



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
Mark Ray	At-Large Community Representative (City of Burnsville)
Kelly Bonner	At-Large Airport User Representative (Endeavor Air, Inc.)
Courtney Miller	City of Richfield Representative (City of Richfield)
John Klingler	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

September 17, 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: 183 614 298#

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 July 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes
- 1.2. Reports
 - 1.2.1. Monthly Operations Reports: July and August 2025
 - 1.2.2. Review of Summer Listening Session

2. Public Comment Period

3. Business

4. Information

- 4.1. MSP Construction Updates
- 4.2. Draft 2026 Work Plan

5. Announcements

Adjourn



MSP NOISE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 16, 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, July 16, 2025, at the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) General Offices Legends conference room. A videoconference option (Teams) was also provided.

Chair Benz called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. The meeting participants were:

Representatives: S. Alig, Eagan (via Teams); R. Benz, Delta Air Lines; J. Bergman, At-Large, Apple Valley; G. Fitzner, Target Corporation; C. Jacobson, Mendota Heights; R. Jaeger, Delta Air Lines; D. Lowman, Bloomington; C. Miller, Richfield; G. Norland, Sun Country; L. Olson, Minneapolis;

Staff: R. Anderson, Manager - Community Relations; K. Fisher, Attorney (via Teams); S. Lakku, Intern - Community Relations; Z. Marquez (via Teams); C. Metcalfe, Assistant Technical Manager - Community Relations; P. Mosites, Airport Development; D. Nelson, Director - Governmental Affairs (via Teams); N. Pesky, Vice President - Strategy and Stakeholder Engagement; M. Ross, Director of Stakeholder Engagement (via Teams); J. Sonju, Acoustics Coordinator (via Teams); M. Takamiya, Assistant Manager - Terminal Operations and Common Use Planning (via Teams);

Others: S. Bodsberg - Inver Grove Heights; S. Doyle - FAA; S. Fortier – FAA; K. Gallatin (via Teams); D. Kingsbury - Eagan; L. Moore - Bloomington (via Teams); A. Moos - UPS (via Teams); D. O’Leary – Sunfish Lake; M. Pivec - St. Louis Park (via Teams); M. Ray - Burnsville (via Teams); K. Regotti – FAA (via Teams); J. Vossen - Bolton & Menk (via Teams); Y. Xe - HNTB (via Teams); R. Ziegler, Recording Secretary; and J. Ziemer - Inver Grove Heights.

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

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

User Representatives: Benz, Fitzner, Jaeger, Norland

1. Consent

Chair Benz introduced discussion of the consent agenda items.

1.1 Approval of May 21, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Chair Benz opened discussion of the May 21, 2025, meeting minutes. No comments were made, and no changes were requested.

1.2. Reports

1.2.1. Monthly Operations Report: May and June 2025

Carey Metcalfe, Assistant Technical Advisor, provided an overview of monthly operations, including runway usage, nighttime and daytime operations numbers, carrier fleet mix, and noise complaints. In comparison to May and June 2024, there was an approximate 1% increase in total operations, a 3% decrease in nighttime operations, and a 33% decrease in noise complaints. He noted an increase in complaints received in June of 2025 and how that was affected by the North Parallel Runway construction, causing higher levels of noise over some residential communities. He discussed the location where complaints were received from.

He then reviewed MSP sound monitoring results, including time above 65 decibels. For that metric, there was a 9% decrease from the same months in 2024. Regarding noise abatement, he discussed runway usage and the construction that affected noise levels for both nighttime and daytime operations.

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 Benz asked for any questions or comments regarding the monthly operations report. There were none at this time.

Chair Jacobson moved to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Member Miller seconded the motion. No further discussion was held.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

2. Public Comment Period

Chair Benz introduced the public comment period. He reviewed the rules for the public comment period and noted that such an opportunity is always included in NOC meetings.

