

**PUBLIC NOTICE
LAKE ELMO AIRPORT
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR PROPOSED AIRFIELD IMPROVEMENTS
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) has commenced a joint Federal Environmental Assessment (EA) / State Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) to study the environmental effects of proposed airfield improvements at Lake Elmo Airport. These improvements are identified in the Airport's recently-completed Long-Term Comprehensive Plan. In accordance with its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires the MAC to complete an EA in order to obtain federal funding for the improvements. The MAC is also responsible under State law for completing an EAW, which will be completed concurrently. During the EA/EAW process, numerous environmental categories will be reviewed. In addition to direct environmental effects, the process will consider the related social and economic effects. The EA process will involve extensive public outreach and opportunities for public involvement, including three public information meetings as the Draft EA is developed, followed by a public hearing immediately after public release of the Draft EA document.

The MAC will host the first public information meeting on:

Thursday, May 11, 2017
6:00 to 8:00 PM
Presentation beginning at 6:30 PM

Stillwater High School - 2nd Floor Rotunda and Forum Room
5701 Stillwater Blvd N
Stillwater, MN 55082

The meeting offers an opportunity for one-to-one interaction with MAC staff in an open house setting with an overview presentation beginning at 6:30 PM. During the meeting, community members can learn more about the proposed airfield improvements, Federal and State environmental processes and regulations, environmental analysis categories, how and why alternatives are considered, the anticipated project timeline, and opportunities for public input.

More information is available on the project website (<https://www.metroairports.org/General-Aviation/Lake-Elmo-Environmental-Assessment.aspx>), including how to receive periodic updates via our e-news subscription program, public event details, public project documents, answers to frequently asked questions, and information on how to provide public comment throughout the process.