Policy Statement for King County International Airport Carbon Accreditation Program

Climate change is predicted to have long-term consequences for the economy, the environment, and public health and safety in King County. King County International Airport is pursuing accreditation through the Airport Carbon Accreditation Program as one of many actions to fight climate change and support King County's Strategic Climate Action Plan. King County International Airport is the first General Aviation airport in Washington State to join the global effort. This accreditation is the only airport-specific, internationally recognized carbon management standard.

The Strategic Climate Action Plan includes quantifiable county-wide goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG). Participation in the Airport Carbon Accreditation Program supports these reduction goals by identifying GHG emissions specific to King County International Airport and developing a plan to manage and reduce emissions from these sources.

The airport achieved Level 1 accreditation in September 2021 and successfully upgraded to Level 2 accreditation in June 2023, exhibiting emissions reductions for Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions sources. The airport is currently pursuing Level 3 accreditation, where the airport will report on Scope 3 GHG emissions sources and continue to engage with airport stakeholders. The airport will subsequently pursue the next level of accreditation, pursuing additional emissions reductions through the implementation of effective carbon management procedures to ultimately achieve carbon neutrality.

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