



Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Noise Oversight Committee (NOC)



NOC Committee Members

Rich Benz	User Co-Chair, Scheduled Airline Representative (Delta Air Lines)
Cheryl Jacobson	Community Co-Chair, City of Mendota Heights Representative
Sarah Alig	City of Eagan Representative (City of Eagan)
Grant Fitzer	Minnesota Business Aviation Association Representative
John Bergman	At-Large Community Representative (Apple Valley City Council)
Kelly Bonner	At-Large Airport User Representative (Endeavor Air, Inc.)
Courtney Miller	City of Richfield Representative (City of Richfield)
John Klinger	Chief Pilot Representative (Delta Air Lines)
Emily Koski	City of Minneapolis Representative (Minneapolis City Council)
Dwayne Lowman	City of Bloomington Representative (Bloomington City Council)
Angie Moos	Cargo Carrier Representative (United Parcel Service)
Greg Norland	Charter/Scheduled Operator Representative (Sun Country Airlines)

MEETING AGENDA

July 16, 2025, at 1:30 PM

IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING FORMATS AVAILABLE

MAC General Office Building, Legends Conference Room, 6040 28th Avenue South, Mpls, MN 55450

Microsoft Teams Link: [Click here to join the meeting](#) or **By Phone:** 612-405-6798, ID: 362 966 761#

Rich Benz, Delta Air Lines, will be the Chairperson for the meeting

Note: 1:00 to 1:30 PM – Committee Agenda Review Session

(NOC members, alternates, and at-large contacts only in the Coleman Conference Room)

1. Consent

1.1. Approval of May 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes

1.2. Reports

1.2.1. Monthly Operations Reports: May and June 2025

2. Public Comment Period

3. Business

3.1. Nomination and Election of User and Community Co-Chairs

3.2. Approval of November Meeting Date Change

4. Information

4.1. MSP Runway Construction Updates

4.2. MSP VOR-MON and RNAV Procedure Schedule Update

5. Announcements

Adjourn



MSP NOISE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 1:30 PM

MAC General Offices

6040 28th Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN 55450



Call to Order

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport (MSP) Noise Oversight Committee (NOC), having been duly called, was held Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) General Offices Legends conference room. A videoconference option (Teams) was also provided.

Chair Jacobson called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. The meeting participants were:

Representatives: S. Alig, Eagan; J. Bergman, At-Large, Apple Valley; C. Jacobson, Mendota Heights; R. Jaeger, Delta Air Lines; D. Lowman, Bloomington (via Teams); C. Miller, Richfield; H. Moody, Delta Air Lines; L. Olson, Minneapolis (via Teams); J. Otzen, Target; C. Potter, Sun Country Airlines;

Staff: R. Anderson, Manager - Community Relations; K. Fisher, Attorney (via Teams); J. Lewis, Coordinator - Community Relations; C. Metcalfe, Assistant Technical Manager - Community Relations; P. Mosites, Airport Development; D. Nelson, Director - Governmental Affairs (via Teams); B. Peters, Director - Air Service Development; N. Pesky, Vice President - Strategy and Stakeholder Engagement; M. Ross, Director of Stakeholder Engagement; C. Roy, Director - Airport Development; M. Schommer, Assistant Director - Strategic Communications; J. Sonju, Acoustics Coordinator (via Teams);

Others: S. Bodsberg - Inver Grove Heights; K. Gallatin (via Teams); B. Hoffman - St. Louis Park; L. Moore - Bloomington (via Teams); Mark Ray - Burnsville (via Teams); Steph (via Teams); Ryan Ziegler, Recording Secretary.

A quorum of at least four Community and four Industry Representatives was established.

Community Representatives: Alig, Bergman, Jacobson, Lowman, Miller, Olson

Industry Representatives: Jaeger, Moody, Otzen, Potter

1. Consent

Chair Jacobson introduced discussion of the consent agenda items.

1.1. Approval of March 19, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Chair Jacobson opened discussion of the March 19, 2025, meeting minutes. No comments were made and no changes were requested.