Dale Kingsbury discussed his experience at his property with airport noise. He said that yesterday, with a south wind, he had about 100 flights directly over his house, which he said happens quite frequently. On the previous Monday, the last overflight he heard was 11:30 p.m., and the first overflight he heard on the following Tuesday morning was 6:08 a.m., which he expressed was unreasonable. He reviewed the flight patterns he had observed from Runways 17 and 12. He wondered about alternative flight patterns that might fly over nonresidential areas. He has researched on FlightAware and noted there could be options for aircraft routes over highways and/or commercial and industrial areas. He noted that he would appreciate feedback.

Chair Benz thanked **Kingsbury** for comments and asked if there were additional comments from anyone in the room or on Teams. No further comments were made at this time.

3. Business

3.1 Nomination and Election of User and Community Co-Chairs

Chair Benz gave a brief introduction to the action requested and the nomination process.

Ryan Anderson, Technical Advisor, discussed the new term and gave an overview of the NOC's mission and a thank-you to those who serve on the committee. He reviewed the NOC's goals and his experience with the NOC. He gave information about what NOC does. He acknowledged Rich Jaeger as a departing member and thanked him for his service on the NOC on behalf of Delta. He then provided an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the co-chairs and reviewed the mechanics of the election process.

Chair Benz requested nominations for the community co-chair from community representatives.

Member Olson nominated Co-Chair Jacobson as co-chair for the new term. Member Lowman seconded the nomination.

Chair Benz noted the nomination of **Chair Jacobson** and called for any additional nominations and/or any discussion on the nomination. There were no further nominations or discussion at this time.

Chair Benz called for a vote, which was unanimous in favor of electing Chair Jacobson to a new term.

Co-Chair Jacobson requested nominations for the user co-chair from user representatives.

Member Jaeger nominated Chair Benz as co-chair for the new term. Member Fitzer seconded the nomination.

Co-Chair Jacobson noted the nomination of **Chair Benz** and called for any additional nominations and/or any discussion on the nomination. There were no further nominations or discussion at this time.

Co-Chair Jacobson called for a vote, which was unanimous in favor of electing Chair Benz to a new term.

Member Olson thanked the two co-chairs for their current and continuing service.

3.2. Approval of November Meeting Date Change

Anderson discussed a request being made to reschedule the November NOC meeting from November 19 to November 12.

Member Bergman moved to approve rescheduling of the November meeting from November 19 to November 12. Chair Jacobson seconded the motion. No further discussion was held at this time.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. Information

4.1 MSP Runway Construction Updates

Chair Benz introduced **Ryan Anderson, Technical Advisor**, for an update on the construction project.

Anderson reminded the committee of the construction plans and introduced **Pat Mosites** for more detailed information.

Mosites reviewed what had occurred during Phase 1 of the construction project in April and May, which was completed a couple days ahead of schedule. He said that Phase 2 will begin August 18 and go through September 26. He noted that Phase 2 is a little more involved, with redoing of runway safety grading and reconstruction of a portion of Taxiway Delta, but that it will not affect Runway 4-22 as Phase 1 did in the spring. He stated the construction would primarily involve areas to the east of Runway 4-22. He added that the EMAS system at the end of Runway 30L and that the South Parallel Runway will be closed, but all other runways will be available for aircraft operations.

He further discussed the continuing construction of the main runway at the Downtown St. Paul Airport, noting that it had caused some aircraft to be relocated to other airports, including MSP. He said that project will be wrapping up by August 9 and that the Downtown St. Paul Airport should be operating normally before the start of Phase 2 construction at MSP.

Chair Benz inquired if any representatives in the room had questions regarding the construction.

Member Olson asked what was anticipated in terms of runway usage during the construction.

Anderson indicated that it is anticipated that runway usage will be similar to what occurred during Phase 1, with increased use of crosswind 4-22 as well as 17 for arrivals. He noted the difficulty in predicting runway usage because of the significant role weather plays in that.

Chair Benz inquired if any other representatives in the room or online had further questions. There were no further questions at this time.

4.2 MSP VOR-MON and RNAV Procedure Schedule Update

Anderson stated he had been advised by the FAA that scheduling of the decommissioning of the MSP VOR and implementation of new departure procedures has now moved to early 2026. It was originally scheduled for August 2025. The FAA has updated the schedule on their community engagement website to reflect the change. He noted that **Sean Doyle**, the FAA Deputy Regional Administrator, Great Lakes Region, was present to answer any questions.

