



# 2023 Annual Report





# Greetings

We are pleased to present the Metropolitan Airports Commission's (MAC) 2023 Annual Report.

In 2023, the MAC marked its 80th anniversary and celebrated another year of strong growth across the entire system of airports. Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) surpassed 34.7 million total passengers in 2023, an increase of 11% from 2022, and our general aviation airports saw an 8.3% increase in operations. Much of the growth at MSP was driven by new and returning international and domestic routes. Airlines added 11 nonstop routes in 2023, helping to drive a 9% increase in domestic travelers and a 45% increase in international travelers.

This year marked the launch of our 2023-2027 enterprise strategic plan and a new purpose statement: To provide exceptional airport experiences so Minnesota thrives. This purpose statement is the foundation for all we do, whether embarking upon the largest interior renovation in MSP's history, investing in infrastructure and technology to streamline the passenger journey, or securing new international service to Canada and Europe from Delta Air Lines, Aer Lingus, WestJet and Lufthansa.

MSP once again earned multiple awards for its 2023 performance. The airport was recognized by Cirium as the number one global and large airport for On-Time Performance, and for the seventh time in the past eight years it was recognized as the Best Airport in North America by Airports Council International for airport customer service. We thank the more than 700 MAC employees and 20,000 MSP employees who are instrumental in achieving these accolades.

As we look back on 80 years of aviation in the Twin Cities, we are inspired by how far we've come and by the course we continue to chart. Please enjoy this 2023 Annual Report, which highlights some of our accomplishments over the past year and our ongoing commitment to providing exceptional airport experiences so Minnesota thrives.

Sincerely,



  
Rick King  
Chair of the Board



  
Brian Ryks  
Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer







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# Celebrating 80 years of reaching new heights

2023 marked the 80th anniversary of the MAC. Looking back at the MAC's origins, the hope was that the airport known today as Minneapolis-St. Paul International (MSP) would become a gateway to the world and bring economic development to the Twin Cities region. In 80 years, MSP has grown from serving 108,000 total passengers and supporting 8,900 airline operations to 34.7 million passengers and more than 320,000 airline operations — numbers never imagined in 1943.

In 1943, Holman Field — now the St. Paul Downtown Airport — was the primary airport in the Twin Cities and the headquarters for Northwest Airlines operations until it moved to MSP in 1960. Today, St. Paul is a popular home base for corporate aircraft and aircraft charter services, and the airport has nearly 40,000 takeoffs and landings annually.

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The MAC's founders wanted to unify the greater Twin Cities community around its shared airport resources. They saw the potential of a coordinated airport system accommodating both large and small aircraft, commercial and recreational flights, and cargo, as well as pilot training resources.

The MAC has realized that potential, growing from a two-airport system in 1943 to today's seven-airport system with the ability to serve a broad range of aviation needs across the metro.









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# Progress toward a thriving Minnesota

## A record year for winter operations

Over the winter of 2022-23, MSP logged 90.3" of snow — a near record for seasonal snowfall accumulation. The MAC crews logged more than 50 nights during these challenging winter events to ensure continued operations at MSP and the general aviation airports. The accumulation was so great that the airport's snow pile — affectionately dubbed Mount MAC — reached over 80 feet and didn't fully melt away until July.

## Air service nears pre-pandemic levels

MSP buzzed with passenger activity in 2023, serving more than 34.7 million passengers. This was an increase of 11% from 2022, closing in on the record of 39.5 million passengers set in 2019. Airlines served 156 nonstop destinations from MSP in 2023 — up from 145 destinations in 2022.

Much of this growth was driven by a 47% boost in international passengers. MSP continued to see growing demand for travel overseas, to Canada, and to warm and sunny destinations across Mexico and the Caribbean.

Domestic travel also continued to climb. MSP hosted nearly 31.8 million domestic travelers in 2023, up 9% from 29.2 million domestic travelers in 2022.

## 2023 air service highlights include:

### Delta Air Lines

Delta Air Lines saw a 9.8% increase in passengers. The airline resumed daily, nonstop service to Japan's Tokyo-Haneda Airport (HND) in March 2023, after being suspended due to the pandemic since March 2020. A critical connection for Minnesota businesses, nonstop service to Tokyo started in 1947. About 17,000 passengers fly from MSP to Tokyo each year.