1.2. Reports

1.2.1. Monthly Operations Report: March and April 2025

Carey Metcalfe, Assistant Technical Advisor, provided an overview of monthly operations, including runway usage, carrier fleet mix, and noise complaints. In comparison to March and April 2024, there was an approximate 34% decrease in noise complaints. He provided context for runway usage and noted that more time was spent in south flow during March and April because of prevailing wind directions.

Metcalfe then reviewed the complaints received for March and April, noting that some of the April complaints are likely related to the recent construction project's impact on runway usage patterns. He reviewed the geography of where complaints were received from and gave further information on noise complaints and noise monitoring. Objective noise measurements were down from March and April 2024 both in time spent above 65 decibels and in number of sound events. He also discussed noise abatement practices.

Further MAC information regarding MSP aircraft operations, aircraft noise complaints, sound levels associated with MSP aircraft operations, established noise abatement procedures, and more is available at the MAC website: <https://customers.macnoms.com/reports>.

Chair Jacobson asked for any questions or comments. There were none.

1.2.2. Monthly Operations Report: Review of Spring Listening Session

Metcalfe discussed the MAC NOC Spring Listening Session held on 4/23 at 6 p.m. at the Mendota Heights City Hall and via Teams. Two residents from Lilydale, three residents from Mendota Heights, one resident from Plymouth, and a Mendota Heights City Council member participated in the session as well as **Chair Jacobson, Member Bergman, Chair Benz**, and FAA and MAC staff.

Ryan Anderson, Technical Advisor, remarked that the attendees had positive comments after the meeting and were appreciative for the opportunity to receive information and have questions answered.

Anderson and **Metcalfe** confirmed that the Summer Listening Session is scheduled for July 30 at Highland Park City Hall at 6 p.m. Note: following the meeting the Listening Session was rescheduled to July 29 at Highland Park Community Center at 6 p.m.

Chair Jacobson called for questions and/or discussion regarding the consent agenda items. No further comments were made.

Member Alig moved to approve the consent agenda items as presented. **Member Potter** seconded the motion. No further discussion was held.

The motion carried by majority vote.

2. Public Comment Period

Chair Jacobson introduced the public comment period and reviewed rules for public comment. She confirmed that no speaker cards had been received. No public comments were made. **Jacobson** reiterated that a public comment period is always included in NOC meetings.

3. Business

There were no new business items.

4. Information

4.1 Air Service Updates

Anderson gave a brief introduction of **Brian Peters**, MAC Director of Air Service Development; **Member Potter** with Sun Country Airlines; and **Member Moody** with Delta Air Lines.

Peters reviewed passenger usage numbers from January through April 2025, including details on domestic and international flight seats and comparisons between 2025 and both 2019 and 2024 totals. He highlighted new nonstop destinations from MSP, including domestic flights to Watertown, SD; and White Plains, NY. He said that MSP will now provide service to an all-time high of 35 nonstop international destinations with the additions of flights to Copenhagen and Rome. He further discussed tracking and forecasts for departing seats and passenger activity.

Chair Jacobson asked for any questions or comments. There were none.

Member Potter reviewed air service update information for Sun Country Airlines, including a review of MSP average daily departures. He noted some consolidation being performed as well as investments in additional aircraft. He remarked that there has been growth in Amazon flights and tabled growth in scheduled daily service. He stated that Sun Country hopes to add new destinations from MSP next year.

Chair Jacobson asked for any questions or comments. There were none at this time.

Member Moody gave information regarding Delta's air service update. He reviewed average daily departures and total passenger seats, including comparisons to previous years. He expressed excitement for the new international departures to Rome and Copenhagen. He stated that Delta is in the process of replacing older aircraft with newer and more fuel-efficient options.

Chair Jacobson asked for any questions or comments. There were none at this time.

4.2 MSP Construction Update

Anderson introduced **Pat Mosites**, MAC Airport Development Project Manager, for a recap of Phase 1 of summer construction and briefly reminded the Committee of the work included in Phase 1.

