

Renton: A Business Friendly City

Renton leaders have embraced economic development as the cornerstone of the future. Renton has created an environment that supports business development while enhancing quality of life.

"As numerous other businesses have discovered, there are many advantages to selecting Renton as a location for your business, including our pro-business environment, growing community, central location and rich amenities."
— Bill Taylor, President/CEO, Renton Chamber of Commerce

The City of Renton knows that timing and predictability are key ingredients for business success. Renton has established a reputation in the region as a jurisdiction that is responsive in processing building permits and land use applications in a fast and efficient manner. In fact, the Governor's Competitiveness Council profiled Renton as the state model for regulatory reform.



With no local business and occupation tax, Renton is a lower cost place to do business than most other cities in the region. The City's streamlined permitting process and low mitigation and permit fees speed development, lower costs, ensure predictability and reduce risk.

Spirit of Partnership

Renton community leaders nurture entrepreneurial spirit and foster successful partnerships. Great schools, affordable housing

and exceptional health care offer residents and employees a wide range of high quality choices and services. The Renton School District has been recognized by state and national organizations for education excellence and quality staff and innovative programs. Renton Technical College is partnering with the Washington Aerospace Training & Research Center, Boeing and other industry leaders to train workers in aerospace manufacturing and assembly.

"We are working with leaders around the nation to address education needs in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics in order to train tomorrow's aviation leaders. Renton's history lays an incredible foundation of opportunities for tomorrow's aerospace workers."

— Dr. Mary Alice Heuschel, Superintendent, Renton School District



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Renton

The Center of Opportunity in Aerospace

A 70-year legacy of Innovation and Excellence in Aviation

Poised for Continued Expansion as the Home of the 737 MAX

70 Years of Aviation Innovation & Excellence

On September 2, 1941, the US Navy selected Renton, Washington as the site where Boeing would build its XPPB-1 Sea Ranger. Later, Boeing's Renton Plant would produce the B-29 Superfortress, which was a key weapon during World War II. The Renton Plant witnessed the dawn of the Jet Age when the first commercial jet liner, the Dash-80, took off from Renton in 1954. Since then, Renton has been home to the best selling commercial airplanes in aviation history, including the 707, 727, 757, 737 and 737NG, and has now been selected as the production location for the 737 MAX.



Renton's contribution to the movement of goods and people around the world is astounding. Forty-two percent of the jetliners in air around the world today took their maiden flights from Renton Municipal Airport. With nearly 9,000 737s delivered, a Renton-built 737 takes off or lands somewhere in the world every 2.2 seconds. Currently The Boeing Company is in the process of making tens of millions of dollars of capital enhancements to the Renton site to achieve production rates of 42 planes per month by 2014 and to prepare for 737 MAX production.

With 11% of Washington State's exports and 3% of the State's overall economic impact directly attributable to 737 production and approximately 15,000 aerospace workers in Renton, Renton's aerospace sector is quite clearly one of the most important contributors to the Pacific Northwest economy. Three of The Boeing Company's six main business divisions, Boeing Commercial

"We have a 70 year partnership with Renton. The Boeing 737 program for the foreseeable future wants to continue that partnership. . . Our relationship with the local leadership in Renton has been powerful. When we have issues, opportunities, projects to work on, everybody from the Mayor to the City Council to the local businesses help us solve those problems."

— Beverly Wyse, Vice President and General Manager, Boeing 737 Program
(Excerpt from Renton outreach video)

Airplanes, Boeing Capital and the Shared Services Group, are headquartered in Renton, firmly positioning the City as Boeing's command post in Washington State and, arguably, the entire Western United States.

Poised For Expansion

Renton is eager to see its aviation history continue for decades to come and is continually working with The Boeing Company to take steps to ensure its position as the center of aerospace in the Puget Sound region.

In 2001, the Renton City Council adopted a development agreement that guarantees Boeing the right to produce airplanes at the Renton Plant for 45 years regardless of future land use decisions. In 2003, the City further strengthened that commitment by adopting a new vision for the Renton Plant and its surrounding neighborhood. Airplane manufacturing is strongly encouraged. New high-density urban development, including office, housing and retail, will be supported if and when Boeing decides to surplus land for redevelopment.

In 2010, the City and Boeing negotiated a new long-term lease at Renton Municipal Airport. Boeing will continue to occupy more than 60% of the airport's leasable area until 2030, and the agreement includes two additional 10-year options.



Room To Grow

The Boeing Renton Plant totals approximately 190 acres in North Renton on the shore of Lake Washington. The company is in the process of making massive enhancements to the site to support announced increased 737 production rates to 42 planes per month by 2014 and to prepare for production of the 737 MAX. Roughly 25% of the acreage at the site is currently dedicated to surface parking lots.

In addition to the Renton Plant site, Renton has a number of large and affordable development sites available to support additional aerospace manufacturing, research and development, and industry-related business activity.

"Renton is a strong, vibrant community that is on the move. We are an innovative, creative and energetic community filled with committed and caring people working hard to make our city a great place to live, work, learn and play. We are eager to welcome you here."

— Renton Mayor Denis Law

Strategic Location

The City of Renton is located quite literally in the center of the Puget Sound region, just 11 miles from Downtown Seattle, 8 miles from Bellevue, and 6 miles from SeaTac International Airport. This allows employers to draw from a large, well-educated talent pool and provides direct transportation connections for goods and services. Renton residents and employees of its businesses enjoy easy access to an extensive regional and international transportation network, either via Interstates 5 and 405 and/or one of four state highways that lead to Renton. With recent and planned expansion of I-405, commuter and freight access will only improve.

Additionally, Renton is well served by transit, with the Sounder Commuter Rail providing front door access to the Boeing Commercial Airplane headquarters and its



Customer Service Training Center, a wide variety of bus options, and a bus rapid transit line expected to enter service in 2013 that will connect Downtown Renton to commuter and light rail options, SeaTac International Airport, and the cities of Tukwila, SeaTac and Burien. Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Union Pacific both operate rail lines in Renton, and Renton's close proximity



to the container and bulk seaports of Seattle and Tacoma provides efficient movement of goods to international markets. King County International Airport-Boeing Field is just six miles from Renton's Municipal Airport. Renton is the only local municipality with its own airport as well as a seaport. The 170 acre facility features charter, air taxi, corporate, business and recreational flying services.

Renton benefits from the bounty of the Puget Sound region's natural beauty from the shores of Lake Washington to the peaks of the Cascade Mountains, including majestic Mt. Rainier. With 813 acres of parks and open space and a wide variety of shops, restaurants, and entertainment options, Renton residents and employees enjoy a high quality of life. And, with the median home price approximately \$100,000 less than that of King County, there is a wide variety of housing options for families and employees.

