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Paine Field passenger service would provide convenience, create jobs
Imagine driving 15 minutes instead of two hours to catch a flight, group says

Passenger air service at Paine Field would create jobs, support aviation-related businesses and tourism, and offer welcome relief from traffic to travelers residing north of King County, according to a diverse group of citizens organized to support passenger air service at the airport.

“We have one of the finest airports in the Pacific Northwest right here in Snohomish County and yet we have to endure up to three hours of traffic to get to and from Sea-Tac,” said Greg Tisdel, co-chair of the Citizens Right To Fly From Paine Field Committee.

“Even with about 400 take offs and landings a day, Paine Field has plenty of capacity to handle a few daily passenger flights,” he said. “It would offer tremendous benefits to the traveling public with only minimal impacts.”

Todd Brunner, co-chair of the group, added:

“Sea-Tac is getting further and further away from Snohomish County every year. Travel on Interstate 5 is going to be more challenging in the future as our region’s population grows and as highway construction – on the Viaduct and SR 520 – disrupts traffic.”

“Passenger service at Paine Field would save gasoline, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and ease traffic congestion on I-5.”

Passenger service at Paine Field would be compatible with existing airport users, would provide new business to aviation companies, boost tourism, and help keep and attract the manufacturing companies that provide well-paying jobs, Tisdel and Brunner said.

Citizens Right to Fly From Paine Field is attracting individual and organization supporters and plans and extensive outreach effort to enlist supporters.

Tisel explained, “Our aim is to demonstrate that there is broad-based support throughout Snohomish County for passenger air service at our airport.”

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