The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) has prepared a draft version of the 2035 Long-Term Comprehensive Plan (LTCP) for Crystal Airport. The purpose of the LTCP is to identify facility needs at Crystal Airport through 2035. The public is invited to review this document and provide written comments to the MAC.

Crystal Airport is located in Hennepin County, approximately seven miles northwest of downtown Minneapolis. It lies within the City of Crystal, with small portions of airport property overlapping into the City of Brooklyn Park and the City of Brooklyn Center. The Draft 2035 LTCP includes a recommendation from the previous plan (completed in 2008) to close existing Runways 14R-32L (parallel to Runway 14L-32R) and 06R-24L (a grass runway), leaving a two-runway airfield in place. Refinements to the previous plan included in this update are: 1] re-designating the remaining runways as “Utility” to better reflect today’s and the airport's expected future aircraft activity levels, as well as to permit the use of smaller Runway Protection Zones; 2] converting existing Runway 14L-32R overrun pavement into stopways to improve safety and offer some operational improvements for the types of aircraft already operating at the airport; and 3] modifying the taxiway layouts to reduce the possibility of runway crossings on the airfield.

Copies of the draft LTCP document will be available for distribution, and for viewing on the MAC’s website, beginning Monday, September 12, 2016. Written comments will be accepted until Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 5:00pm CDT.

http://metroairports.org/General-Aviation/Airports/Crystal.aspx

A printed copy of the document will be available for review at the following locations: MAC General Office building, 6040 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis; Crystal City Hall, 4141 Douglas Drive North, Crystal; Rockford Road Library, 6401 42nd Avenue North, Crystal; and at Crystal Airport, 5800 Crystal Airport Road, Crystal. Requests for a paper copy can be sent to the email address below.

The public is also invited to attend informational meetings to learn more about the proposed improvements included in the draft LTCP. See below for the times and locations:

Tuesday, September 27, 2016
5:00 to 7:00 pm
Crystal Community Center
4800 Douglas Drive North
Crystal, MN 55428

Thursday, September 29, 2016
5:00 to 7:00 pm
Brooklyn Park City Hall, Council Chambers
5200 85th Avenue North
Brooklyn Park, MN 55443

The meetings will include a 6 p.m. presentation by MAC staff, as well as opportunities to ask questions and talk directly with staff.

Written comments can be submitted via email by sending them to Crystal-Airport-LTCP-Comments@mspmac.org, or by physically mailing them to Neil Ralston, MAC Airport Development, 6040 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis MN 55450.