

Airlake Airport ADVISORY COMMISSION



ALAAC

Regular Meeting

March 13, 2025





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ALAAC PURPOSE AND GOALS

GOAL:

This Commission is formed to further the general welfare of the community and the Airlake Airport, a public airport in the City of Lakeville, County of Dakota, State of Minnesota, through minimizing or resolving problems created by the aircraft operations at the airport.

PURPOSE:

- 1. The Commission shall advise the community and the Metropolitan Airports Commission with regard to all matters affecting the Airlake Airport, the classification, rules and regulations supplied to the operation of the Airport and the development of lands adjacent to the Airport.
- 2. The Commission shall cooperate with the Metropolitan Airports Commission staff in reviewing matters affecting the use and control of the Airlake Airport.
- 3. The Commission shall make its recommendations to the Metropolitan Airports Commission regarding any proposal affecting the use or operations of Airlake Airport.

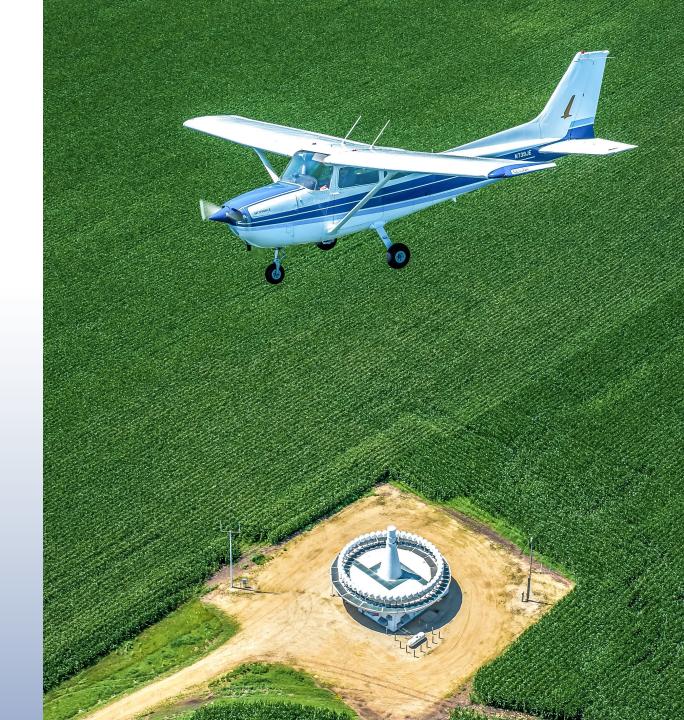
Agenda

Welcome & Introductions Agenda Discussion Consent Items:

- Agenda, Approval of Minutes Public Comment Information Items:
- -Airport 101: Value of the Airport
- -LVN CTAF Change
- -Lakeville Housing and Population Growth
- -Airport Manager Update
 ALAAC Member Announcements
 Review Meeting Schedule
 Adjourn



Welcome & Introductions



Members & Advisors

Community/Public Representatives	Airport User Representatives	Metropolitan Airports Commission
John Bermel, Co-Chair	Tom Fitzhenry, Co-Chair	Yodit Bizen,
Lakeville	Pilot	MAC Commissioner
Tina Goodroad, Lakeville	Patrick Moynihan, Pilot	Sam Seafeldt, Airport Manager
Donovan Palmquist,	Adam Forsberg,	Jennifer Lewis,
Eureka	FBO	Technical Advisor
Dave Wheeler,	Dan Wolbert,	Ryan Anderson, Manager
Eureka	Pilot	Community Relations
Erin Laberee,	Krista Jech,	Carey Metcalfe, Asst. Manager
Dakota County	Chamber of Commerce	Community Relations
Holly Bernatz, Farmington	Steven Guetter, Pilot	



Consent Items



Public Comment

Members of the public are welcome to share their remarks with the Commission

Please state your name and address

Limit remarks to 3 minutes



Information Items



Airport 101: Value of Airport in the Community



- 1. Aviation Basics
- 2. Local Aviation Overview
- 3. Anatomy of Airlake Airport
- 4. Community Engagement