Mosites stated that the South Parallel runway was now open and that Phase 1 had been completed without major incident. With the runway operational, MSP is now in the summer construction pause until Phase 2 of the construction resumes August 18 through September 26. Phase 2 work will be concentrated on the Runway section east of Runway 14-2 and will involve similar construction elements to Phase 1: runway safety area grading, Taxiway Delta reconstruction, replacing the engineered materials arresting system, and shoulder replacement. He expressed confidence that Phase 2 could be completed within the expected timeline.

Mosites reminded the Committee that Runway 14-32 at the Downtown St. Paul Airport will be down for reconstruction from June 2 through August 9. He also discussed the apron reconstruction project

on the end of the G concourse, closing gates G19 through G22, which is well underway and is hoped to be wrapped up by late September/early October.

Chair Jacobson asked for any questions or comments.

Member Moody complimented the job done by the construction team and thanked them for their hard work.

Anderson added some context regarding runway use activity during Phase 1 of the construction and the changes it caused in airspace activity over the Twin Cities, including some alternate configurations due to wind and weather. He noted these patterns did lead to additional noise concerns from some locations, particularly in St. Paul, leading to the Summer Listening Session being scheduled in Highland Park to address those impacts.

Anderson read a comment that was placed in the Teams chat thanking the group for their consideration of St. Paul.

Chair Jacobson asked for any questions or comments. There were none.

5. Announcements

Anderson reiterated that the Summer Listening Session will be held Wednesday, July 30 at 6 p.m. in Highland Park and that feedback from the listening session will be brought to the next NOC meeting, which is scheduled for July 16, 2025 at the MAC General Offices at 1:30 p.m. Note: following the meeting the Listening Session was rescheduled to July 29 at Highland Park Community Center at 6 p.m.

Anderson then acknowledged departures from the NOC: **Bryan Hoffman** of St. Louis Park and **Casey Potter** of Sun Country Airlines. He thanked both **Member Hoffman** and **Member Potter** for their time with the Committee and their contributions.

Chair Jacobson gave congratulations and thanks to both representatives and noted that they will be missed.

Member Olson also thanked the representatives for their work and noted appreciation for the work Representative Hoffman has done on behalf of St. Louis Park.

Member Bergman invited **Member Hoffman** to speak and noted gratitude for his many years of work with the Committee.

Member Hoffman stated he's been part of the group for 20-some years and discussed the history of the group and their accomplishments. He remarked that the work of the NOC makes a significant positive difference. He noted his appreciation for the Committee's professionalism, functionality, and engagement to help St. Louis Park specifically as well as the entire metro area. He thanked the MAC staff for their work and expressed appreciation for their dedication.

Chair Jacobson reiterated her thanks and gratitude for the departing representatives.

6. Adjourn

Chair Jacobson adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

July NOC Meeting:

Wednesday, July 16, 2025 @ 1:30 p.m.

Location: MAC General Offices, Legends conference room + Teams

[NOC Meetings.](#)

NOC Summer Listening Session:

Wednesday, July 29, 2025 @6:00 p.m.

Location: Highland Park Community Center

[Listening Session website](#)

MEMORANDUM

ITEM 1.2.1

TO: MSP Noise Oversight Committee (NOC)

FROM: Carey Metcalfe, Assistant Manager, Community Relations

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF MSP MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORTS: MAY AND JUNE 2025

DATE: July 2, 2025

Each month, the MAC reports information on MSP aircraft operations, aircraft noise complaints, sound levels associated with MSP aircraft operations, and compliance with established noise abatement procedures on its interactive reporting website:

<https://customers.macnoms.com/reports>.

At the July NOC meeting, MAC staff will provide a summary of this information for May and June 2025. To view these summary reports prior to the meeting, visit the "Archive" section at the link above.

MEMORANDUM

ITEM 2

TO: MSP Noise Oversight Committee (NOC)

FROM: Ryan Anderson, Manager, Community Relations

SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

DATE: July 2, 2025

Members of the public are welcome to listen to the NOC meeting. During the meeting, a public comment period of no more than 20 minutes is included on the agenda. Individuals who wish to speak during the public comment period may do so by following the directions of the chairperson.

