

Minutes

TAC Planning Committee



Meeting Date: May 11, 2023

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Virtual

Members Present:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anoka Co – Jack Forslund<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carver Co – Jack Johansen, alternate for Angie Stenson (Vice Chair)<input type="checkbox"/> Chanhassen – Charlie Howley<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Community Development – Patrick Boylan, alternate for Michael Larson<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council MTS – Dave Burns<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dakota Co – Gina Mitteco<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FHWA – Josh Pearson | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hennepin Co – KC Atkins<input type="checkbox"/> Metro Transit – Steve Mahowald<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAC – Bridget Rief<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minneapolis – Kathleen Mayell<input type="checkbox"/> MnDOT – Michael Corbett<input type="checkbox"/> MPCA – Innocent Eyoh<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ramsey Co – Scott Mareck (Chair) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> St. Paul – Bill Dermody<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Co – Nathan Abney<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban Transit Assoc – Grace Almeida<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TAB Coordinator – Elaine Koutsoukos<input type="checkbox"/> Washington Co – Sara Allen<input type="checkbox"/> West St. Paul – Ross Beckwith <p><input type="checkbox"/> = present, E = excused</p> |
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Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Scott Mareck, Ramsey County, called the regular meeting of the TAC Planning Committee to order at 1:02 p.m.

Agenda Approved

Committee members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by David Burns, Metropolitan Transportation Services, seconded by KC Atkins, Hennepin County, to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2023 regular meeting of the TAC Planning Committee. **Motion carried** unanimously.

Public Comment on Committee Business

There were no public comments.

Business

There were no business items.

Information

1. MSP Airport Long-Term Plan and Stakeholder Engagement Update (Eric Gilles & Dana Nelson, Metropolitan Airports Commission)

Eric Gilles and Dana Nelson presented on the Metropolitan Airports Commission's (MAC) progress updating the long-term plan for Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP Airport). They described the plan's timeline and contributing studies, stakeholder engagement activities and methods, the plan's preferred alternative, and next steps including the Met

Council's role in consistency determination. The preferred alternative identifies need for Federal Inspection Services facilities at both terminals, additional and reconfigured gates, relocating the fixed base operator facility, aircraft parking, and balance between airside, landside, and surrounding space constraints.

Chair Mareck said he is excited for upgrades at MSP Airport. He asked about the rough cost of the proposed improvements and their funding sources. Eric Gilles said MAC does not have a final cost estimate awaiting further consulting work, and there is a five-year strategic plan being developed. Bridget Rief, MAC, said the current capital program is over \$3 billion dollars and does include the environmentally cleared pieces of this plan, but not the bulk of the work identified in the long term plan. She said this work would be primarily funded through airport revenue bonds and Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) revenue. She said there are some federal competitive and formula programs available as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. She said changes to terminal rate structures may increase airlines' contributions to the work, which will increase the cost per enplaned passenger, currently low compared to peer airports. She said 2024 is MAC's single largest capital program year at over \$1 billion, which includes gate expansion at Terminal 2 and Terminal 1 Concourse G infill. She said MAC is seeking to include the full build-out of Terminal 2 into their 2025 capital program.

KC Atkins thanked MAC for robust engagement and including children in engagement. She asked if the increased number of gates will increase travel out of MSP Airport and lead to noise contour updates. Eric Gilles answered that part of the gate expansion need is a result of increased demand from airlines like Sun Country, but also due to need for additional flexible space when concourses are not available and to recover lost gates from up-gauging work to fit larger aircraft. Dana Nelson answered that noise contours are updated as part of this plan, and operations and noise contour size are expected to increase. She mentioned the noise mitigation program for households within the 60 DNL contour, that 90% of homes within the buffers have already received some type of sound relief or mitigation, and that monitoring will continue for those 10%.

Cole Hiniker, MTS Planning, asked if the sterile connection is for internal operations or intended for passengers making connections as well. Eric Gilles answered the connection is primarily intended for passengers.

David Burns, MTS Planning, asked if updated noise maps have been published. Dana Nelson answered that MAC has provided them to different groups, like the Noise Oversight Committee, and they will become available as part of the draft document during the public comment period expected in June.

Cole Hiniker, MTS Planning, said this plan does come through the Met Council's process for approval and this presentation was to give members time to anticipate questions and familiarize themselves with the topic.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

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