1. Aviation Basics

- English is the official language of aviation worldwide
- GMT/UTC is used in aviation to avoid time zone confusion
- Federal Aviation Administration has sole jurisdiction over aviation in US
- Each airport in the world is assigned a four-character code
 - KLVN is Airlake Airport's code ('K' is dropped in local area for simplicity)
- Airspace is public in the United States except where protected for special uses
- Airspace over LVN is shared by many airports

Regulators

Federal Government: U.S. Department of Transportation delegates authority to the FAA to Federal oversee airports, aircraft, airspace, and flight procedures in the United States State of MN permits airports and heliports, grants registration for based aircraft, and created the State MAC to oversee a system of airports for the twincities metropolitan area **Airport**

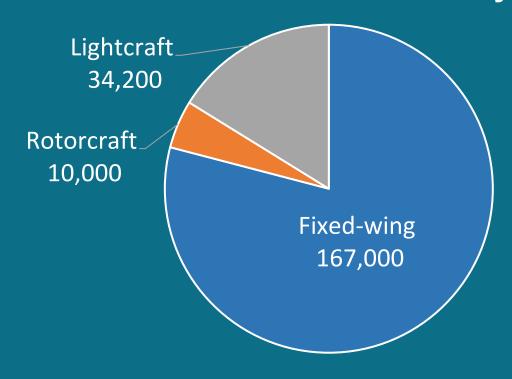
MAC owns and manages facilities for: MSP, STP, FCM, ANE, MIC, 21D, and LVN. Sam Seafeldt is the LVN Airport Manager

U.S. Aviation By the Numbers





General Aviation Aircraft Types



Sources: https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/by_the_numbers and https://www.statista.com/statistics/183496/number-of-airports-in-the-united-states-since-1990/

Stakeholders



U.S. Value in 2023

General Aviation Flight Hours	26 Million
Aviation Share of GDP	5.2%
Annual Earnings from Aviation	\$488 Billion
U.S. Jobs Generated from Aviation	11 Million

Source: FAA FY 2024

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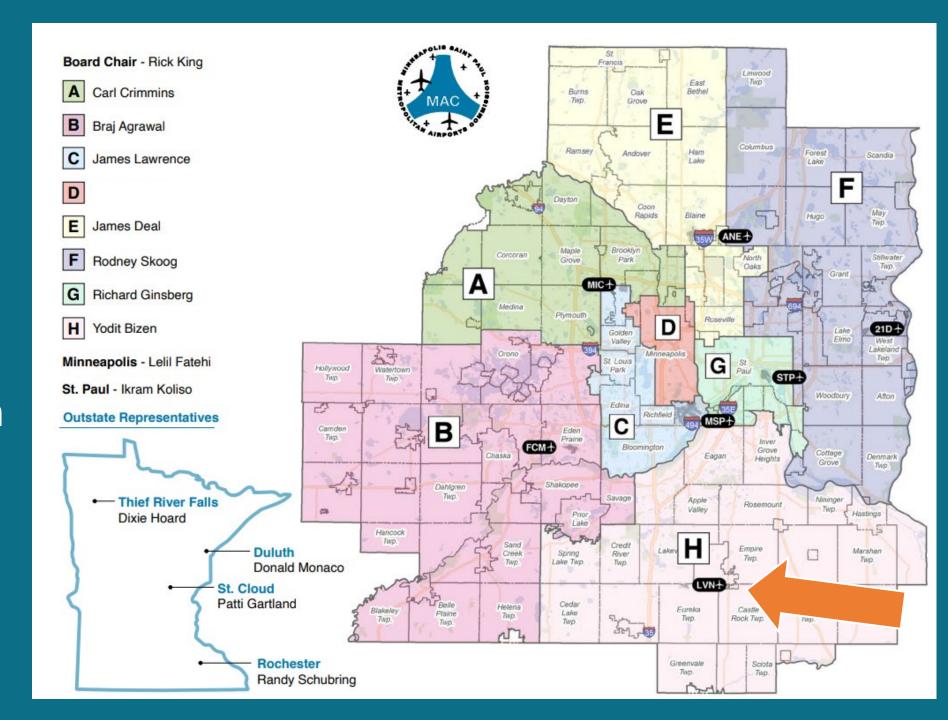