### Sun Country

Sun Country Airlines saw a 16.9% increase in passengers. The hometown airline continued to increase service at MSP, adding 17 routes in 2023. This includes MSP's first-ever service to Melbourne, Florida; Wilmington, North Carolina; and Branson, Missouri. Sun Country has more than doubled its routes from MSP in just six years, from 40 destinations in 2017 to 86 in 2023.

### WestJet

MSP welcomed WestJet, its 16th carrier, this summer. Canada's second-largest airline began operating nonstop flights from MSP to Edmonton and Saskatoon.

### Icelandair

Icelandair celebrated its 25th year serving MSP passengers. It started providing flights to Iceland and connections to Europe for Upper Midwest travelers in 1998, and the Reykjavik flights remain a popular choice for travelers.

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# Innovating and improving the travel experience at MSP

## Pre-booked parking

Pre-booked parking products continue to evolve with the introduction of dynamic pricing, which delivers deals and promotions for travelers who book airport parking in advance. This seamless process guarantees travelers a parking spot, especially during peak travel times and holidays.

## Advancing accessibility

MSP has been at the forefront of creating an accessible passenger experience by investing in technology, infrastructure, training and service. MSP continued to pilot its talk-to-text program, a first-of-its-kind program to make gate announcements more accessible. In 2023, the MAC earned the highest industry accreditation for accessibility through the Airports Council International. The MAC will continue to work collaboratively with the traveling public, airlines and business partners to bring awareness to available resources that help ensure everyone has equal access to the benefits of air travel.



## Major improvements at MSP

Reflecting its purpose of providing exceptional airport experiences so Minnesota thrives, the MAC continued investing in significant MSP capital projects that expand capacity and enhance the traveler experience.

## Doubling cell phone waiting lot capacity

In 2023, the MAC added a new East Cell Phone Waiting Lot on the south side of Post Road with 100 vehicle spaces. Located less than a quarter mile from the original 40-vehicle waiting area, now known as the West Cell Phone Waiting Lot, this new lot more than doubles parking capacity for motorists waiting to pick up arriving MSP passengers. Both cell phone lots on Post Road are conveniently positioned between Terminals 1 and 2 for quick access to passenger pick-up zones. The expanded waiting lot space meets the growing demand for free, safe and convenient spaces for drivers to wait before picking up passengers. The lots also help reduce traffic congestion near the terminals.

## Upgrading ticket lobby and baggage claim

In 2023, the MAC continued work to upgrade the departures hall, arrivals hall and vertical circulation areas of Terminal 1. Work conducted in 2023 included replacement of baggage carousels 2 and 3. The MAC also upgraded the ticket counter and related equipment at the north end of the departures hall and built much of the new ticket area and mezzanine walkway. These areas are scheduled to open in mid-2024.

## Expanding Terminal 1 rideshare pick-up zone

The MAC relocated and expanded the Terminal 1 rideshare pick-up zone to improve

passengers' ground transportation experience. The pick-up zone was moved one level down to the Terminal 1 Ground Transportation Center, which features a capacity nearly double the previous location. In addition, the spacious new lobby offers more seating and a fully covered pick-up area.

## G concourse expansion

Work began in 2023 on the next phase of expansion for the G concourse. Focused on the section of the concourse between gates G8 and G13, this phase includes installation of footings and foundations necessary for future concourse expansion. This phase also includes airside ramp improvements, installation of three new jet bridges and the removal of the skyway connecting the G concourse to the Gold Parking Ramp. When completed, the project will add 85,000 square feet of public space with the same design and amenities as the first phase of expansion.

## Completed G concourse Sky Club

In 2023, the MAC and Delta Air Lines celebrated the completion of a new Delta Sky Club on the recently expanded G concourse. Delta's build-out of the 21,000-square-foot Sky Club, the airline's third at MSP, features seating for more than 450 customers and a year-round, all-weather Sky Deck. The Sky Club was a major element in the 2020-2022 expansion and modernization of G concourse between gates G17 and G22.









# Advancing sustainability

The MAC is committed to a sustainable future, setting goals and creating organizational structures reflecting its commitment to sustainability. In February 2020, the commission unanimously adopted four sustainability goals to achieve by 2030:

- Reduce MSP's total greenhouse gas emissions by 80%.
- Reduce MSP's water usage per passenger by 15%.
- Reduce, reuse, recycle or compost 75% of MSP's solid waste.
- Achieve a MAC employee engagement sustainability score of 85.

