2026

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION PLAN

King County
International Airport
Boeing Field

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

AC: Advisory Circular

ACAP: Airport Carbon Accreditation Program

ARFF: Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting

CAA: Civil Aeronautics Administration

CAB: Civil Aeronautics Board

CIP: Capital Improvement Project

CFR: Code of Federal Regulations

FAA: Federal Aviation Administration

FOD: Foreign Object Debris

GA: General Aviation

KCIA: King County International Airport

NOTAMs: Notice to Air Missions

NPIAS: National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems

PIO: Public Information Officer

SEA: Seattle - Tacoma International Airport

UNICOM: Universal Communications

VFR: Visual Flight Rules

About the Airport

In 1928,voters living in King County approved a $950,000 plan to build the region's first municipal airport.

The King County International Airport Boeing Field (KCIA) began its operations in 1928. KCIA served as Seattle's main passenger airport from 1928 until 1944, when the Seattle - Tacoma International Airport (SEA) opened.

King County International Airport-Boeing Field (KCIA) is owned by King County and managed by the county's Department of Executive Services. It's **one of the busiest general aviation airports in the U.S.**

The airport is located four miles south of downtown Seattle and is home to various Boeing Company operations and the Museum of Flight. KCIA serves small commercial passenger airlines, cargo carriers, private pilots, corporate jets, helicopters, and military aircraft. The airport averages 180,000 aircraft takeoffs and landings each year.

The airport receives **no general tax dollars.** It's financed by rents, fees, and some Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) resources.

KCIA supports **$3.5 billion** in local businesses, which supports more than 16,000 jobs. This creates $2 billion in labor income for King County. The airport has a wide variety of tenants, and these 150+ tenants support more than 5,000 jobs in the regional economy. The airport is also home to three fixed-base operators (Modern Aviation, Signature Flight Support, and Skyservice) and several small airlines.

Airport Leadership:

John Parrott, AAE - Director
David Decoteau, AAE, USAP - Deputy Director

Airport Boundary Map

A portion of the airport is located in the city of Tukwila, and the other portion is located in the city of Seattle.

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Community Demographics

Population of communities around the airport

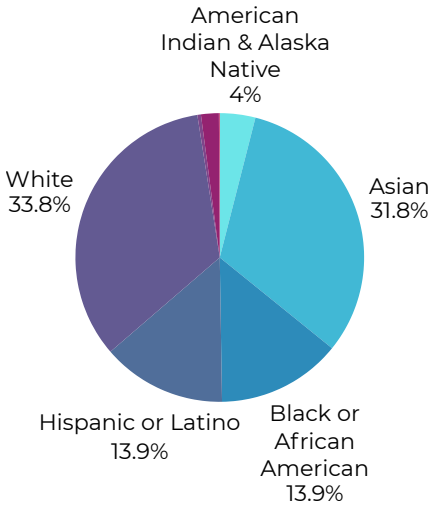
Communities	Population
Allentown, WA	**1,730**
Beacon Hill, WA	**39,500**
Georgetown, WA	**1,680**
SeaTac, WA	**33,000**
South Park, WA	**4,000**
Tukwila, WA	**23,000**
White Center, WA	**20,200**

Community Demographics

A diverse community demographic is crucial as it encourages inclusivity and promotes a sense of belonging.

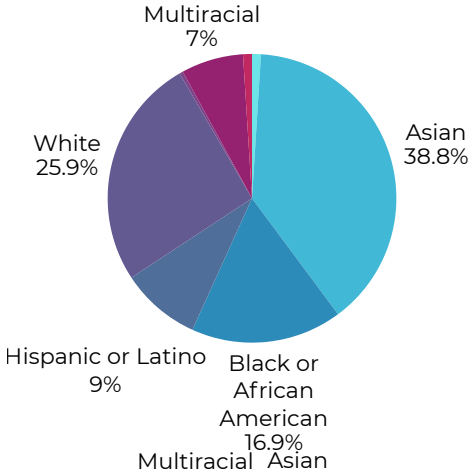
Racial Demographics in Allentown

- American Indian & Alaska Native: 4%
- Asian: 32%
- Black or African American: 14%
- Hispanic or Latino: 14%
- Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander: 0.1%
- White: 34%
- Multiracial: 2%
- Another Race: 0.4%