2. Local Aviation Overview

- There are 132 public airports in Minnesota
- MAC owns seven airports: one commercial aviation airport (MSP) and six general aviation airports (LVN, ANE, FCM, MIC, STP, and 21D)
- Minnesota State Statute 473.641 restricts the length of runways to 5,000 feet for "Minor" Airports such as the Airlake Airport
- Airlake Airport (LVN) is established as a Reliever Airport to enhance and support aviation system needs and relieve corporate & recreational air traffic congestion at MSP

MAC Board Overview

15 Members: State-wide Representation



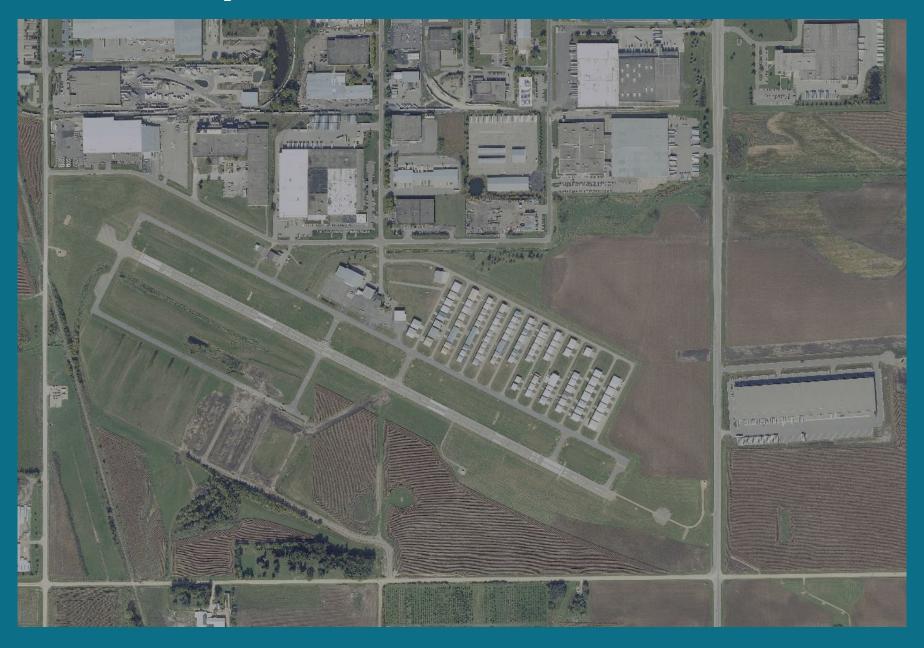


Airlake Airport Then and Now... (1970 and 2024)