In 2023, the MAC advanced its sustainability goals through various initiatives, pilot programs and infrastructure planning. The MAC has achieved accreditation through the Airports Carbon Accreditation Program and began collecting the data required to achieve the next level of accreditation. More information is available in the MAC's first annual sustainability report to the Minnesota Legislature.

## Loaves and Fishes

The MAC partners with Loaves and Fishes, a local nonprofit devoted to food recovery for donation to people in need in the region. Over the course of 2023, MSP participating tenants donated 35 tons of food – up from 27 tons in 2022. This is equivalent to 57,750 meals.

## MSP waste characterization study

In 2023, the MAC conducted a large-scale waste characterization study to quantify and categorize material in MSP's waste stream. Findings indicate that 30% of that waste stream has no beneficial outlet. The remaining 70% could be addressed through composting, recycling, alternative management strategies, and reuse or reduction. Using the results of the study and stakeholder engagement feedback, the MAC developed a waste reduction roadmap to achieve its goal of diverting 75% of waste at MSP by 2030.

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## Expanding sustainable aviation fuel in Minnesota

The MAC is a supporting partner of the Minnesota Sustainable Aviation Fuel Hub. Led by GREATER MSP, the first-of-its-kind coalition includes a prominent roster of corporate, government and regional institutions working on strategies to produce, process and deliver

sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) in Minnesota on a scale that will significantly reduce or replace the use of conventional jet fuel.

SAF is widely recognized by the airline industry as a leading strategy to reduce carbon emissions and can flow through existing pipelines to airline users at MSP. However, production is below the level necessary to meet current and future demand. This project is designed to help stimulate growth in production capacity and is an important part of the MAC's sustainability goals.

## Water reuse

The MAC completed a study to map opportunities for using rainwater from rooftops for irrigation at MSP Terminal 1. By mapping irrigation usage, the project team identified significant reduction strategies to implement immediately, reducing water needed for irrigation by 25% in 2023 compared to 2022.

## Sustainability staff highlights

The MAC is advancing sustainability by leveraging the expertise and creativity of employees throughout the organization. Among the 2023 highlights of sustainability initiatives, the MAC coordinated an America Recycles Day campaign at MSP to encourage tenants to reduce single-use plastics and to promote correct recycling practices.



# Community connections

Building connections between the MAC and the communities it serves is critical to the organization's ability to provide exceptional airport experiences so Minnesota thrives.

## **MSP Airport Police Department outreach**

Knowing that airports can be a primary channel for human trafficking, the Airport Police Department (APD) launched a campaign to increase public awareness of human trafficking and encourage travelers and employees to contact police if they see signs of human trafficking at MSP.

## **Noise Oversight Committee**

The Noise Oversight Committee (NOC) is an advisory board established to address aircraft noise issues associated with MSP. Since the NOC first convened 20 years ago, it has held more than 120 meetings and 80 community input and listening sessions. The NOC has provided a balanced forum and amassed an industry-leading record of more than 300 accomplishments aimed at reducing noise in partnership with the community, airlines, the Federal Aviation Administration and the MAC.

## **MSP Airport Noise Classification System receives U.S. patent**

The MAC earned a U.S. patent in 2023 for a new sound imaging classification technology developed to support the MSP noise program. Using machine learning, the Airport Noise

Classification Method and System identifies sounds captured by nearly 40 sound-monitoring devices located around MSP and under common flight paths. The program classifies sounds from aircraft, filtering out other noises common in an urban environment such as motor vehicles, lawnmowers, fireworks or weather events.

## **MSP Long-Term Plan**

During the summer of 2023, the MAC accepted public comments on its draft 2040 Long-Term Plan for MSP. This plan guides MSP's development to ensure it keeps pace with future growth in passengers and air service demand. The plan includes proposed projects to improve MSP facilities.

Following review by the Metropolitan Council, the MSP Long-Term Plan will go before the Commission for a vote to adopt it. Upon the plan's adoption, the MAC will follow the required environmental review process and vote on separate budget actions to authorize construction of specific projects in the plan.