Below are some rules of decorum for speaking at NOC meetings.

- Each speaker will have one opportunity to speak and is allotted three (3) minutes. The public comment period is limited to 20 minutes.
- The chairperson will open the public comment period by asking for participants who wish to speak to indicate their desire following the direction of the chairperson. Comments can be made in-person or virtually for those participating using Microsoft Teams.
- Commenters shall address their comments to the NOC and not to the audience.
- Use of profanity, personal attacks, or threats of violence will not be tolerated.
- Interruptions from the audience, such as speaking out of turn, shouting, and other disruptive behavior are not permitted.
- If special assistance is needed to make a public comment, please contact the NOC Secretary at least two days prior to the meeting by sending an email to: nocsecretary@mspmac.org.

MEMORANDUM

TO: MSP Noise Oversight Committee (NOC)
FROM: Ryan Anderson, Manager, Community Relations
SUBJECT: **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF USER AND COMMUNITY CO-CHAIRS**
DATE: July 2, 2025

The role of the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) Noise Oversight Committee (NOC) is to provide a balanced forum for discussing MSP airport concerns. The NOC is comprised of both community and airport user representatives who identify and study airport noise issues and solutions. The NOC monitors compliance with existing noise policies and noise abatement procedures and shares that information with the public. The NOC makes recommendations regarding airport noise concerns to the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) Planning, Development, and Environment Committee (PD&E) and full Commission.

Per the NOC Bylaws Article 2, Part 6, the “primary representatives and alternate representatives of Designated Communities and, Users and At-Large Communities shall be appointed to serve for two (2) years.” Pursuant to this bylaw provision and in consideration of the present appointment cycle, NOC appointments were required as of June 26, 2025, as the preceding appointment cycle began on June 26, 2023. Designated Communities, At-Large Communities, and Users have made their appointments.

Within the Airport Users group, Kelly Bonner remained, and Zach de la Cruz replaced Brandon Orstad, in the At-Large representation. All other Airport User representatives were re-appointed by their respective authorities.

Within the Community group, Courtney Miller and Rori A. Coleman Woods replaced Chris Swanson and Ben Whalen as the City of Richfield representative and alternate respectively. Eric and Gretchen Funk were added by the City of Sunfish Lake as alternate representatives. All other representatives were re-appointed by their respective cities. The following communities had not communicated their NOC appointments or reappointments at the time of this writing: the City of Edina, the City of Inver Grove Heights and the City of St. Louis Park.

The At-Large Communities will vote for their primary representative in a separate action.

The process for the selection of Co-Chairs is found in the NOC Bylaws in Article V, given below:

“The airport user and community segments of the Committee shall each select a Co-Chairperson who will serve at the pleasure of the appointing group. Each Co-Chairperson will serve for a two-(2) year term or until his/her representation on the Committee terminates, or until replaced by the appointing group, whichever occurs first.

The powers and duties of the Co-Chairpersons are as follows:

1. *To review agendas.*

2. *To preside over meetings - the presiding Chairperson will alternate every other meeting.*
3. *By the mutual consent of the Co-Chairpersons, special meetings may be called, or upon request of a majority of the Committee, four (4) users and four (4) community representatives.*
4. *To sign as Co-Chairpersons of this Committee, all instruments in writing that may require such signature, unless the membership shall otherwise direct, and to perform such other duties and tasks as these Bylaws or as the membership shall from time to time prescribe.*
5. *Each segment of the Committee, by a majority vote, shall elect their respective Co-Chairperson."*

At the July 16, 2025 NOC meeting a nomination process and vote will be conducted for airport User selection and Designated Community selection of their respective NOC Co-Chairs.

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

CONDUCT USER AND COMMUNITY CO-CHAIR NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS TO ESTABLISH THE RESPECTIVE CO-CHAIRS TO SERVE FOR TWO YEARS FROM JUNE 26, 2025 THROUGH JULY 31, 2027.

