

# Collaboration at Work

The MAC is committed to regular, authentic and data-driven engagement with its airport neighbors. A key component of that commitment are advisory committees that convene to discuss aircraft noise topics for many of the MAC airports. The most active of these committees is the MSP Noise Oversight Committee.

### MSP Noise Oversight Committee (NOC)

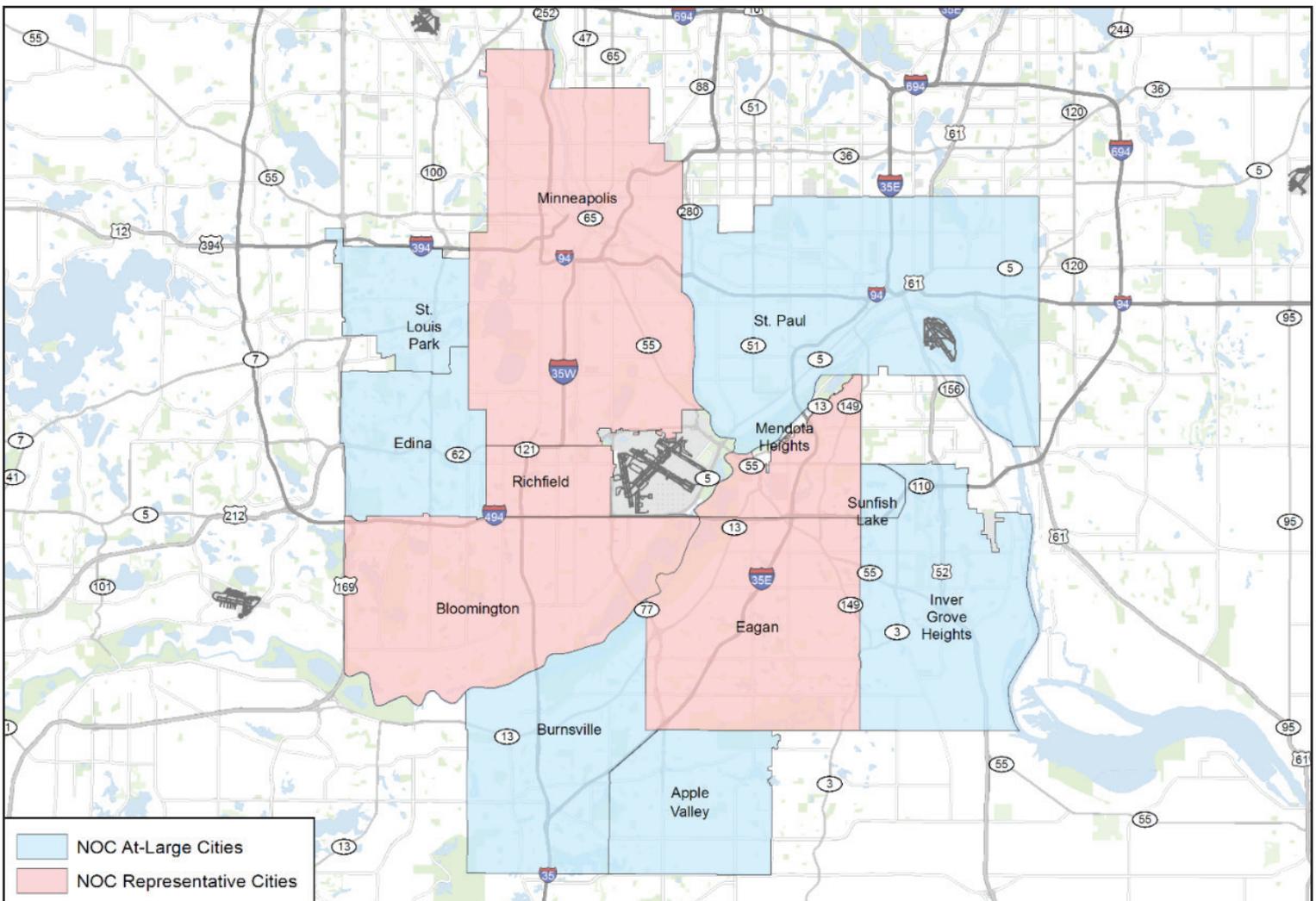
The NOC was created by a blue ribbon panel in 2002. It is the primary advisory board to the MAC board's Planning, Development and Environment Committee on topics related to aircraft noise at MSP.