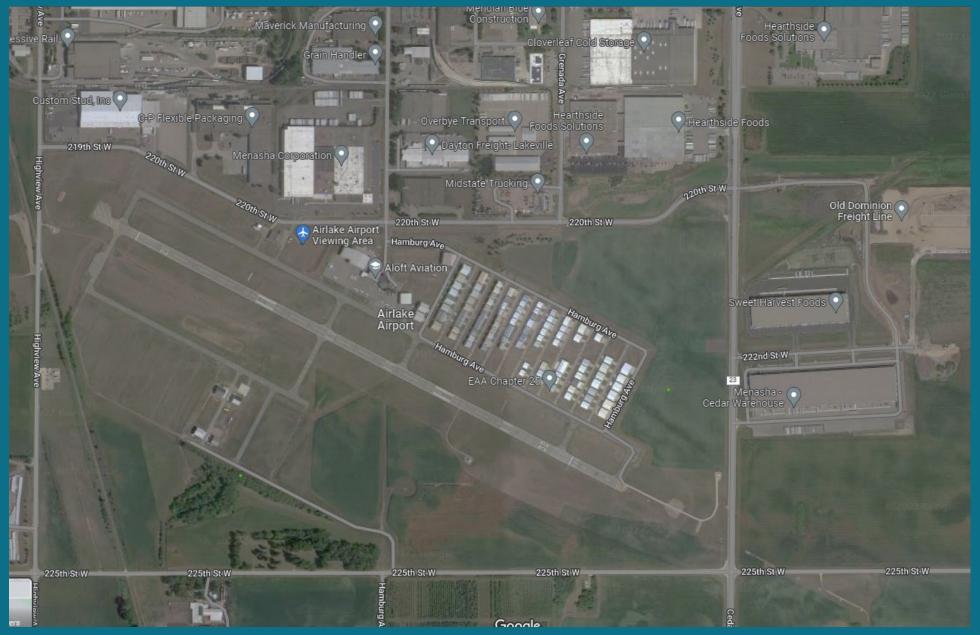




Airlake Airport & Lakeville Business -2019



Airlake Airport & Lakeville Business -2021



Airlake Airport & Lakeville Business -2022



The "Rules" at LVN

- Federal regulations apply to all flight operations in U.S.
- MAC airports are open for public-use 24 hours per day
- Pilots can arrive and depart using any FAA-certificated aircraft type
- The traffic pattern altitude at LVN is 1,000 feet above ground (note: aircraft in the process of taking off or landing do not have minimum altitudes (14 CFR 91.119))
- Noise abatement best practices at MAC airports are voluntary
- Wind direction determines runway use



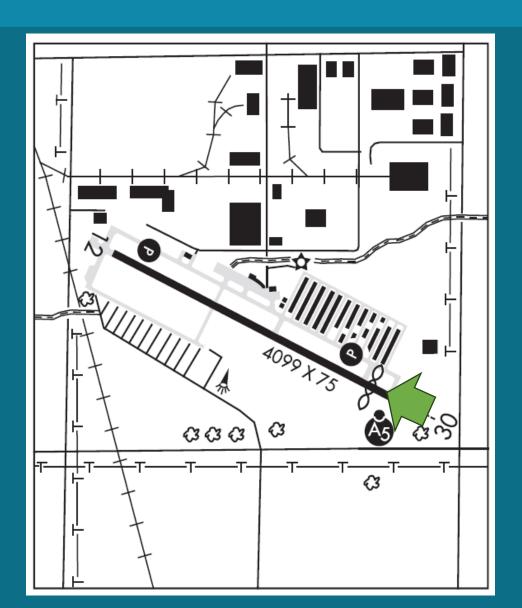
3. Anatomy of Airlake Airport (LVN)

Runway 12/30

- 4,099 feet long x 75 feet wide
- -Northwest / southeast alignment
- -Surface designated for take-off and landing
- -Named based on compass headings
- -Runway 30 is the Calm Wind Runway

Taxiway

Surface designed for getting aircraft to and from the runway



Other Basic Features of Airlake Airport:

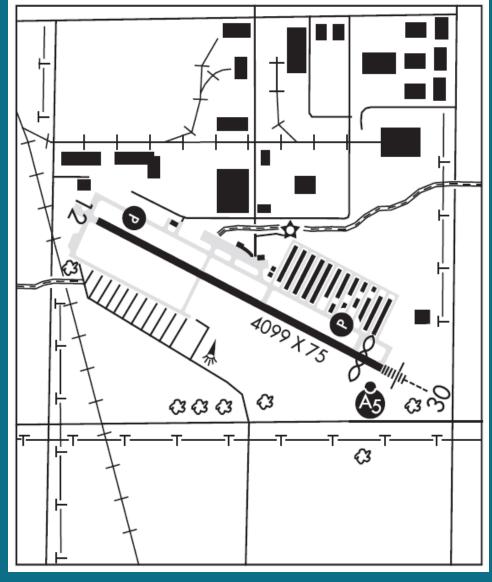
Fixed Base Operator (FBO)

Aviation Services Provider
Aloft and Aircraft Resource Center

Hangar Area
Aircraft storage buildings

Weather Monitoring

Airport Access Roadways



Note: LVN is a non-towered airport (it does not have an Air Traffic Control Tower)

Aircraft Types that Use LVN



The most common type of aircraft that operates at MAC reliever airports are propeller-driven with a single engine.