## **A summer AirVenture**

The MAC participated in the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh Air Show in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Transportation. The EAA Air Show is the nation's largest air show. Vintage, homebuilt, ultralight, warbirds, seaplanes and aerobatic airplanes are among the types of aircraft typically seen at the

show. The event was an opportunity to engage with aviation enthusiasts about opportunities associated with the MAC and its system of general aviation airports.

## **Arts@MSP**

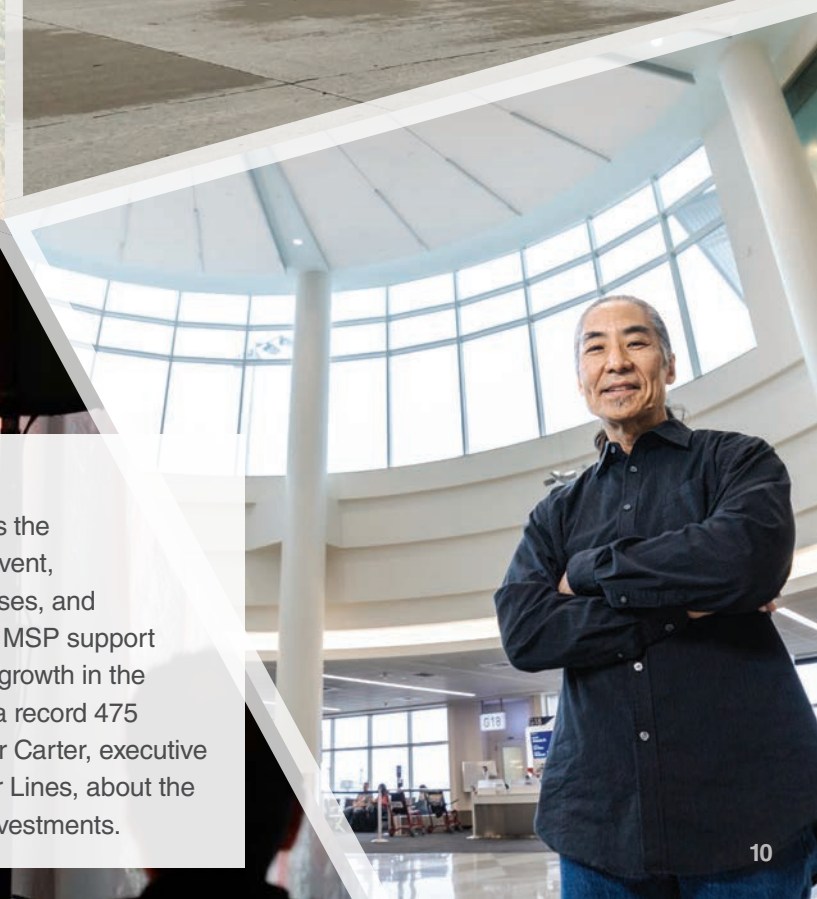
Every year the Arts@MSP program brings nearly 1,000 performances and hundreds of local and regional artworks to MSP. In 2023, internationally renowned artist Kipp Kobayashi interacted with thousands of Twin Cities residents and MSP travelers to inform the design of an original centerpiece artwork for the new two-story G concourse rotunda. Commissioned by the Arts@MSP program, the piece is expected to be installed in 2025 and will join a collection of 80 permanent works at MSP curated by the Arts@MSP program, a program of the Airport Foundation MSP.

Eighteen new exhibitions were installed or scheduled for installation across MSP during 2023. This included the unveiling of the University of Minnesota Solar Vehicle Project's innovative solar-powered vehicle, Freya, in the Silver Ramp Ground Transportation Center, and Annie Young's exhibit titled "Journey to Rock Bottom." This exhibit used the AIRA platform to provide visually impaired visitors with audio descriptions and assistance in navigating the exhibition, creating an inclusive and immersive experience for all.



### State of the Airport

Each year, the Airport Foundation MSP hosts the State of the Airport luncheon. Through this event, the MAC connects with supporters, businesses, and regional leaders to share how the MAC and MSP support air travel, commerce, and overall economic growth in the Twin Cities and across the state. This year, a record 475 attendees heard from keynote speaker Peter Carter, executive vice president of external affairs for Delta Air Lines, about the airline's Minnesota operations and recent investments.