The NOC is a balanced forum for the discussion and evaluation of noise impacts around MSP including the identification, study and analysis of aircraft noise issues. Membership includes six community representatives and

six aviation industry representatives. As shown below, the most noise-impacted cities -- Bloomington, Eagan, Mendota Heights, Minneapolis and Richfield -- each has a representative. An At-Large Community member represents the cities of Apple Valley, Burnsville, Inver Grove Heights, St. Louis Park, St. Paul, Sunfish Lake and Edina. The aviation industry is equally represented by a scheduled air carrier, a cargo air carrier, a charter/scheduled operator, a chief pilot of an airline serving MSP, the Minnesota Business Aviation Association (MBAA) and an At-Large member.

NOC members serve two-year terms and are appointed by their respective community or airport industry group. Each representative is authorized to make decisions and recommendations on behalf of his or her city or organization – a crucial element of the NOC's success.

## NOC REPRESENTATIVE CITIES





Each year the NOC establishes a work plan and presents it to the MAC's Planning, Development and Environment Committee. The NOC conducts six regular meetings per year and is assisted in its efforts by technical staff from the MAC to complete the tasks in its work plan. MSP air traffic management recognizes the NOC as a constructive and essential element in community engagement and regularly attends its meetings.

The NOC is an industry model in reaching collaborative resolutions to aircraft noise impacts and in bringing to the MAC board policy recommendations that result in innovative and nationally-recognized accomplishments, many having to do with controversial topics, including:

- **Performance Based Navigation (PBN) at MSP**

The NOC was engaged with the FAA's PBN efforts since 2007. Early on, a void was recognized between the FAA's public outreach plans and expectations in the communities surrounding MSP. Therefore, the NOC acted as a catalyst in information-sharing to ensure the public was aware of the PBN process, designed procedures and anticipated impacts. The NOC ensured surrounding communities received the information needed to ultimately bring their concerns about the procedures before the MAC board. The board listened to communities' concerns and told the FAA it could not support PBN departure procedures to the north of the airport. Consequently, the FAA did not implement the controversial PBN departure procedures at MSP and decided only to implement PBN arrival procedures.

After the FAA's decision, the NOC unanimously passed a resolution establishing its expectations for future implementation of PBN departure procedures at MSP. NOC Resolution #01-2014 recommended approval of PBN arrival procedures at MSP and specified any further consideration of PBN departure procedures include a robust community outreach program by the FAA.

The NOC resolution demonstrated a unified position on behalf of all stakeholders (communities, airlines and airport management). Ultimately, the NOC's and MSP's experience greatly informed and influenced Airports Council International-North America's NextGen Working Group paper titled "Airports' Role in the Development and Implementation of Performance Based Navigation (PBN) Flight Procedures."

- **Residential Noise Mitigation Program Expansion**

The NOC can also be credited in 2013 with brokering an extension of the MAC's Residential Noise Mitigation Program. The NOC unanimously agreed to work with cities and the FAA to extend the program until the year 2023.

Through this action, the NOC successfully aligned the expectations of both the communities and airport management.

### **MSP Listening Sessions**

Each quarter, listening sessions are held for residents to discuss their questions and concerns about MSP.

A summary of the comments received at these meetings is shared with the NOC and the MAC's Planning, Development and Environment Committee. Topics from Listening Sessions may become agenda items for future NOC discussions. For information about other airport advisory committees, please contact the MAC at **612-726-9411**.



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