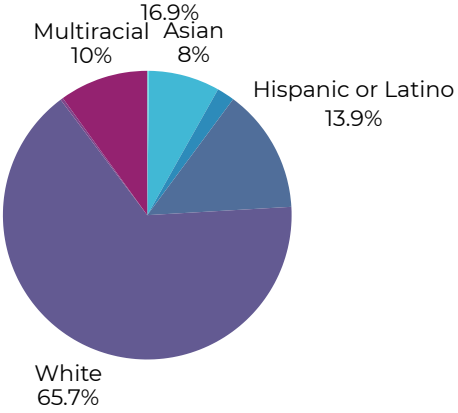
Racial Demographics in Beacon Hill

- American Indian & Alaska Native: 1%
- Asian: 39%
- Black or African American: 17%
- Hispanic or Latino: 9%
- Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander: 1%
- White: 26%
- Multiracial: 7%
- Another Race: 0.4%



Racial Demographics in Georgetown

- American Indian & Alaska Native: 0.2%
- Asian: 8%
- Black or African American: 2%
- Hispanic or Latino: 14%
- Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander: 0%
- White: 66%
- Multiracial: 10%
- Another Race: 0%



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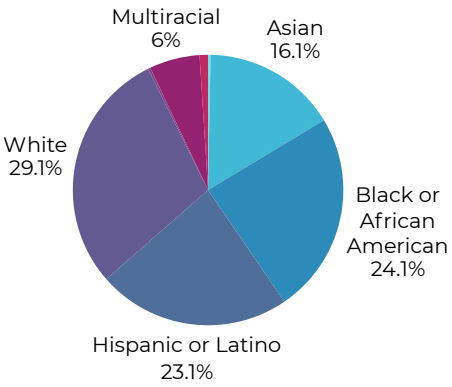
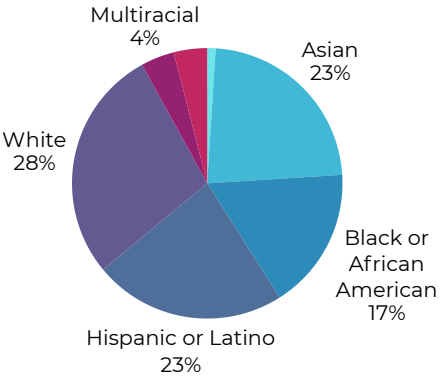
Racial Demographics in SeaTac

- American Indian & Alaska Native: 0.3%
- Asian: 16%
- Black or African American: 24%
- Hispanic or Latino: 23%
- Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander: 1%
- White: 29
- Multiracial: 6%
- Another Race: 0.3%



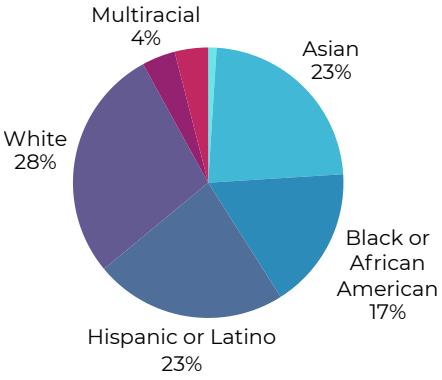
Racial Demographics in South Park

- American Indian & Alaska Native: 1%
- Asian: 24%
- Black or African American: 11%
- Hispanic or Latino: 23%
- Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander: 0.2%
- White: 34%
- Multiracial: 5%
- Another Race: 1%