Chair Benz inquired if any representatives in the room or online had questions.

Member Bergman asked about the reasons for the rescheduling. He said that this project has been discussed and delayed. He expressed concern that there could be further delays and inquired about whether or not the steps that had already been taken would need to be redone or tweaked because of this delay.

Doyle indicated that the delay was introduced in part because of the federal deferred resignation program that reduced staffing, especially in the charting office. He noted that the project is still in the queue and that nothing in the procedure will need to be changed as a result of the delay. He further indicated that there had been a question on the criteria element on final review with charting. Although no changes were needed due to that internal discussion, because of the extra time for that review, the project lost its place in the charting queue. He believed that a new date for publication would be March 19, 2026, and he stated that his feeling is that that date would hold. He said that the FAA would like to see it published but that, unfortunately, there will be this delay to the March 19 date.

Chair Benz inquired if any representatives in the room or online had questions. There were no further questions at this time.

5. Announcements

Anderson announced the Summer Listening Session to be held at the Highland Park Community Center in St. Paul on July 29 at 6 p.m. He thanked St. Paul for hosting. A summary of the listening session will be given at the next NOC meeting, which is scheduled for September 17 at the MAC General Offices at 1:30 p.m.

Chair Benz inquired if any representatives in the room or online had announcements. There were no further announcements at this time.

Adjourn

Chair Benz adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

September NOC Meeting:

Wednesday, September 17, 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 City Hall

[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: JULY AND AUGUST 2025**

DATE: September 3, 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: customers.macnoms.com/reports.

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

MEMORANDUM

ITEM 1.2.2

TO: MSP Noise Oversight Committee (NOC)

FROM: Ryan Anderson, Manager, Community Relations

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF SUMMER LISTENING SESSION

DATE: September 3, 2025

The primary goal of Listening Session meetings is to ensure residents' concerns are heard and considered as part of the ongoing effort by the MAC and the NOC to address noise and other topics around MSP.

To encourage participation in the Listening Session, the event was included on the metroairports.org website and a news article and an email was distributed.

On July 29, 2025, at 6:00 P.M., staff from the MAC's Community Relations Office conducted a Listening Session at Highland Park Community Center in St. Paul and via Teams. Attendees included three residents from Highland Park. Also in attendance were NOC members Keivn Gallatin, Mark Ray, Victor Rivas and Loren Olson and staff from the FAA and the MAC.

Staff reviewed the upcoming resumption of runway construction and then opened the floor to discussion. Questions arose regarding complaints during construction periods and plans for future construction.

The next Listening Session is anticipated to be held at MAC General Office on October 22, 2025 at 6 P.M. Additional information will be made available on the [Listening Session website](#).

At the September meeting, staff will provide an update on this item.

MEMORANDUM

ITEM 2

TO: MSP Noise Oversight Committee (NOC)

FROM: Ryan Anderson, Manager, Community Relations

SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

DATE: September 3, 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.
- No response from the NOC is provided during the comment period.
- 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

ITEM 4.1

TO: MSP Noise Oversight Committee (NOC)
FROM: Ryan Anderson, Manager, Community Relations
SUBJECT: MSP CONSTRUCTION UPDATES
DATE: September 3, 2025

The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) closed the south parallel runway at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) on Aug. 18 for the second and final phase of runway safety improvements and other airfield projects.

Construction is focused on Runway 12R-30L located on the south side of Terminal 1. These projects ensure that critical infrastructure maintains the highest level of safety for handling aircraft operations and conforms to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) specifications.

This second phase will occur between Aug. 18 and Sept. 26, as the peak summer travel season slows. Building on work completed this spring, the closure will allow for runway grading, drainage and shoulder improvements as well as the reconstruction of Taxiway D. Most of the work will take place near the eastern end of the runway near Highway 5.

Nearby residents may notice temporary changes to departing or arriving flight patterns at MSP. Once runway construction is fully completed this fall, the FAA will return MSP to its pre-construction operational patterns.

