

# Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission

The CACC was created due to concerns that Washington’s airports, including Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, will soon reach capacity. The CACC's charge is to provide a recommendation by June 15, 2023, for a single preferred location for an airport to meet the forecast demand for commercial passenger service, air cargo, and general aviation. The Commission may also provide additional recommendations to benefit the aviation system.

## Phase 1 recap

The Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission (CACC) completed Phase 1 of its work in February 2022. In the Phase 1 report, the CACC provided a list of six airport locations with potential to meet some of the demand for air cargo, commercial passenger service or general aviation.

- Arlington Municipal Airport: Potential for additional general aviation capacity
- Bremerton National Airport: Potential for additional air cargo and general aviation capacity
- Snohomish County (Paine Field) Airport: Potential for additional commercial passenger service and air cargo capacity
- Sanderson Field: Potential for additional general aviation capacity
- Ed Carlson Memorial Field – South Lewis County Airport: Potential for additional general aviation capacity
- Tacoma Narrows Airport: Potential for additional general aviation capacity

[The full Phase 1 report is available on our website.](#)

During Phase 2, the CACC will add additional airports and/or undeveloped sites that could be home to a new airport facility that will be identified through the State’s ongoing Aviation System Plan update.

## Community engagement during Phase 1

In 2021, to generate awareness of the CACC’s work and collective input, we:

- Conducted a statistically-representative, random-sample survey of residents in King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, and Thurston counties
- [Hosted an online open house](#) in 13 languages from September through December 2021
- Convened the first meeting of our Community Based Organization Working Group
- Held six Commission meetings and 20 webinars focused on the Commission's guiding principles, including topics such as emerging aeronautics, environmental responsibility, airport development cost, and funding options



## What we heard

We heard consistent feedback from survey respondents and users of the online open house: Aviation is important to the economy and quality of life in the region and it's critical that we find ways to meet demand. The environmental impact is a major factor and expanding aviation capacity should be done in a way that is environmentally responsible. Respondents also indicated that expansion should be economically responsible, but they consider it to be a lower priority than the environment.

## During 2022 and early 2023, you can expect:

- Ongoing CACC meetings and webinars; these are open to the public and dates will be posted in advance on our website
- Ongoing meetings of the Community-Based Organization Working Group; if you are part of a CBO that would like to participate, please reach out to us for more information
- Project email list correspondence throughout the year; you can sign up for project emails [on our website](#)
- An online open house and virtual public meeting in late summer 2022

By October 2022, the CACC will narrow the list of six sites to two options with potential to address the aviation capacity need and will make its final recommendations by June 2023.



The poster features a light green background with a silhouette of an airport terminal. The main headline reads "Help us shape the future of aviation in Washington!". Below this, there is a paragraph explaining that as the Puget Sound region grows, demand for air travel is increasing, and existing facilities are becoming full. It introduces the Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission (CACC) as a plan to address capacity and future needs. A QR code is provided for more information. The poster also includes a small image of an airport tarmac with several aircraft. At the bottom, it lists contact information for questions: cacc@wsdot.wa.gov.

Poster with information about the online open house.

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