

2013 Airport Noise Plan of Action

Mendota Heights Airport Relations Commission



Mendota Heights City Code (2-4-6) establishes the following powers and duties for the Mendota Heights Airport Relations Commission:

- A. The Airport Relations Commission shall advise the city council on matters pertaining to airport noise and operations at Minneapolis - St. Paul International Airport (MSP).
- B. The Airport Relations Commission is expected to monitor proposed rules, procedures and programs which impact the air noise situation within the city and to make recommendations to the city council regarding strategies to mitigate the city's air noise exposure.
- C. The Airport Relations Commission shall have such other duties and powers as granted by the City Council from time to time. (Ord. 290, 4-20-1993)

In an effort to mitigate airport noise in the Mendota Heights community and assure equity of the current runway use system, the Commission has given high priority to the following issues (not in priority order):

1. Develop and strengthen our partnerships with the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), legislative leaders and other government bodies regarding airport issues.
2. Monitor airport operations.
3. Work collaboratively with other communities on mutual concerns in regards to airport development and operations.
4. Monitor implementation of Performance Based Navigation (PBN) procedures.
5. Monitor residential land use in Mendota Heights, particularly developable parcels that may be affected by airport noise.
6. Monitor night time aircraft operations and restrictions.
7. Observe ongoing changes in fleet mix.
8. Provide oversight of 2030 Plan.
9. Provide communications to City Council and residents regarding airport issues, and inform the City Council of pertinent issues.
10. Monitor correspondence and new information on national and international noise mitigation efforts.

Issue #1: Develop and strengthen our partnerships with MAC, the FAA, legislative leaders and other government bodies regarding airport issues.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Who:</u>	<u>When:</u>
• Invite our State Senator and Representatives to a regular ARC meeting.	ARC/Staff	As Appropriate
• Invite FAA Tower Operator and MAC Staff to a regular ARC meeting.	ARC/Staff	As Appropriate
• Invite our MAC Commissioner to a regular ARC meeting.	ARC/Staff	As Appropriate
• Attend meetings of the MAC.	ARC/Staff	Bi-Monthly or As Needed
• Conduct meetings at airport related facilities	ARC/Staff	As Appropriate

Issue #2: Monitor airport operations.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Who:</u>	<u>When:</u>
• Monitor departure operations (such as: % night departures, % total departures, noise monitoring, and complaints).	ARC/Staff	Monthly
• Communicate inequality of runway use.	ARC/Staff	As Appropriate
• Monitor flight data trends to ensure adherence to the corridor over Mendota Heights	ARC/Staff	Monthly

Issue #3: Work collaboratively with other communities on mutual concerns in regards to airport development and operations.

Action Steps:	Who:	When:
• Monitor activities and processes of MSP NOC.	ARC/Staff	Monthly
• Attend regular NOC meetings and provide input and dialog on issues that affect Mendota Heights residents and businesses	ARC/Staff	Bi-Monthly

Issue #4: Monitor implementation of PBN procedures.

Action Steps:	Who:	When:
• Monitor PBN procedure results from all runways and ensure compliance in the Eagan/Mendota Heights Corridor	ARC/Staff	As Appropriate
• Involve elected representatives in PBN adoption.	ARC/Staff	As Appropriate
• Monitor the use of Continuous Descent Approach.	ARC Staff	As Appropriate

Issue #5: Monitor residential land use in Mendota Heights, particularly developable parcels that may be affected by airport noise.

Action Steps:	Who:	When:
• Monitor applications for development and redevelopment in airport noise impacted areas.	ARC/Staff	As Requested
• Provide recommendations to the City Council for development rezoning and/or acquisition of these sites.	ARC/Staff	As Requested
• Review all planning application materials submitted within airport noise impact zones.	ARC/Staff	As Requested

Issue #6: Monitor night time aircraft operations and restrictions.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Who:</u>	<u>When:</u>
• Have NOC representative lobby for further restrictions on nighttime operations (preferred nighttime headings).	ARC/NOC	Ongoing
• Monitor night departure trends.	ARC/Staff	Monthly

Issue #7: Observe ongoing changes in fleet mix.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Who:</u>	<u>When:</u>
• Monitor NOC updates on fleet mix	ARC/Staff	Ongoing
• Advocate for use of quieter aircraft.	ARC/Staff	Ongoing

Issue #8: Provide oversight of 2030 Plan.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Who:</u>	<u>When:</u>
• Continue to monitor and assess the impact of the 2030 Plan on Mendota Heights.	ARC/Staff	Ongoing
• Work proactively with other Cities to require MAC to address and minimize adverse effects of implementing 2030 Plan.	ARC/Staff	Ongoing
• Advocate for MAC's expanded use of reliever airports.	ARC/Staff	Ongoing

Issue #9: Provide communications to City Council and residents regarding airport issues, and inform City Council of pertinent issues.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Who:</u>	<u>When:</u>
• Provide annual report in Heights Highlights and to the City Council	ARC/Staff	Annual
• Develop means for more direct feedback from citizens	ARC/Staff	Ongoing
• Post link to MAC Noise website with our agendas/minutes	Staff	Ongoing
• Televisе ARC meetings as agenda content dictates.	Staff	As Appropriate
• Maintain list of meetings pertaining to the airport.	Staff	Ongoing
• Heighten awareness and communication of Mendota Heights' noise and operational concerns	ARC/Staff	Ongoing

Issue #10: Monitor correspondence and new information on national and international noise mitigation efforts.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Who:</u>	<u>When:</u>
• Send City representative to NOISE conferences as City budget allows.	ARC/Staff	As Appropriate
• Monitor national and international airport issues, particularly as they relate to noise.	ARC/Staff	As Appropriate
• Review and provide input to the MAC during noise and other environmental studies.	ARC/Staff	Continuous