

# Alaska Airlines to begin scheduled commercial air service from Paine Field in 2018

## Nine daily departures coming for more than a million North Sound travelers

SEATTLE, May 17, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Air travel will get a lot easier for flyers living in Snohomish County and North King County, Washington, next year when Alaska Airlines introduces commercial service from Paine Field – Snohomish County Airport. Subject to government approvals, starting by fall of 2018, more than a million North Sound travelers will enjoy shorter commutes to the airport and up to nine daily departures.

"As our region continues to grow at a record pace and Sea-Tac Airport nears capacity, the time is right to bring air service to our valued guests living in the North Sound," said CEO of Alaska Airlines Brad Tilden. "Today's news means less time stuck in traffic on Interstate 5 and more time enjoying your vacation or making the most of your business trip."



Imagine spending more time getting to the airport than actually flying to a destination such as Portland, Oregon. That's what many travelers, who live north of Seattle, and drive to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, frequently experience. According to publicly available traffic data, by flying out of Paine Field, Everett residents, for example, could shave up to 80 minutes off their airport commute, during peak traffic congestion.

"This new service is great news for Snohomish County," said Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers. "Businesses will have easier access to major markets and leisure travelers can skip the commute down south, saving time and fuel. For decades, Alaska Airlines has been a responsible neighbor in our region, and we welcome them even closer to home at Paine Field."

Alaska Airlines plans to operate nine daily departures from Paine Field using a fuel-efficient fleet of Boeing 737 and Embraer 175 aircraft. This new service will deliver all the comfort guests expect on an Alaska Airlines flight, while taking hundreds of cars off of I-5 every day.

"Alaska understands the local market, so having our Seattle-based airline be the first to provide scheduled passenger service from Everett just confirms the value commercial flights will bring to the local economy," Everett Mayor Ray Stephanson said. "Alaska is an industry leader in service and reliability, and our citizens and businesses will benefit from having such a convenient travel option right here in Everett."

Led by Propeller Airports and Snohomish County, construction of the state of the art terminal is slated to begin in June. Alaska plans to announce routes, flight schedules and begin selling tickets early next year.

"Propeller couldn't be prouder than to partner with the hometown airline on this new service. As Alaska does everyday, our goal is to put the customer first, making the travel experience truly exceptional," said Brett Smith, CEO of Propeller Airports.

**Alaska Airlines Blog:** [New flying out of Paine Field will ease commuting pain for many](#)

**Editor's note:** Download a graphic of regional airport locations at <https://newsroom.alaskaair.com/multimedia>.

### About Alaska Airlines

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