

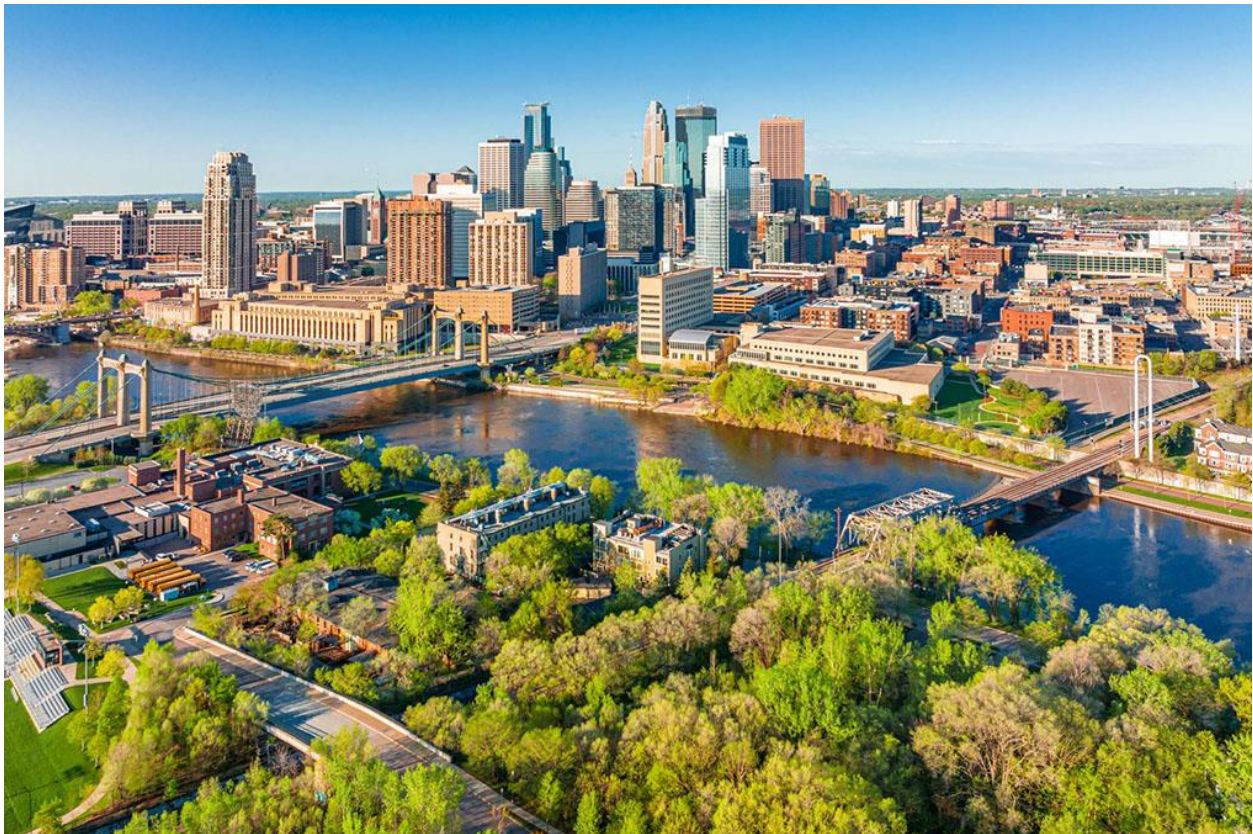


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## Metropolitan Airports Commission to Host International Aviation Industry Conference

The 2022 ACI-NA Annual Conference & Exhibition Runs Sept. 17-20 at Minneapolis Convention Center



Credit: Meet Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL – The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) will host the Airports Council International - North America (ACI-NA) [2022 Annual Conference & Exhibition](#) Sept. 17 – 20, 2022, at the Minneapolis Convention Center in downtown Minneapolis.

