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## The Metropolitan Airports Commission Names Mark Bents as Director of Real Estate and Airline Affairs

MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL, MN — The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) has selected Mark Bents as its new director of real estate and airline affairs within the organization's newly renamed Revenue and Business Development division.

Promoted from assistant director of commercial management and airline affairs, Bents' new director role will focus on leading all real estate, airline and rental car agreements across the MAC's system of airports, which includes Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) and six general aviation airports in the Twin Cities.



Courtesy: Metropolitan Airports Commission

“Mark has been leading a resourceful team responsible for a significant amount of annual revenue for the MAC,” said Samantha Porter, MAC vice president of finance and revenue development. “He has led several commercial growth opportunities for the MAC through his established industry relationships and strategic revenue initiatives.”

In his nearly 10 years at the MAC, Bents has been involved in contract negotiations and revenue development initiatives with most of the MAC's airline, tenant and aviation partners.

“I am thrilled to have been promoted to the director role,” Bents said. “I look forward to the new challenges that lie ahead that will have a great impact in optimizing the MAC’s financial performance and helping our airports operate in a friendly, efficient and secure manner.”

Bents earned his CPA certification in 2008 and was a tax manager for PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP before joining the MAC in 2014. Prior to that, Bents got his aviation experience as an airport operations specialist at South Bend Regional Airport in South Bend, Indiana, and as an airport operations coordinator at Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, Texas. Bents holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration and an MBA with a finance emphasis from the University of North Dakota. He is an Accredited Airport Executive (A.A.E.) through the American Association of Airport Executives.

### **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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