Racial Demographics in Tukwila

- American Indian & Alaska Native: 1%
- Asian: 23%
- Black or African American: 17%
- Hispanic or Latino: 23%
- Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander: 4%
- White: 28%
- Multiracial: 4%
- Another Race: 0%



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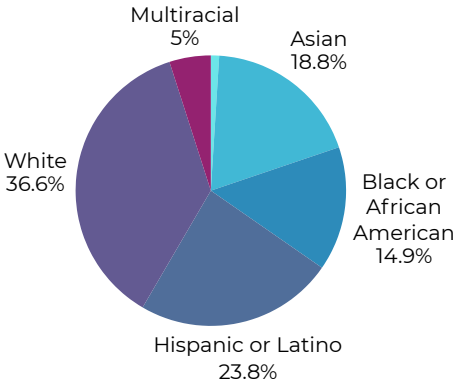
Racial Demographics in White Center

- American Indian & Alaska Native: 1%
- Asian: 19%
- Black or African American: 15%
- Hispanic or Latino: 24%
- Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander: 0.5%
- White: 37%
- Multiracial: 5%
- Another Race: 1%



Languages Spoken Around KCIA

(after English)

- Spanish
- Vietnamese
- Chinese
- Tagalog
- Amharic
- Arabic
- Khmer
- French
- Japanese
- Korean

Recognizing the diversity of languages in our communities promotes cultural inclusivity and enables effective communication with a wider range of community members.

Community Collaboration Plan Objectives

KCIA aims to facilitate effective communication between the airport and the communities it serves.

Enhancing Communication: KCIA wants to facilitate effective and transparent communication between the airport and its surrounding diverse communities. Our goal is to ensure that important information that impacts our communities is relayed.

Addressing Community Concerns: The airport wants to identify concerns and issues raised by our local communities such as noise, environmental impacts, and safety matters.

Building Trust and Relationships: The airport wants to foster a positive relationship with communities and interested parties around the airport in order to promote trust, collaboration, and a mutual understanding.

Seeking Community Input: KCIA aims to involve the community in the decision making around our capital project planning and design processes when applicable.

Promoting Transparency: KCIA strives to provide accessible and understandable information about our airport projects and initiatives to our communities.

Mitigating Impacts: The airport wants to work collaboratively with our communities and agencies to minimize impacts of our airport operations.

The objectives of our Community Collaboration Plan aim to foster an inclusive and cooperative relationship between the airport and the surrounding communities. KCIA will review and update the plan as needed, and if you have any suggestions regarding the plan, you can email us at **KCIACommunityOutreach@kingcounty.gov.**

Community Engagement at KCIA

Different ways to get involved.

Airport Roundtable Advisory Committee: The Roundtable is an advisory board that makes recommendations to the airport's administrators, the King County Executive, and the King County Council. Its membership includes representatives of aviation-related businesses and communities interested in airport issues. These meetings are open to the public and have a public comment period as part of the agenda. To register for these meetings, please follow the **link.**

Project-Specific Meetings: The airport plays a vital role in these communities, so we always want to inform community members about large airport projects. You can also use this **link** to let us know of future project-specific meetings.

Project Working Groups: KCIA utilizes working groups for specific capital projects around the airport. Project working groups are comprised of community members, and they are selected from the list of community members who have signed up through our **community engagement sign-up form**.

Plane Talk Newsletter: Stay up to date with events and projects at the airport. The airport sends out a newsletter on the first Friday of each month. This is a great way to stay informed about what's happening at the airport. You can register for the newsletter at the following **link**.

Community Events: In addition to attending local community events, KCIA staff host annual events to engage with community members such as Airport Way Cleanup and the Airport Community Day also known as Foreign Object Debris (FOD) Walk.

*If you would like KCIA to attend any community events, please email us at **KCIACommunityOutreach@kingcounty.gov**.*

King County Community Engagement Continuum

KCIA follows King County's 2025 Community Engagement Guide and determines where every project will fall on the community engagement continuum below during the *pre-planning* stage of the process.