Twin-engine aircraft, jets, and helicopters also use LVN.





Year (MACNOMS)	Aircraft Operations
2022	38,170
2023	38,268
2024	42,611

Technical Systems at Airlake Airport

- Lighting
- Navigational Aids





UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FLIGHT INFORMATION PUBLICATION

CHART SUPPLEMENT NORTH CENTRAL U.S.

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20 FEB 2025

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Airfield Lighting Systems

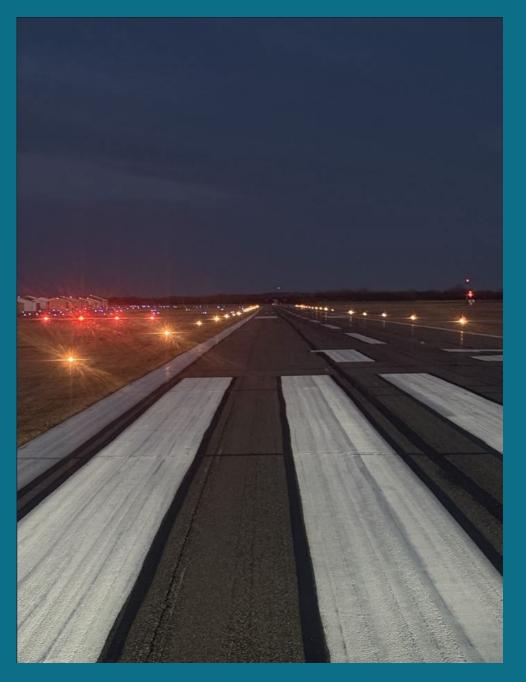


LVN Runway 30 Night Approach: https://vimeo.com/1065201401/659ad19a0d



LVN Runway 12 Night Approach: https://vimeo.com/1065201369/22cf0147bd

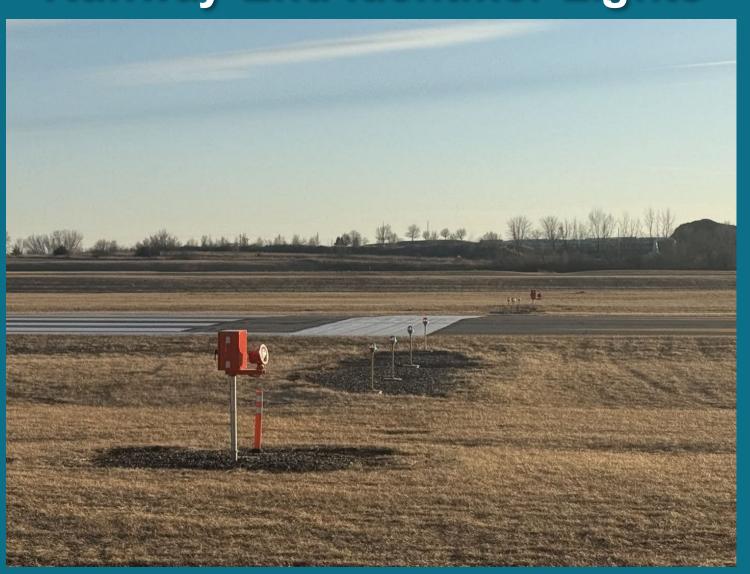
Special THANKS to Tom Fitzhenry and Al Alwin for the video footage!



PAPI Precision Approach Path Indicator



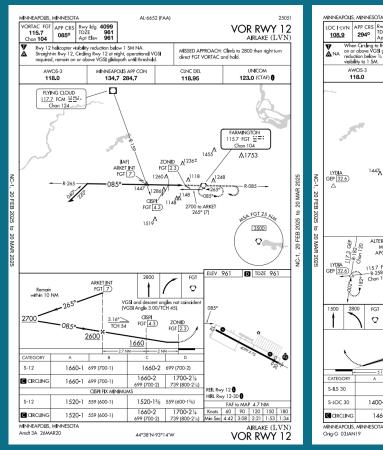
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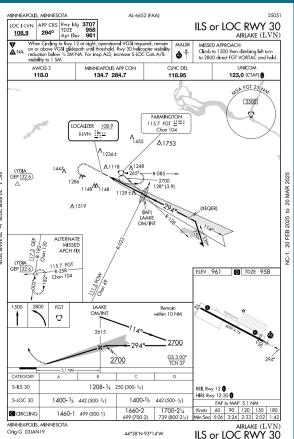


