed the Port's state legislative priorities and recommended and communicated to the Council, the Committee's recommendation that our representatives to StART vote no or abstain when the Port asked for the StART's approval.

#### Proposed Work Plan

There are four main elements of the Committee's proposed work plan but first, here are some assumptions regarding the scope and execution of the plan.

- The time period we are planning for is about one year. The SEPA for the Airport's Sustainable Master Plan is scheduled to be released in early 2027 so the focus in 2026 will be the SAMP.
- The Committee will have monthly, regularly scheduled meetings here at City Hall open to the public. The meeting agendas will typically include a review & discussion of information presented to the full StART and the two Working Groups and an update on airport related complaints received from our citizens.
- *The Committee would like to develop a survey to send out to residents of the city. This survey would be most effective if conducted in late summer or early fall when information about the Port's SAMP becomes more widely available.*
- Currently the Committee is planning at least one of the regular meetings to be in a larger venue like the Activity Center. Again, this meeting should be later in the year

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  - Support the City, as needed, in public education efforts regarding the impacts of the airport on the Des Moines Community. Start discussions in the city about how this will impact us.
  - Research mitigation measures that do not include sound insulation such as the use of eminent domain to purchase and transition affected properties to uses that can tolerate higher noise volumes and make additional mitigation recommendations.
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As mentioned at the beginning of this presentation, the Committee feels that the decisions made in the next 12 to 14 months will lock our city into present *and future* impacts from the Airports operations. *The next opportunity to influence decisions about our future will not occur until 2037.* Through this proposed work plan and other activities made necessary by unfolding events, the Committee will endeavor to advance the interests of our community.

## SUMMARY OF StART MEETINGS

### December 17<sup>th</sup> Full StART Meeting

- Presentation on the “Roundtable of Roundtables”  
Maria Becce, Chairperson  
LaGuardia Airport Committee  
Arron Toffler, Executive Director  
Massport Community Advisory Committee
- Presentation on the Instrument Flight Procedures Gateway

### January 5<sup>th</sup> Policy Working Group Meeting

- Legislative Day at Olympia on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>
- SB5652 being rewritten
  
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> D.C. Fly-in
- Secondary Noise Insulation Program at SeaTac – Sec. 8801, Defense Authorization Act. (pg. 3068)

First DRAFT Proviso language Hemstad 1.5.26)

- \$1.5 million to the Department of Commerce to oversee a study on the economic and health impacts on the communities adjacent to Sea-Tac Airport from ongoing airport expansion. The Department of Commerce can outsource this study to appropriate experts. If UW does not pursue this contract, information that UW has gathered should be used in some of the analysis as appropriate. The cities adjacent to Sea-Tac airport will put together the parameters of this study and work with Commerce in overseeing the study.

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