At the September meeting, staff will provide an update on the construction project.

MEMORANDUM

TO: MSP Noise Oversight Committee (NOC)
FROM: Ryan Anderson, Manager, Community Relations
SUBJECT: **DRAFT 2026 NOC WORK PLAN**
DATE: September 3, 2025

Each September, the NOC membership reviews the proposed draft Work Plan for the coming year. The final draft is presented as a NOC agenda item at the November meeting and is then presented to the MAC Planning, Development and Environment Committee by the NOC Co-Chairs. The preliminary list of 2026 Work Plan topics are provided below:

DRAFT 2026 MSP NOC WORK PLAN

1. Residential Noise Mitigation Program

- a) Review Residential Noise Mitigation Program Implementation Status

Description: Staff from MAC Airport Development will update the NOC on the current Mitigation Program.

2. MSP Community Relations Specific Efforts

- a) 2025 Actual Noise Contour Report

Description: Each year in March, under the terms and conditions of the amended 2007 Consent Decree, MAC publishes an Annual Contour Report for the previous year. Staff will provide an update on the Contour Report and mitigation efforts underway in support of the Amended Consent Decree program.

- b) MSP Fleet Mix and Nighttime Operations Assessment

Description: MSP is federally obligated to stay open 24 hours per day. Recognizing the impacts of nighttime operations, the NOC regularly assesses nighttime trends in airport operations. This is an annual assessment reviewing actual and scheduled nighttime operations at MSP.

- c) MSP Annual Aircraft Noise Complaint Data Assessment

Description: Complaints are one of the tools the MAC uses to communicate with the community about aircraft activity and report to the NOC about concerns received from airport neighbors. This annual assessment reviews MSP complaints and households filing complaints.

d) Status of FAA Center of Excellence/ASCENT, TRB, and FICAN Research Initiatives

Description: This is an annual report on the status of scientific, engineering, and medical research literature prepared by universities, governmental organizations, and transportation boards located within the United States.

- PARTNER – Partnership for Air Transportation Noise and Emissions Reduction
- TRB – Transportation Research Board, which manages Airports Cooperative Research Program (ACRP)
- FICAN – Federal Interagency Committee on Aviation Noise

e) Converging Runway Operations at MSP

Description: The FAA began applying new Converging Runway Operations (CRO) mitigation strategies for both parallel runways in March 2016. The NOC will request the FAA continue to provide updates to the NOC on CRO procedures, progress toward mitigation strategies and expectations for runway use throughout 2026.

f) Noise Policy Review

Description: In 2021, the FAA released a summary of the research programs it sponsors on civil aircraft noise that could potentially inform future aircraft noise policy. The agency is assessing the survey results and federal register comments to determine changes to federal noise policy. In 2021 and 2023, the NOC submitted comments on the federal register on this matter. Throughout 2026, the NOC will request that the FAA continue to provide updates to the NOC on this process as developments are made.

g) New RNAV Departure Procedure Development / VOR-MON

Description: In 2020, the FAA presented to the NOC information about the nationwide VOR Minimum Operational Network (MON) program. The FAA is developing new Area Navigation (RNAV) departure procedures to take the place of ground-based procedures that utilized the VOR beginning in 2026. Staff will review flight track data before and after the new departure procedures are implemented and report this to the NOC in 2026.

h) Guest Speaker: Brian Ryks, MAC Executive Director / CEO

Description: NOC will receive an update on the MAC organization, recent accolades, trends in passengers and operations, and future development at MSP in addition to other pertinent topics.

3. Continue to Review Input Received from the NOC Listening Sessions as Possible Agenda Items

This is an information item; no NOC action is requested at this time. The October Listening Session will be held to solicit Work Plan ideas from the public. MAC staff will report the results to the NOC at its November meeting.

The final 2026 Work Plan will be placed on the NOC Agenda for November 19, 2025, with a request to recommend approval of the final 2026 NOC Work Plan to be presented by the NOC Co-Chairs to the MAC Planning Development and Environment Committee on December 1, 2025.