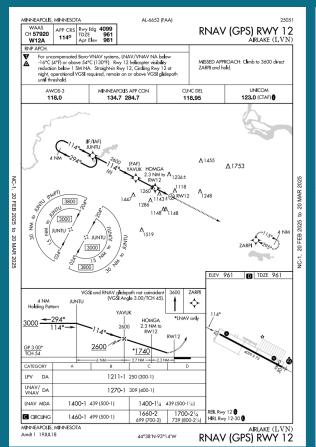
Airport Beacon

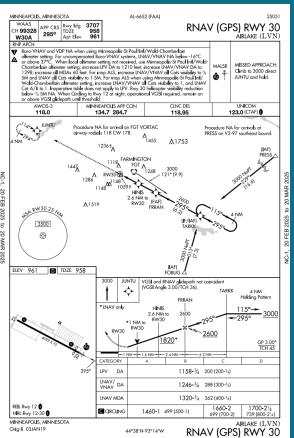


Instrument Approach Procedures











ILS Instrument Landing System



MALSR Medium intensity Approach Light System with Runway alignment indicator lights





Farmington VOR (Very-high frequency Omnidirectional Range)



4. Community Value

- Transportation & Connection
- Education, Training, & Jobs
- Access to Services & Resources
- Events & Engagement



















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(2025 BTN In-Process)

fixed based operator (FBO)

104

jobs supported

runway

4,098

total feet of runway

pavement

212 runway and taxiway lights

139 based aircraft





38,678 annual flight operations





\$13.2M

economic output annually

annual operating revenue



pieces of equipment

maintaining the airfield and airport grounds

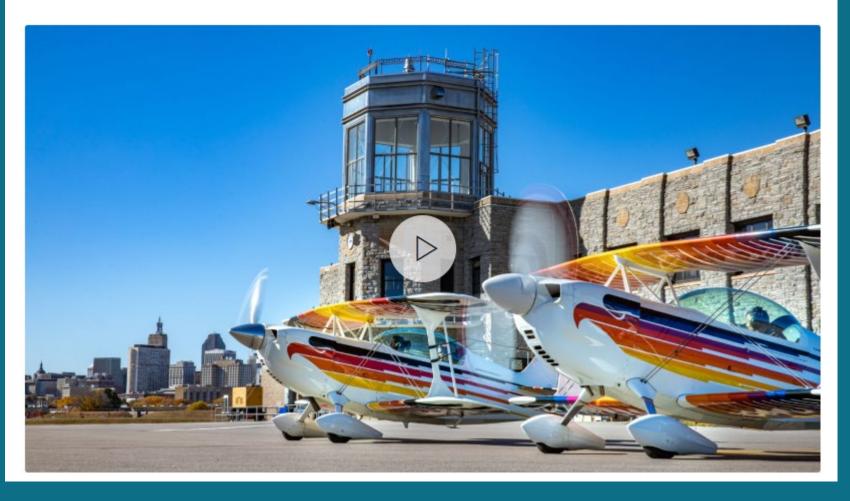
595 acres

1 Flight school > No Air Traffic Control Tower > 1 Full-time Airport Maintenance Staff > 1 Civil Air Patrol

1 EAA Chapter > In the community since 1966 > Owned by the MAC since 1981 > On-site public viewing area

MAC Video: What is General Aviation?

What is General Aviation?



https://youtu.be/gRBKnHR1xds

Questions?





Radio Frequency Change Update

Lakeville Housing and Population Growth

Tina Goodroad



More information is available here:

https://gis2.lakevillemn.gov/portal/apps/storymaps/stories/f55d79b45338425ba0fd14dd7f1d8bae





Airport Manager Update



Member Annoucements

2025 ALAAC Meeting Schedule:

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