

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 4:00 PM
** Teleconference Only **

Call to Order

A regularly scheduled meeting of the St. Paul Downtown Airport Advisory Council (DAAC), was held, Tuesday, October 19, 2021 by teleconference only. **Vice-Chair Fure** called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. In attendance by teleconference were:

Representatives: B. Ortmann, Minnesota Army National Guard; S. Knapmiller, District 5; J. Fure, District 17; A. Jerve, Saint Paul; A. Wall, South Saint Paul; J. Puffer, Dayton's Bluff; C. Tahnk, 3M; L. Hinsperger, At-Large; N. Nix, Saint Paul

Staff: M. Wilson, Airport Manager, Saint Paul Downtown Airport; J. Harris, Director, Reliever Airports; J. Lewis, Community Relations Coordinator; M. Ross, Assistant Manager, Community Relations; L. Werner, Airport Planner; B. Juffer, Manager, Community Relations; D. Anderson, Acoustics and Technical Systems Coordinator; K. Verdeja, Administrative Specialist

Other: M. Pitz, Dayton's Bluff

1. Roll Call

Vice-Chair Fure called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Vice-Chair Fure explained he would be stepping in for Chair Glenn Weibel who was unable to participate today. There were a total of 19 participants.

A quorum of three User Representatives, two Public Representatives and one Government Representative was established by roll call attendance:

User Representatives: B. Ortmann, C. Tahnk, L. Hindsperger

Public Representatives: S. Knapmiller, J. Fure, J. Puffer

Government Representatives: N. Nix, A. Wall

2. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes: April 20, 2021

Vice-Chair Fure opened the item for discussion approving the minutes from the April 20, 2021 meeting.

Member Knappmiller moved and Member Puffer seconded to:

Accept the April 21, 2021 meeting minutes as presented.

The motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Eight

Tahnk, Ortmann, Hinsperger, Puffer, Knappmiller, Fure, Nix, Wall

Nays: None

3. Public Comment

Vice-Chair Fure introduced the public comment period and reminded attendees of the ground rules for public comment.

Majorie Pitz, a resident of the Mounds Park area of Dayton's Bluff, commented on the noise and vibrations caused by the National Guard helicopters. Ms. Pitt's suggested a vibrations study also be done during the next noise study.

4. Airport Manager Update

Mike Wilson, Airport Manager, Saint Paul Downtown Airport, gave an update of the Airport. Mr. Wilson gave an overview of the Reliever Airport Advisory Commission (RAAC) meeting and explained the information planning for winter operations, Holman's Table restaurant hours and airport Painting. Mr. Wilson also gave an update on the Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) meeting held on September 15 which included a taxiway change and a discussion about the SSP air traffic. Mr. Wilson also gave an update about all six airports and trends at the reliever airports. There is an upcoming virtual breakfast scheduled for December 8 with the airport tenants. At St. Paul airport we are preparing for snow removal and equipment and other supplies are ready.

Mr. Wilson shared information for September operations for all of the reliever airports for September 2019, 2020 and 2021. He mentioned almost double the number of operations in the month of September 2021 vs 2020 and more than 2019 operations as well.

The Long Term Planning Efforts for 2023 will be reviewed. They will also review the Airport Layout Plan.

5. Aircraft Operations and Noise Complaints Summary 3rd Quarter

Jennifer Lewis, Community Relations, gave an overview of MACNOMS which stands for Metropolitan Airports Commission Noise and Operations system. Ms. Lewis explained how the data collection has changed starting in July 2021. She gave examples of how the data has changed since the start of July 2021. Ms. Lewis explained more detail about complaints and operations is available on the MAC's website at <https://customers.macnoms.com/reports/>.

Ms. Lewis compared aircraft operations between Q2021 and Q32020 at STP (Saint Paul Downtown Airport). She explained the operations breakdown by aircraft type. Ms. Lewis stated there were 321 noise complaints from 57 locations and 73 nighttime complaints from 11 nighttime households in Q32021. There were 10,761 operations and 770 nighttime operations recorded at Saint Paul Airport during the quarter. Ms. Lewis explained the noise complaint location map.

Ms. Lewis responded to an inquiry regarding noise complaints in 2020 as residents often expressed frustration with noise while they were working at home and not being able to enjoy doing things outside of the home during the day when they were normally at work. Mike Wilson, Airport Manager, Saint Paul Downtown Airport, also pointed out that when the weather allows for windows to be open at home the noise complaints increased.

6. STP Annual Sound Study

Michele Ross, Assistant Manager, Community Relations, gave a brief overview of aircraft noise. Ms. Ross also mentioned the metroairports.org website for more tutorials. Ms. Ross defined sound and noise and how noise is measured. She continued by explaining common aircraft noise metrics, maximum sound level, sound exposure level, equivalent sound level, day-night average sound level and other metrics.

Ms. Ross explained the Saint Paul Downtown Airport (STP) Sound Study which took place August 17-23, 2021. Other studies were conducted in 2010, 2017 and 2020. Ms. Ross explained the field measurements and the sound study modeling results. Lastly, she explained the complaints during the sound study.

Ms. Ross responded to an inquiry about the complaints slide. Ms. Lewis pointed out that a field sound and modeling study will be done again in August of next year. She also clarified that the modeling study will be a part of the 2022 study. Ms. Ross responded to a question asking if a modeling study is done separately from the field study.

7. Member Comments

Mike Wilson, Airport Manager, Saint Paul Downtown Airport thanked the Council Representatives and all in attendance for participating and opened the discussion to the representatives.

Vice-Chair Fure commented that a 3:30 pm start time for the meetings would work better for him.

8. Set next meeting date: April 19, 2022

Vice-Chair Fure polled the group and recommended the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 3:30 pm with a location to be determined based on the guidelines set forth regarding social distancing and public health and safety.

Member Puffer moved and Member Nix seconded to:

Adjourn the October 19, 2021 Downtown Airport Advisory Council Meeting.

Mr. Wilson adjourned the meeting at 5:14 p.m.