



# NOISE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

June 20, 2023

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# Agenda

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## 1. Consent

1.1 – Approval of May 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes

## 2. Public Comment Period

## 3. Business

3.1 – FAA Noise Policy Review

## 4. Information

## 5. Announcements

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# ITEM 1.1

## APPROVAL OF MAY 17, 2023 MINUTES



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# ITEM 2

## PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD



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# ITEM 2

## PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

### Speaking at a Meeting

- Each speaker will have one opportunity to speak and is allotted three (3) minutes.
- When called upon to speak, speak clearly, state your name and address. If you are affiliated with any organization, please state your affiliation.
- Commenters shall address their comments to the NOC and not to the audience.
- Use of profanity, personal attacks, or threats of violence will not be tolerated.



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# 3.1 – FAA NOISE POLICY REVIEW



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# Federal Register Notice

- Published on May 1, 2023
- 90-day comment period ends July 31, 2023
- Includes a background on FAA Noise Policy
- Request for comments includes 11 questions
- Links to a companion framing paper
- Submit comments to Docket FAA-2023-0855 at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov)



# Letter Contents

- FAA Noise Research
- Frequency of Revisions
- Source Noise Reduction
- Alternative Noise Metrics

nighttime disturbance, communicating changes. Metrics both augment that is not representative of noise exposure outside the community. Given NOC's expertise is an opportunity to address environmental impacts. Under several flight procedures, dB in community. The NOC approved development of to share information flight procedures. Thank you for response and eagerness.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Jacobson  
MSP NOC Co-Chair  
City Administrator  
City of Mendota

cc: MAC Plan  
Brian Ryk

First, the NOC would like to see an updated noise contour and subsequent public consultation. Ongoing research, studies, and FAA, are crucial elements to the evidence resulting from noise and economic impacts. Second, an overarc of three to five years. decision-making could will likely disrupt airport term plans and environmental corrective and prevention and investment has around the airport communities have and threshold used for both the airport noise mitigation eligible readily adopt. Additionally, acceptable and una stable, well-understood to do this is to complete. The third comment exposure. The NOC technology. The NOC encourages the FAA areas into account designed to reduce airports and operations or employ noise reduction equipment. The Aviation Environment and noise technology and accuracy agency to further review procedures at airports. The FAA asked about contour and sought. Ninety-nine percent addition to overall those operations of

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Mr. Kevin Welsh  
Director, Office of Environment and Energy  
Federal Aviation Administration

Docket Operations, M-30  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Room W12-140, West Building, Ground Floor  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Docket No. FAA-2023-0855  
"Request for Comments on the Federal Aviation Administration's Review of the Civil Aviation Noise Policy"

Dear Mr. Welsh:

Thank you for inviting comment on the review of the civil aviation noise policy being undertaken by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to define, assess, and communicate aircraft noise exposure and impacts. The Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) Noise Oversight Committee (NOC) has monitored the FAA's Noise Policy Review process with keen interest. The NOC previously commented on the request for comment on the Neighborhood Environmental Survey, Docket No. FAA-2021-0037.

The NOC is the primary advisory body on aircraft noise issues associated with MSP. The NOC is comprised of six community representatives and six aviation industry representatives who provide policy recommendations to the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC), which owns and operates MSP<sup>1</sup>. For 20 years, the NOC has provided a balanced forum and amassed a distinguished record of identifying and analyzing airport noise issues around MSP, which has resulted in the development of many innovative solutions through sophisticated evaluation of noise issues.<sup>2</sup> These solutions are based both in acoustical methods, such as sound insulation and noise abatement mitigation, as well as non-acoustic methods, such as stakeholder and community collaboration and engagement. The NOC recognizes the importance of this work and, in conjunction with MAC staff, works to maintain strong partnerships with the airlines, airport, community, and FAA through a robust calendar of engagements designed to meet and collaborate with our stakeholders.

It is from this experience that the NOC formulates the following comments and suggestions in response to the FAA's request for public comment on the Review of the Civil Aviation Noise Policy.

<sup>1</sup> The NOC airport user representation includes air carriers, cargo air carriers, chief pilots, charter air carriers, and the Minnesota Business Aviation Association. NOC community representation includes the cities of Bloomington, Eagan, Mendota Heights, Minneapolis, Richfield and an At-Large community seat representing the cities of Apple Valley, Burnsville, Edina, Inver Grove Heights, St. Louis Park, St. Paul and Sunfish Lake.

<sup>2</sup> Please see <https://metroairports.org/noc-work-plans-and-accomplishments>.



# Next Steps



- July 10 – Planning, Development & Environment Committee
- July 24 – Full Commission
- July 31 – Comment Deadline

# Action Requested

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APPROVE THE LETTER AND REQUEST THAT THE MAC PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ENDORSE AND FILE IT ON FEDERAL DOCKET NO. FAA-2023-0855 "REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION'S REVIEW OF THE CIVIL AVIATION NOISE POLICY".



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# ITEM 5

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### July NOC Meeting

Wednesday, July 19, 2023 @ 1:30 PM

### Summer Listening Session

Wednesday, July 26, 2023 @ 6:00 PM



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# YOU'RE INVITED TO EXPERIENCE **msp**<sup>TM</sup>

## WHEN:

Tuesday, July 11, 2023 - 4:30 to 8:30 p.m., Presentation at 5:30 p.m.

## WHERE:

Sabathani Community Center - 310 East 38th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55409

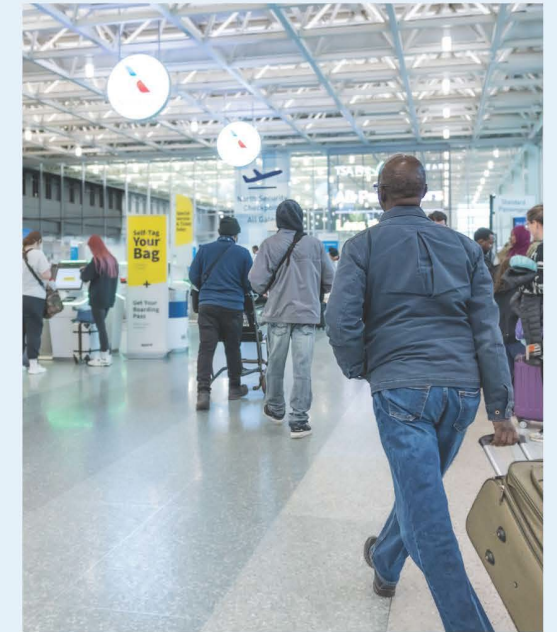
## WHAT:

Learn about proposed projects in the MSP Airport Long-Term Plan, submitted written comments, hear about sustainability in aviation, experience airport exhibits and kids' aviation-themed activities.

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### DRAFT PLAN OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

- The draft Long-Term Plan is available at <http://www.msPAIRport.com/long-term-plan>
- Comments will be accepted until Monday, August 21, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.



Learn more about the  
process and how to  
submit comments at:

