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Aviation Impact Community Forum

Wed., May 27, 7 p.m.

Edina, Minn.— Impacts on quality of life from aviation noise and emissions concern many area residents. To help citizens learn more about operations and expansion at Minneapolis-St. Paul airport, the Morningside Neighborhood Association (MNA) is sponsoring an *Aviation Impact Forum* on Wed., May 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Weber Park Warming House located at W. 42nd St. and Grimes Ave.

Forum speakers include Edina City Council Member Ann Swenson; Minneapolis Government Relations Representative Loren Olson; and Steve Kittleson and Kevin Terrell, co-founders of the MSP FairSkies Coalition. MSP FairSkies is a grassroots organization formed by Twin Cities residents seeking greater transparency and accountability from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC).

Speaker presentations and a panel discussion will address key community issues including:

- Current and increasing levels of aviation noise pollution
- Temporary noise monitoring conducted in Edina and St. Louis Park by the MAC
- Expansion plans at MSP Airport and related aviation impacts
- FAA implementation of Performance Based Navigation (PBN/RNAV)
- Impact on quality of life, public health, and property values as flights and operations increase
- What city, state and federal officials have done and can do to help
- How residents can stay informed, share their experiences with officials and make a difference

The forum is planned to update information presented to over 75 residents at the Concord Neighborhood Association's 2014 aviation noise meeting. MNA Steering Committee member Joni Bennett stated that the MNA recommends the forum become an annual event. "If the forum location and sponsorship rotate from neighborhood to neighborhood, Edina residents will better understand how widespread impacts are throughout the city and how important it is to advocate for city-and-area-wide solutions."

For additional information about the forum contact Joni Bennett at 952-927-0661.