



## MSP NOISE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 1:30 PM  
MAC General Offices  
6040 28<sup>th</sup> 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.