



MSP NOISE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE 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 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, 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 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.

Anderson discussed the new term and gave an overview of 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 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 asked if there was any objection to a voice vote or a preference for paper ballots. There was no objection to a voice vote and no request for paper ballots.

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

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 Fitzner seconded the nomination.

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.

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** 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 slipped to early 2026. They were originally scheduled for August 2025. The FAA has updated the language on their community engagement website to reflect the change. He noted that **Sean Doyle**, the regional FAA administrator, 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](#)