“The ACI-NA Annual Conference and Exhibition is one of the most anticipated industry events of the year,” said Brian Ryks, Executive Director and CEO of the MAC. “We’re excited to bring airport and

aviation professionals to the Twin Cities to showcase Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and our area communities as we work to advance the importance of travel and trade locally and globally.”

This year’s agenda features Scott Pelley, the award-winning 60 Minutes correspondent, former CBS Evening News anchor and managing editor, as the keynote speaker. Delta Air Lines’ CEO Ed Bastian will keynote the second day in a fireside chat regarding steps Delta Airlines is taking to enhance the future of travel and how airports and airlines can partner moving forward.

“We are thrilled to host our 2022 Annual Conference and Exhibition in Minneapolis,” said ACI-NA President and CEO Kevin M. Burke. “There is so much optimism within the airport industry as we continue our upward trajectory toward full recovery following the COVID-19 pandemic. We look forward to bringing some 2,000 airport industry executives to the Minneapolis-St. Paul region as we remain focused on strengthening air travel across North America.”

The 2022 ACI-NA Annual Conference & Exhibition will feature an expansive trade show floor with 160 exhibitors. Attendees will gain access to more than 250 businesses showcasing the latest products and innovations enhancing the airport experience. A live show floor plan can be found [here](#). A full agenda and more conference details for 2022 ACI-NA Annual Conference & Exhibition can be found on the [ACI-NA website](#).

Members of the media are welcome to cover the 2022 ACI-NA Annual Conference & Exhibition. Interested media should contact ACI-NA in advance to request media passes.

**Media Pass Requests:**

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**Local sponsors of the 2022 ACI-NA Annual Conference & Exhibition include:**

**Areas**

Areas is a leading national concessionaire at MSP Airport (MSP) featuring both national brands – including Panda Express and Wendy’s – and local favorites – including Leeann Chin, Peoples Organic and Blue Door Pub.

**LG**

LG’s advanced technology appears at MSP in the form of numerous video display screens, including large, 7-foot stretch monitors that bring messages to life.

**Airport Foundation MSP**

Airport Foundation MSP works closely with the MAC to staff information booths and provide a well-rounded arts program that includes rotating exhibits, live performances and MSP’s popular animal ambassadors.

**ReachTV**

America's largest in-airport TV network is a key partner at MSP, providing passengers with timely and entertaining programming.

**MspGOLF**

Operated by mspGOLF, the PGA Lounge is a golf lifestyle facility at MSP that allows travelers to play their favorite PGA golf course on a golf simulator while grabbing refreshments at Ike's Clubhouse.

**HMSHost**

A long-time partner at MSP, HMSHost's concessions bring many of the nation's best-known brands – including Starbucks, Chick-fil-A and Chili's – to satisfy MSP travelers.

**Alliance**

Alliance is a full-service architecture and design firm based in Minneapolis. The firm has partnered with the MAC on many expansion and improvement projects at MSP.

**Verdis Group**

Verdis Group helps organizations identify and implement sustainable solutions, including working with the MAC to design its sustainability goals for the years ahead.

**ICF**

ICF is a consulting and communications consultant for a digital world. They have partnered with the MAC on a variety of digital and visual communication strategies and work alongside MAC leadership to support the development of an enterprise-wide strategic plan.

**Paslay Group**

A full-service airport development consultancy, Paslay Group works alongside MAC leadership to support the development of an enterprise-wide strategic plan.

**Paradies Lagardère Travel Retail**

This concessions firm brings Vino Volo and Verdi Market to Terminal 1, on Concourse C, and operates the Surdyk's location at Terminal 2.

**Stellar Partners**

Stellar Partners is a leading airport retail operator that prides itself on offering optimal shopping experiences for airport travelers. Stellar Partners operates three MSP venues: Swarovski, New Stand, and Wild & Sweet.

**About The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC)**

*The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) owns and operates one of the nation's largest airport systems, including Minneapolis-St Paul International (MSP) 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 [www.metroairports.org](http://www.metroairports.org).*

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