



April 8, 2021

League of Women Voters
of Mason County
Karen Herr, Co-President
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Dear Karen,

Thank you for your letter dated March 14, 2021 regarding a regional airport hub being considered for Shelton.

The Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission (CACC) was created by the Washington State Legislature because of concerns that Sea-Tac International Airport is nearing its capacity limits. Commercial aviation includes both passenger and air cargo and is considered an essential public facility by the State Growth Management Act because it is so central to our economic health. The CACC has been charged to present a list of six potential options by January 2021, a short list of two by September 2021 and a single preferred location by January 2022. It is possible this schedule may be extended by the Legislature due to the disruption of the pandemic, as well as to allow potential local sponsors an opportunity to consider their preferences.

I shared your letter with my colleagues on the commission. All of us share your concerns and will take your comments under advisement and consideration. We anticipate this process will be lengthy and all encompassing through the Washington State Department of Transportation Aviation and will most likely be extended for a few more years.

Most important to this commission is the community participation and assistance in the process. Again, on behalf of the Port of Shelton Commission, thank you for taking the time to voice your concerns.

Sincerely,



Dick Taylor
Commission Chairman