Due to the heavily regulated nature of airports, most airport projects fall within **County Informs, Outreach, Consults,** or **Engages** on the continuum. These projects will either be briefed to the Round Table or specific public meetings held depending on the total dollar value and type of project.

When projects fall in **Co-Create** or **Direct Services**, the airport develops community and tenant working groups for the projects. For these projects, the airport works to establish a charter for the project with the community and tenants who want to be more heavily involved.

County Informs	Outreach	Consults	Engages	Co-Create	Direct Services
Sharing information with the community	Actively seeking community input and participation	Seeking feedback and opinions from the community	Collaborating with the community in decision-making processes	Developing solutions and projects in partnership with the community	Providing services directly to community members
• Primarily one-way communication • One interaction • Term-limited to event • Addresses immediate need of county and community	• Primarily one-way communication • Opportunity for feedback, but limited • Community can join or volunteer in outreach strategies	• Primarily one-way communication • One to multiple interactions • Short to medium-term • Shapes and informs county programs	• Two-way communication • Multiple interactions • Medium to long-term • Advance solutions to complex problems	• Two-way communication • Multiple interactions • Medium to long-term • Advance solutions to complex problems	• Two-way communication • Multiple interactions • Medium to long-term • Advance solutions to complex problems
Media releases, brochures, pamphlets, outreach to vulnerable populations, ethnic media contacts, translated information, staff outreach to residents, new and social media	Tabling event, job fair, MLK day event, recruitment messaging to community	Focus groups, interviews, community surveys	Forums, advisory boards, stakeholder involvement, coalitions, policy development and advocacy, including legislative briefings and testimony, workshops, community-wide events	Co-led community meetings, advisory boards, coalitions, and partnerships, policy development and advocacy, including legislative briefings and testimony	Community-led planning efforts, community-hosted forums, collaborative partnerships, coalitions, policy development and advocacy including legislative briefings and testimony

KCIA Standard Project Development

Phases of an Airport Capital Project

Pre-Planning: The major goal of this stage of project development is to determine if a conceptual project idea becomes viable and authorized. Pre-planning starts when a project is identified and ends when that project is added to the approved Biennium Budget. There are 5 steps to completing this phase.

1. **Project Idea:** A project idea is submitted with a high-level scope of work and budget estimate. Each project will be evaluated by airport leadership to determine if the project should move forward to being a part of the airport Capital Improvement List.

2. **Project Idea Approved**: Airport Leadership Approves a project and ranks it against other priorities on the airport's capital improvement list. Just because a project makes it on the list does not guarantee that it will be funded or constructed. As part of the approval process, an initial determination will be made on where the project falls on the community engagement continuum.

3. **Agency Proposed Budget**: The Airport Leadership Team moves projects from the CIP Proposed Project List Into the proposed budget to be funded as a CIP Project.

4. **Executive Proposed Budget**: The County Executive reviews and submits the whole County budget to the County Council for approval.

5. **Council Adopted Budget**: Only at this stage is a project approved to start.

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Planning: This phase of the project involves reviewing different alternatives and evaluating compliance with all FAA standards. Depending on the type of project, a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Determination will also be made. Some projects are just planning-level projects and conclude after this phase. It's during this phase that the final determination is made. on where the project falls into the community engagement continuum and where the appropriate level of community and tenant engagement is proposed and budgeted.

Preliminary Design: Preliminary Design starts when a project's selective alternative is approved and ends when the project's baseline is approved. The project's selected alternative is moved to the 30% to 40% design level and establishes a project baseline scope, schedule, and budget.

> **Project Baseline**: The scope, schedule, and budget set at the conclusion of the preliminary design phase when the preferred alternative has been selected, and the design has progressed adequately to make a reasonable and informed commitment. The project baseline is used as a basis for variance reporting and performance measurements for the entire project.