# General aviation airports

## General aviation airports see steady growth

The MAC's general aviation airports provide a base for 31 direct commercial operators, nearly 1,250 aircraft, and a network of renowned aviation businesses that support on-demand business flights, charter services, flight training, medical services, aircraft

maintenance, as well as recreation and private flying. Nearly 30 MAC employees and hundreds of private sector employees support the activity at the general aviation airports.

Five MAC general aviation airports have community and industry advisory commissions. These commissions met several

times in 2023 to discuss airport development, aircraft operations and noise concerns.

The MAC is well positioned to serve the growth in recreation and corporate flying activity, and to accommodate millions of dollars in new private investments that expand services and facilities for airport tenants and users.

Airport	2022	2023	2022-2023 Change
Airlake (LVN)	38,268	38,678	1.1%
Anoka County-Blaine (ANE)	65,688	69,908	6.4%
Crystal (MIC)	42,592	45,541	6.9%
Flying Cloud (FCM)	122,281	136,622	11.7%
Lake Elmo (21D)	32,189	41,593	29.2%
St. Paul Downtown (STP)	41,592	38,167	-8.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>342,136</b>	<b>370,509</b>	<b>8.3%</b>

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# LVN

## Airlake Airport

Located just south of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area in Lakeville, Airlake Airport (LVN) mostly serves recreational fliers. The airport is also well-suited for business aviation, particularly for the many local businesses nearby. LVN saw a 1.1% increase in operations in 2023, with more than 38,000 takeoffs and landings.

In July, visitors to LVN enjoyed the annual Lions Fly-In Breakfast as part of Lakeville's Pan-O-Prog festivities. The family-oriented event provided an opportunity for people of all ages to engage with the airport and aviation community in new ways.

## Investments

In 2023, MAC initiated an environmental assessment as a necessary step toward potential future runway rehabilitation or reconstruction at Airlake Airport. The environmental assessment is still in progress.

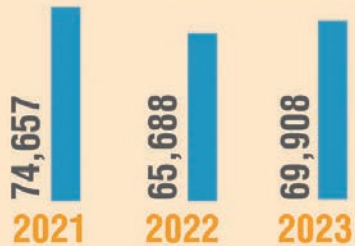
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## ANOKA CTY-BLAINE (ANE)

**69,908** operations



**6.4%**  
Change  
'22 to '23

**360**  
based aircraft



## ANE

### Anoka County-Blaine

Anoka County-Blaine Airport (ANE), located north of the Twin Cities, is home to a variety of vintage, experimental, recreational and corporate aircraft. It also hosted the Goodyear Blimp during the 2023 3M Open golf tournament, held in July. Overall, the airport saw a 6.4% increase in operations in 2023 with nearly 70,000 takeoffs and landings.

In 2023, the MAC leased a portion of the ANE property for a new National Sports Village development. Opening in 2024, the site will feature retail and food establishments and other private development.

### Investments

ANE infrastructure enhancements in 2023 included a taxiway/lighting project focused on taxiway repair and enhancing safety by improving the lighting and directional signage on the taxiway.

**Overall, ANE saw a  
6.4% increase in  
operations in 2023 with  
nearly 70,000 takeoffs  
and landings.**



## CRYSTAL (MIC)

**45,541** operations



**6.9%**  
Change  
'22 to '23

**156**  
based aircraft



## MIC

### Crystal Airport

Crystal Airport (MIC) is located just northwest of the Twin Cities in the city of Crystal. Many thriving businesses call the airport home, including a busy flight school, a nationally recognized aircraft parts and maintenance facility, and a nationally known propeller repair and overhaul facility. It also has the only turf runway in the metro area. The MAC continued to see record sales at its self-serve Crystal Airport Fuel System, which has been in operation since July 2020. MIC experienced a 6.9% increase in operations in 2023 with more than 45,000 takeoffs and landings.

In 2023, the MAC worked with state and local governments to update zoning regulations around the airport. This will help ensure future developments near the airport do not obstruct airport operations.

### Investments

The MAC completed three major projects at Crystal Airport in 2023. The first project involved pavement rehabilitation along a key section of taxiway, including the area adjacent to the air traffic control tower and the self-serve fuel system. The second project was installation of new LED edge lighting along another section of taxiway near Thunderbird Aviation. The third project was the construction of two new perimeter service roads to enhance circulation and foster safer, more efficient operations.

