

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
 - 3] Sent via mail to:

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