Final Design: The Final Design Phase of a project starts when the project's baseline is approved and ends when the project's design package is approved to be advertised.

Implementation: The Implementation Phase begins when the construction contract procurement process is initiated and ends when the contractor reaches substantial completion.

Project Close Out: Closeout begins when a Notice of Substantial Completion is issued and ends when all permitting, financial and grant reporting is complete, and project documents are archived.

KCIA Project Engagement

Below is a table for how KCIA will engage the community and tenants if the project falls into one of the following categories on the Community Engagement Continuum.

- **County Informs**
- **Outreach**
- **Consults**
- **Engages**

Airport maintenance projects, new Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) less than 1 million dollars, new technology projects that are less than 10 million dollars and all tenant-funded projects. **Project Examples:** • Pavement replacement • Storm water pipe lining • Light replacement • Tenant hangar construction	**Written Notification** *(via email)* KCIA staff will send the email notification at least 2 weeks prior to the start of construction
New capital airport projects between 1 to 5 million dollars. **Project Examples:** • Installation of in-pavement runway guard lights • Demolition of current building • Installation of electric vehicle charging stations	Airport staff will **brief the Roundtable and provide project updates** at monthly meetings. The updates will include information on the airport's outreach efforts, project schedule, budget, and impacts. Updates will be provided at major project milestones. Those milestones will be around the 30% design phase and before the pre- construction meeting.
New projects over 5 million dollars and all airport funded projects over 10 million dollars. **Project Example:** • Runway 14L/32R rehabilitation • Runway 14R/ 32L rehabilitation • Addition of new airport maintenance building	Airport staff will **notify the Airport Roundtable members and hold at least 3 specific project outreach meetings.** Project Outreach Meetings will be held during the pre-planning process, early design, and after the final design but before implementation.

Community Working Groups

For projects that fall into one of the following categories on the King County Community Engagement Continuum, a community working group will be formed of both community members and airport tenants.

- **Co-Create**
- **Direct Services**

When a project falls into one of these categories and the gate committee approves it to be funded, **KCIA staff will message all who have registered** via the following link to let airport staff know they are interested in serving on a project working group.

> In the first email, KCIA staff will send high-level information about the project and its anticipated duration, along with instructions on what to do if you are interested in being part of that specific project working group.

A charter will be created once the project's working group is formed and before the project officially kicks off. In the charter, a project budget will be established by airport staff.

At the working group's conclusion, community members and airport staff will present their findings and recommendations to airport leadership, who will determine if additional steps should be taken.

Community Working Group Example: Northwest Fence Line Replacement Project
Community members and KCIA staff members worked together to determine the best type of fencing to run along some of the Georgetown neighborhoods while still being compliant with FAA standards. You can find more about that project **here**.

Due to FAA regulations, KCIA cannot pay community members for being in a working group or for attending working group meetings.

Get in Touch with KCIA

We believe it's important to provide clear ways for our communities to contact us in order to foster open communication, address concerns, provide support, and build strong relationships with those we serve.

Front Desk Phone Number	(206) 296-7380
24/7 Operations Phone Number	(206) 296-7334
Community Engagement Email	KCIACommunityOutreach@kingcounty.gov
King County International Airport Website	kingcounty.gov/airport
Airport Roundtable Advisory Committee	Join our monthly Roundtable meetings
Stay Informed on KCIA Projects	Sign up here to be informed about future airport projects
KCIA Plane Talk Newsletter	Subscribe to Plane Talk
Visit our Community Engagement Website	KCIA Community Engagement website
Facebook	@KingCountyAirport
Instagram	@KingCountyAirport
Want to Work at KCIA?	Visit the King County Career Page

For Media Inquiries, you can email KCIAMedia@kingcounty.gov. You can also call (206) 263-9758 or (206) 409-7840 to get in touch with one of our Public Information Officers (PIO).

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