### Community engagement

Nearly 3,000 people attended Crystal Airport's annual Father's Day Fly-in Event. Highlights from the day included a warbird flyover, aircraft and car displays, airplane and helicopter rides, the Airport Fire Department, and waffles.



# FCM

## Flying Cloud Airport

Flying Cloud Airport (FCM) has been part of the MAC's general aviation airport system for more than 75 years, during which time the airport has matured into a bustling and thriving economic generator.

FCM operations increased 11.7% in 2023, with more than 136,000 takeoffs and landings. Businesses appreciate both the proximity to the Twin Cities and the airport's infrastructure, which promote safety and efficiency. Inflight Aviation acquired the former Elliott Aviation facility, which had been based at Flying Cloud for more than five decades. Inflight is now renovating the six-acre facility, its first fixed-base operation.

## Investments

FCM infrastructure investments in 2023 included enhancements to the Taxiway H Holding Bay and the construction of a new service road on the south side of the airport.

## Community engagement

In July, 6,000 people attended the Wings of the North Air Expo, complete with vintage warbird flyovers, displays of MAC field maintenance equipment and MSP Animal Ambassadors for families to meet.

Flying Cloud also hosted Girls in Aviation Day in September, where attendees met successful women in the aviation profession and explored the roles that science, technology, engineering and math play in aviation.

## FLYING CLOUD (FCM)

**136,622** operations

131,593  
2021

122,281  
2022

136,622  
2023

**11.7%**

Change  
'22 to '23

**362**  
based aircraft



## Preparing for the future

The MAC continued to plan for the airport's future as part of a long-term planning process. As the airport and its surrounding community experiences growth, this process guides the MAC in making strategic capital investments and improvements and to ensure that FCM continues to fulfill its purpose as a general aviation airport in concert with the values and needs of the community. The MAC hosted a Discover Flying Cloud event in May 2023 to share development concepts with the public.

The MAC will share a draft of the Flying Cloud Long-Term Plan for public comment in 2024, before the plan continues through a formal review process with the Metropolitan Council and the commission.



# 21D

## Lake Elmo

Located between the City of St. Paul and the St. Croix River, Lake Elmo Airport (21D) is convenient for both business and leisure flying. While 21D experiences the fewest operations of the MAC's general aviation airports, it is still among the top 10 busiest airports in Minnesota. 21D saw a 29.2% increase in operations in 2023 with more than 41,000 takeoffs and landings.

## Investments

21D infrastructure enhancements in 2023 included converting the previous runway 14/32 into a lighted taxiway and other taxiway pavement, lighting and signage improvements. This work enhanced safety and capped off a multi-year airfield realignment project.

**21D saw a 29.2% increase in operations in 2023 with more than 41,000 takeoffs and landings.**

## LAKE ELMO (21D)

**41,593** operations



**29.2%**

Change  
'22 to '23

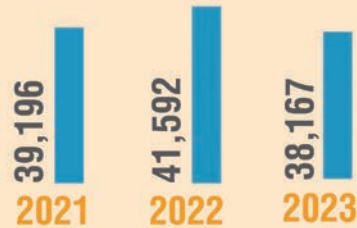
**186**  
based aircraft





## ST. PAUL DOWNTOWN (STP)

**38,167** operations



**-8.2%**

**Change  
'22 to '23**

**92**  
based aircraft



## STP

### St. Paul Downtown Airport

Located along the Mississippi River just south of downtown St. Paul, the St. Paul Downtown Airport (STP) generates a vibrancy all its own. The airport is a popular base for corporate aircraft due to its location and for having the longest runway – 6,491 feet – in the MAC's general aviation airport system. It also offers charter services, two fixed-base operators, a U.S. Customs facility and the popular Holman's Table restaurant. STP saw an 8.2% decrease in operations in 2023 with more than 38,000 takeoffs and landings.

### Activating the flood wall

Near-record snowfall in the winter of 2022-23 led to spring flooding along the Mississippi River. In response, the MAC installed a portion of its two-thirds mile metal plank floodwall system along the east end of the airfield as the river reached flood stage. This was the seventh deployment of the system since it was developed in 2008.