MEMORANDUM

ITEM 3.2

TO: MSP Noise Oversight Committee (NOC)
FROM: Ryan Anderson, Manager, Community Relations
SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MEETING DATE CHANGE
DATE: July 2, 2025

NOC meetings are held six times each year typically on the third Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November (odd-numbered calendar months).

Due to conflicts with Staff schedules, the originally scheduled NOC meeting on **Wednesday, November 12, 1:30 PM** will need to be rescheduled. Staff recommend moving the meeting to:

Wednesday, November 19, 1:30 PM

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

APPROVE THE REVISION OF THE NOVEMBER NOC MEETING DATE TO NOVEMBER 19, 2025, at 1:30 PM.

MEMORANDUM

TO: MSP Noise Oversight Committee (NOC)

FROM: Ryan Anderson, Manager, Community Relations

SUBJECT: **MSP Runway Construction Updates**

DATE: July 2, 2025

Runway and taxiway closures at MSP are planned to complete needed pavement reconstruction and runway safety area grading. This work is necessary to ensure critical airport infrastructure maintains the highest level of safety for handling aircraft operations and conforms to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) specifications.

Reconstruction work on runways and taxiways will include removing and excavating pavement, followed by laying new granular material, crushed aggregate base, concrete pavement, and bituminous shoulders. The final step in reconstruction will be painting with new pavement markings and installing lights. This work will also include grading around the runways, in an area called the runway safety area. Runway safety areas must be maintained so they are clear of debris, drained and graded and able to support aircraft, snow removal equipment and aircraft rescue and firefighting operations.

This year, Runway 12R-30L was closed from April 14, 2025, through May 23, 2025. Runway 4-22 was also closed periodically during this time period during nighttime hours. Runway 12R-30L will be closed again from August 18, 2025, through September 26, 2025.

While runways are closed, airport runway operations will be temporarily adjusted to accommodate air traffic. Flights that would normally use these runways must be assigned to alternative runways. People residing in areas around MSP may notice unusual sounds, lights, or aircraft activity while construction and maintenance activities are occurring.

At the meeting, the NOC will receive an update on the construction project.

MEMORANDUM

ITEM 4.2

TO: MSP Noise Oversight Committee (NOC)

FROM: Ryan Anderson, Manager, Community Relations

SUBJECT: **MSP VOR-MON and RNAV Procedure Schedule Update**

DATE: July 2, 2025

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) manages the navigational systems used to determine and manage flight procedures at airports nationwide, including the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP). The FAA is in the process of retiring outdated navigational systems across the United States and replacing it with satellite technology.

One of the systems set to be retired is called a Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range (VOR), that is currently being used at the MSP Airport. VORs are aircraft navigation systems developed in the 1950s.

The FAA seeks to reduce the nationwide inventory of VORs through its VOR Minimum Operational Network (MON) program. Flight procedures currently using VORs will be updated to use satellite-based technology, which includes Area Navigation (RNAV). The following video by the FAA provides more information about the agency's VOR MON program: www.youtube.com/watch?v=2WQjg-RvRME

According to the FAA, updating this technology, coupled with FAA safety standard changes, requires modifying the flight procedures used by aircraft departing MSP. The FAA has stated that the updated flight procedures will increase safety due to more efficient communications between pilots and air traffic control.

The FAA had originally scheduled the VOR decommissioning and implementation of updated flight procedures for August 2025. However, the FAA has since revised this timeline on their website, indicating the decommissioning is now planned for **early 2026**.

To learn more about the FAA's project and how the FAA has engaged the public, visit www.faa.gov/air_traffic/community_engagement/msp

The NOC has received updates from the FAA on this work at their meetings on January 29, 2020, January 19, 2022, January 18, 2023, May 17, 2023, September 20, 2023, July 17, 2024, and January 22, 2025.

At the July NOC meeting, an update will be provided regarding the schedule for the decommissioning of the VOR and implementation of the new proposed departure procedures.