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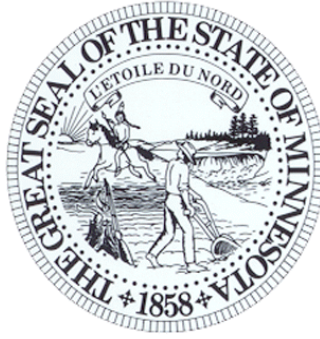
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Chairman Boivin:

We are writing with concern regarding the proposed navigation changes for the Minneapolis / St. Paul International Airport. The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) is expected to take a vote on this matter on November 19.

The techniques under consideration, known as “RNAV”, will consolidate air traffic over precise tracks which could give noise relief for some but will also lead to a concentration of noise for others. This is a significant action that needs further study and analysis.

Before RNAV is pursued further, we need more information. Our constituents deserve the opportunity to give input. The process that has been offered thus far has not been adequate for this significant change to airport operations.

At the same time that this change is being considered, MAC is considering the Long Term Comprehensive Plan (LTCP) which projects the future needs of a growing number of flights and the environmental impacts of the airport on surrounding communities – yet it doesn’t take RNAV into account.

We support the position of the City of Minneapolis, which is to have thorough environmental review on both matters, together, in the form of an Environmental Impact Statement. We respectfully request that the MAC conduct a full EIS and delay a final decision until the EIS and related hearings are completed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to an ongoing dialogue about how to ensure that the airport can thrive while taking into consideration the impacts on airport-adjacent residents.

Sincerely,

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