### Investments

STP infrastructure enhancements in 2023 included a Taxiway D edge light project, which focused on complete rehabilitation to include new light fixtures, bases and wires. In addition, a vehicle gate was replaced and Taxiway C was crack sealed.

### Learning Jet

In 2023, the Learning Jet resumed offering youth programming and field trips for K-12 students after pausing activities during the pandemic. The unique program transformed a Boeing 727-200 cargo jet into a classroom, providing hands-on STEM activities that introduce students to the aviation industry.



# About the MAC

The Minnesota Legislature created the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) in 1943 to promote the efficient, safe handling of air commerce and to develop the full potential of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area as an aviation center.

As a public corporation of the state, the MAC generates the revenues it needs to operate through rents and user fees, not general tax appropriations. The bonding and financing authority – along with MAC-generated cash and state and federal aviation grants and fees – fund capital investments in the MAC's seven-airport system.

The MAC is committed to a sustainable future and has set goals and created organizational structures that reflect its commitment to sustainability.

The organization is governed by a 15-member policy board. The MAC board establishes policies and ordinances and provides financial oversight, including approving budgets and large expenditures. Minnesota's Governor appoints the board chair and 12 commissioners, eight representing metropolitan districts and four representing Greater Minnesota. The mayors of Minneapolis and St. Paul are commissioners but may appoint a representative to serve in their place. The chair and mayoral appointees serve at the will of the elected officials who appoint them. All other commissioners serve staggered four-year terms, providing continuity when administrations change.

In 2023, Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan reappointed Chair Rick King and Commissioners Braj Agrawal, Yodit Bizen, Carl Crimmins, Dixie Hoard and Rodney Skoog to the MAC Board through January 2027.

## Board Members



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Commission Chair



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Outstate Duluth



**Randy Schubring**  
Outstate Rochester





## Notable actions the board took in 2023

- In June the board approved the publication of the draft MSP 2040 Long-Term Plan for review and public comment. The plan helps the MAC prepare for future growth in passengers and air service demand at MSP, and reflects feedback and input gathered through an extensive stakeholder and public engagement process.
- In August the board approved a dynamic discount program for pre-booked parking at MSP. This allows the MAC to deliver special rates and promotions to travelers who book parking at Terminal 1, Terminal 2 and the Quick Ride Ramp parking facilities in advance.
- In December the board approved a three-year, \$2 billion capital improvement program. This includes major investments to construct a Safety and Security Center, continued expansion of Terminal 1 G concourse, and a 168,000-square-foot expansion of Terminal 2.

## 2023 Awards

In recent years, the MAC has received multiple awards for its work across a variety of areas including financial management, construction projects, airport concessions, winter operations and customer service.

In 2023, Airports Council International-North America (ACI-NA) named MSP the Best Airport in North America for 2022, the sixth time it has received the title in the past seven years.

Additionally, MAC CEO Brian Ryks was recognized for his leadership with ACI-NA's Excellence in Visionary Leadership Award. The award honors Ryks's 37 years in the airport industry. During that time he has served at every level, starting his career at the MAC in 1986 as a noise technician.



