

MEMO

TO: Interested Citizens

FROM: Ian Munce (City Planning Director)
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SUBJECT: New Draft Airport Sub-Area Plan and Development Agreement

DATE: February 9, 2005

As you may be aware, the City and the Port of Anacortes entered into an Interlocal Agreement describing how both governments would work together to develop a Joint Plan for the Anacortes Airport. This Interlocal Agreement was signed on November 23, 2004. Since that time Port and City staff have been working to develop drafts for public discussion.

Accompanying this cover memorandum you will find a Draft Sub-Area Plan and a Draft Development Agreement. These are scheduled to go to public hearing before the Planning Commission on March 9th and before the City Council on March 21st. You will note that the drafts are still working documents. The Port will have the wetland mitigation component available in the next week or two. Additionally, the Port and the City will be issuing a joint SEPA determination during the month of February.

The Development Agreement will vest and permit certain uses on the Port property and provide for specific mitigation agreed to by the City and the Port. The term of this Agreement will be for a minimum of ten years. It is the parties' goal to have this Agreement implemented through the adoption of an ordinance by the end of March.

The Subarea Plan will establish certain goals and policies relative to development activity at the Port property and provide for certain land use and development requirements in the absence of the Development Agreement. It is our goal to have a new Sub-Area Plan in place at the conclusion of the 60-day state agency comment period; this comment period should begin once we have all the documents together in mid-February. Our goal is to have adoption effective May 1st this year.