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## Sara Freese Named Director of Maintenance Services and Asset Management at MSP Airport



MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL – The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) has promoted Sara Freese to the newly created position of Maintenance Services and Asset Management Director at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP).

"Sara Freese is a proven leader whose experience will be invaluable as we transition to a new operating model focused on optimization through data-driven decision making and performance-based management," said Chad Leqve, MAC's Vice President of Management and Operations. "Sara is the best person for the job, and we are elated to have her expertise as we continue to strive for success while developing and executing new operation strategies that include a new asset management program."

The MSP Maintenance Services and Asset Management department is responsible for field maintenance and trades services. It will also lead the

development and execution of a formal asset management program at the MAC that prioritizes safety and regulatory compliance while helping to elevate the customer experience.

"I am honored to bring my experience in airport management to develop a data-driven approach to the MAC's maintenance operations and planning," Freese said. "This new operations model will help us serve our customers more efficiently while prioritizing safety and regulatory compliance."

Freese, who is being promoted from Assistant Director of Field Maintenance/Airside Operations, has more than 24 years of experience in airport management, including six years at the MAC. She holds master's degrees in business administration and aviation safety and a bachelor's degree in aviation management. She serves on the National Board of Examiners with the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE).

## About The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC)

The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) owns and operates one of the nation's largest airport systems, including <u>Minneapolis-St Paul International (MSP)</u> and six general aviation airports. The MAC's airports connect the region to the world and showcase Minnesota's extraordinary culture to millions of passengers from around the globe who arrive or depart through MAC airports each year. Though a public corporation of the state of Minnesota, the organization is not funded by income or property taxes. Instead, the MAC's operations are funded by rents and fees generated by users of its airports. For more information, visit <u>MetroAirports.org</u>.