

2005-2006 Senate Transportation Committee
Wednesday, January 11, 2005
3:00 PM
Room G-15

Present

Chaudhary
Day
Dibble
Jungbauer
Langseth
Marko
McGinn
Moua
Murphy
Ortman
Ourada
Reiter
Rest
Robling
Senjem
Vickerman
Wiger

Absent

Johnson, D.E.

Sen. Murphy called the meeting to order at 3:16 pm. He explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport "2020 Vision" Expansion Plan. He also welcomed Sen. Day, Sen. Senjem, and Sen. Vickerman to the committee. Sen. Murphy also mentioned that Northwest Airlines had been invited to the hearing, but that they had declined the invitation (Handout A). Handouts B, C, D, E, and F from Sen. Murphy were distributed before the hearing began.

Vicki Tigwell, the Chair of the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC), testified in support of the Airport Expansion Plan. She stated that delaying the expansion of the MSP Airport would threaten future growth in the Twin Cities.


After her presentation, Ms. Tigwell and Jeff Hamiel, Executive Director of the MAC, answered questions from the committee regarding the MAC's role in the 2020 Expansion Plan.

Next, Mayor R.T. Rybak from the City of Minneapolis testified in opposition to the way NWA and the MAC were handling the Expansion Plan. He argued that too few people were working on a plan that could jeopardize many jobs and many of the state's citizens. Following Mayor Rybak, Duluth Mayor Herb Bergson and Apple Valley Mayor Mary Hamann-Roland both testified in opposition to the quick progress the Expansion Plan had made, and they both called for the MAC and NWA to slow down their plans.


Following their testimony, all three Mayors answered several committee member's questions.

Ted Ludwig, Vice President of the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association Local #33, 8101 34th Ave S., Suite 380, Bloomington, MN, 55425, then testified in opposition to the Airport Expansion Plan. He discussed Handouts G and H.

Sen. Murphy adjourned the meeting at 5:40.



Senator Steve Murphy, Chair



Beau Berentson, Committee Secretary

Senate Committee Meeting Log

Committee Name: TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Date: 1.11.05 Day: TUESDAY Start Time: 3:16

Agenda

Bill # (or Topic)	• DISCUSSION OF MINNEAPOLIS - ST. PAUL
Author	INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT 2020 EXPANSION
Short Descriptor	PLAN
Action(s)	
	• TESTIMONY :
	• VICKI TIGWELL, CHAIR, MAC
Bill # (or Topic)	• JEFF HAMMIL, EX. DIR., MAC
Author	• NIGEL FINNEY
Short Descriptor	
	• RT. RYBAK, MAYOR OF MINNEAPOLIS
	• ANN ROLEN, MAYOR OF APPLE VALLEY
Action(s)	• HERB BERGSON, MAYOR OF DULUTH
	• TED LUDWIG, VICE PRESIDENT, AIRCRAFT MECHANICS FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 33
Bill # (or Topic)	• RANDY RENTS, LOCAL 35, DULUTH
Author	
Short Descriptor	
Action(s)	
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**SENATE TRANSPORTATION POLICY AND BUDGET DIVISION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2005
ROOM G-15 CAPITOL
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AGENDA

Discussion of Minneapolis-St.Paul International Airport 2020 Expansion Plan

Testifying: Vicki Tigwell, Chair, Metropolitan Airports Commission

R.T. Rybak, Mayor of Minneapolis

John Ellenbecker, Mayor of St. Cloud

Ted Ludwig, Vice President, Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal
Association Local 33