## Senior Leadership Team



**Brian Ryks**  
Executive Director  
Chief Executive Officer



**Roy Fuhrmann**  
Chief Operating Officer



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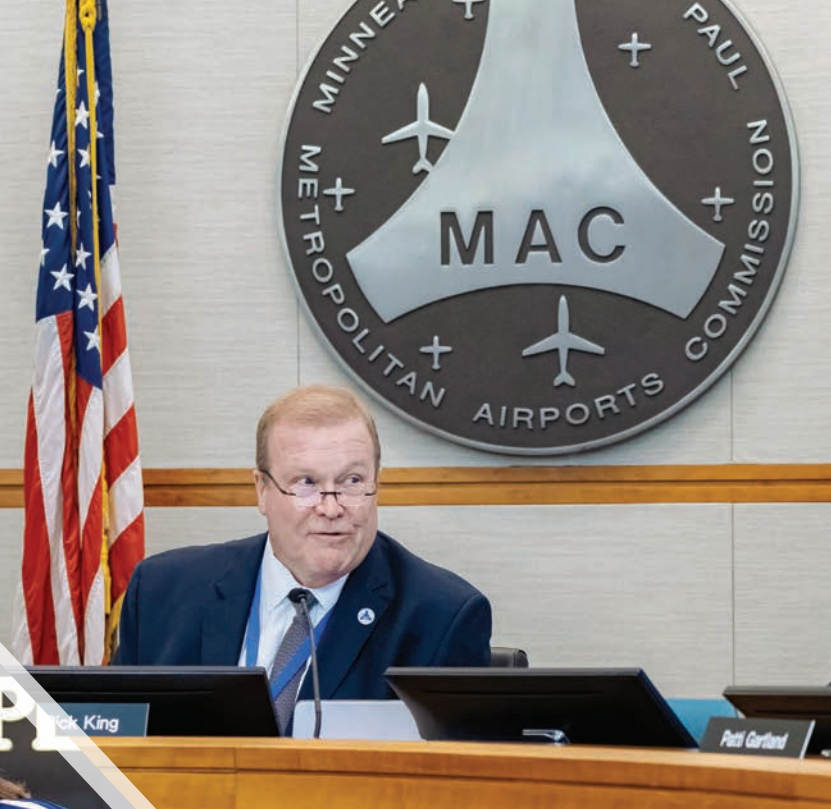
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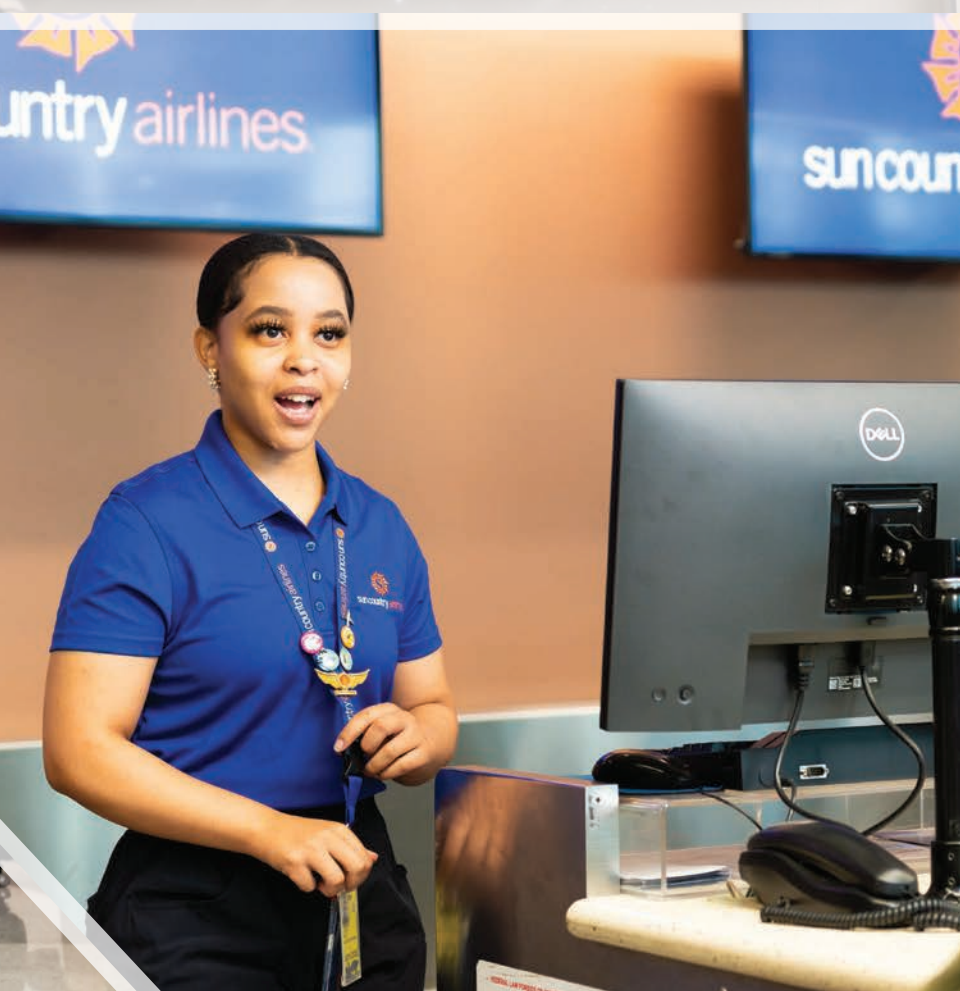








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Travel  
Mobility





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