

December 5, 2016

Tom Barnett  
Principal Economic Development Officer  
Snohomish County PDS  
3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S 604  
Everett, WA 98201

Re: File No. 16-109244 LDA: Proposal to Construct Passenger Facilities at Snohomish County Airport – Paine Field (SCA-PA)

Dear Mr. Barnett:

I am the Chief Operating Officer for Propeller Airports, LLC. In that capacity, I am authorized to speak on its behalf for the Paine Field application.

Propeller Airports respects the right of concerned citizens to comment. It takes seriously its responsibility to respond to comments and questions on the Paine Field Proposal. The State Environmental Policy Act Handbook, page 69, (“the SEPA Handbook”) correctly notes the SEPA comment process is an excellent vehicle to provide information on a project and input on possible mitigation.

This letter responds to June 12, 2016 comments provided by Joe A. Kunzler principally concerning traffic mitigation and transit integration related to the Paine Field Proposal.

### **Traffic Mitigation**

The Gibson 2016 Traffic Impact Analysis included in the original SEPA submission has been and updated as part of this SEPA process.

Traffic mitigation fees have been previously addressed and submitted as part of the original SEPA submission. (*See page 18, Section 14, f*)

Vehicle traffic impacts of the proposed terminal would be mitigated based on the payment of established traffic mitigation fees for Snohomish County and the surrounding jurisdictions based on the volume of projected traffic. This would include fees to Snohomish County, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the City of Mukilteo. These traffic mitigation fees will help fund roadway improvements identified by Snohomish County and the surrounding jurisdictions.

By implementing commercial service at Paine Field, many vehicles that would otherwise be traveling to Seattle Tacoma International Airport will be removed from the I5 corridor reducing traffic and carbon emissions.

### **Transit Integration**

As part of our project, we have made bus stop access to the terminal available should local transit services desire to service it. Multiple bus stops currently exists on and near (within ¼ mile) of the airport for public transportation.

Previously addressed in the SEPA submission, WSDOT ferry to Clinton on Whidbey Island and Sound Transit's Sounder commuter rail to Edmonds, Everett and Seattle are located less than 5 miles from the proposed project site and accessible via Everett and Sound Transit bus lines. (See page 17, Section 14, e)

Thank you for your kind attention to these comments.

Very truly yours,

PROPELLER AIRPORTS, LLC



Mark Reichin  
Chief Operating Officer