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MSP Airport temporarily closing runway for airfield improvements Runway 12R-30L will be closed April 14 to May 23 for first phase of work



MSP Runway 12R-30L will temporarily close beginning April 14 for runway safety improvements. Courtesy of the Metropolitan Airports Commission

MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL, Minn. — The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) will close the south parallel runway at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) this spring and late summer for runway safety improvements and other airfield projects. The construction work will occur in two phases on Runway 12R-30L, MSP’s 10,000-foot, east-west parallel runway located on the south side of Terminal 1.

The first phase begins Monday, April 14, and continues through May 23. The second phase will occur between Aug. 18 and Sept. 26. This approach allows the runway to be fully open for the majority of the peak summer travel season. The closure will allow for runway grading, drainage and shoulder improvements as well as the reconstruction of Taxiway D near Taxiway W.

“The improvements are essential to maintain runway safety and extend the efficiency of our operations in the long term,” said Roy Fuhrmann, COO of the MAC, which owns and operates MSP. “With this closure, air traffic control can assign flights to any of MSP’s three other runways depending on wind direction, air traffic demand, or other operational factors.”

That means nearby residents may notice temporary changes to departing or arriving flight patterns at MSP. During the summer pause, and once the runway construction work is fully completed this fall, the Federal Aviation Administration will return MSP to its pre-construction operational patterns.

This is the second consecutive year of runway construction at MSP. The airport’s north parallel runway, 12L-30R, and the crosswind runway, 4-22, were temporarily closed in 2024 for reconstruction and other safety improvements.

Residents who have any questions or concerns regarding airfield operations, aircraft noise or runway closures due to construction can contact the MAC Community Relations Office at 612-726-9411. Additional project information is posted online at www.metroairports.org.

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 Airport \(MSP\)](#) 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.

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