



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6780
September 16, 2025
Consent Agenda

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6780: Letter Regarding Renton Airport Night Flights	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Authorize the Mayor to sign letters to the Renton Municipal Airport and Renton ATC Facility about night flights.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

DEPARTMENT:	City Council
STAFF:	Salim Nice, Mayor Andrea Larson, City Clerk
COUNCIL LIAISON:	Lisa Anderl
EXHIBITS:	1. Letter to Renton Municipal Airport 2. Letter to Renton ATC Facility
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ n/a

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda bill is to authorize the Mayor to sign letters to the Renton Municipal Airport (Exhibit 2) and the Renton ATC Facility (Exhibit 2) regarding significant increases in low-altitude, noisy jet and turboprop overflights occurring at night.

BACKGROUND

Renton Airport Advisory Committee

The Renton Airport Advisory Committee (RAAC) serves in an advisory capacity to the City of Renton Mayor and City Council on matters referred to the Committee by the Renton City Council. The primary function of this RAAC is to provide a forum for members of the community to discuss their concerns directly with airport operators and for collaborative problem solving and resolution of their issues. The City of Mercer Island has one position on the RAAC filled by a City Councilmember who attends the Committee meetings and also advocates for Mercer Island-related issues.

Councilmember Lisa Andrel is the appointed member to the RAAC, but due to the RAAC meeting schedule conflicting with the Mercer Island City Council meeting schedule, Mercer Island resident Captain Tom Imrich serves as the City of Mercer Island's designated proxy in Councilmember's Andrel absence.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

A current issue impacting Mercer Island residents is turbine aircraft operating at night. Mr. Imrich, with Councilmember Andrel's concurrence, has drafted letters to encourage the Renton Municipal Airport and Renton ATC Facility work together to address nighttime flights by:

- Designating the east channel path as the preferred nighttime visual route when weather permits.
- Identifying the RNAV (GPS) Z Rwy 16 as the preferential instrument approach during nighttime conditions requiring IFR procedures.
- Limiting the use of the RNAV (GPS) Y Rwy 16 procedure to a secondary role, primarily as backup, and generally not assign it to turbine aircraft.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Authorize the Mayor to sign letters to the Renton Municipal Airport and the Renton ATC Facility regarding significant increases in low-altitude, noisy jet, and turboprop overflights occurring at night.