

## Alternatives to a new airport

We need mass transit to divert air traffic and thus reduce the need for more airport space. The need for a new airport is based exclusively on the assumption of an increase in demand of 2%. This 2% gets used as a normative standard and becomes a fixed goal.

A new greenfield airport is a boondoggle. If you review the tables of flights arriving/departing our premier airport, Sea-Tac, you'll find some of the same airport codes over and over again: Vancouver (YVR), Portland (PDX), Spokane (GEG), Boise (BOI), San Francisco (SFO), San Jose (SJC), Sacramento (SMF). These short-hop flights can be replaced with high speed trains.

The Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission (CACC) must figure out how to rescale and sort air travel and cargo demand.

I'm calling on our officials to implement mass transit to divert air traffic to reduce the need for more airport space and to help our environment.

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