Lake Elmo Airport
Environmental Assessment (EA)/
Environmental Assessment (EAW) Worksheet

May 15, 2018 – Community Engagement Panel Meeting #6
Public Comment Overview & Next Steps
Agenda

• Overview of public and agency/government comments
• Next steps
• Request for input on stakeholder engagement process
Public Comment Overview

• 74 individuals provided spoken and/or written comments during the public comment period
  • 46 oppose the project (62%)
  • 26 support the project (35%)
  • 2 were neutral or position could not be reliably identified (3%)

• Spoken comments
  • 16 individuals spoke at the public hearing

• Written comments
  • 66 individuals submitted written comments
  • 74 total written comments were submitted (several individuals submitted multiple written comments)
Frequent Public Comment Topics

- Airport use by larger aircraft
- 30th Street realignment
- Use of alternate airports
- Aircraft noise
- Airfield lighting
- Safety zoning/incompatible land use
- Purpose and Need
- Economic impacts
- Property value

- Wildlife habitat
- Groundwater contamination
- Tree removal
- Operations estimates
- Importance of airport
- Pilot/community relations
- MAC/community relations
- Sources of funding
- Unique comments
Agency & Local Government Comments

- Written comments were submitted by nine local governments/agencies
  - West Lakeland Township
  - Valley Branch Watershed District
  - Washington County
  - Washington Conservation District
  - Minnesota Department of Agriculture
  - Minnesota Department of Transportation
  - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
  - Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
  - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Next Steps

• Incorporate responses to public, local government, and agency comments into the EA/EAW

• Final actions necessary to complete the EA/EAW process
  • FAA to issue finding on the Federal Environmental Assessment
    • Notice of finding to be published in the Federal Register
  • MAC to issue determination on the State Environmental Assessment Worksheet
    • Discussion to occur at a future Planning, Development, & Environment committee meeting
    • Formal determination to occur at a future MAC Full Commission meeting
    • Once made, notice of determination to be published in the Minnesota EQB Monitor
Thank You for Your Participation

• Please share your thoughts on your experience.
• Your input will be used to improve MAC’s stakeholder engagement processes.
• Completed questionnaires can be:
  1] Left with us at today’s meeting
  2] Sent via e-mail to dana.nelson@mspmac.org
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