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“The Real Impact of Aircraft Noise - 2017”

Citizen Group Releases New Report: Data Explains Significant Noise Increase

- WHAT:** Community Presentation by MSP FairSkies Coalition
The Real Impact of Aircraft Noise – A Growing Problem at MSP
- Free and open to the public
- WHEN:** Thursday, June 8, 2017 | 7:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** St. Louis Park City Hall – Council Chambers
5005 Minnetonka Blvd.
St. Louis Park, MN 55416
- WHY:** Aircraft noise from MSP Airport isn’t a new problem. Yet despite an influx of newer, allegedly quieter planes, aircraft noise significantly impacts a rapidly growing number of residents. This increasingly is the case for those living further away from the airport, such as in St. Louis Park. How do we know? Because MSP FairSkies Coalition obtained and analyzed recent, unreported data produced by the Metropolitan Airports Commission illustrating exactly that—and what residents are experiencing.
- The findings are disconcerting. For instance, the number of St Louis Park residents significantly impacted by MSP aircraft noise is up 175% in the last two years. Contributing factors include more nighttime flights, larger planes and the implementation of GPS-technology for arrivals.
- This newly released data presentation, “The Real Impact of Aircraft Noise – 2017,” builds upon the Coalition’s 2015 report, “The Real Impact of Aircraft Noise in America” that looked at why aircraft noise is getting worse nationwide. This 2017 report examines the problem in the Twin Cities metro area, highlights how MSP airport fits into the national picture, and provides options for citizens along with local and state officials to drive change and deliver greater transparency and accountability to citizens.
- WHO:** Presented by MSP FairSkies Coalition co-founders, Kevin Terrell and Steve Kittleson.
- Data analysis provided by Kevin Terrell and the University of Minnesota’s Center for Urban and Regional Affairs.

NOTES:

MSP FairSkies Coalition (MSPFSC)—an alliance of 4,000-plus Twin Cities residents—seeks greater transparency and accountability from the Metropolitan Airport Commission (MAC) and the FAA. A volunteer grassroots effort, MSPFSC was co-founded in 2012 and led by Steve Kittleson and Kevin Terrell to oppose the FAA and MAC’s proposed implementation of NextGen Technology at MSP International Airport that would have condensed flight paths into “super highways” over densely populated neighborhoods in Minneapolis and Edina. To date, MSP FairSkies Coalition is the only citizen group in the U.S. that has successfully prevented the FAA from implementing new NextGen-based departure tracks at a hub airport. MSPFSC continues to work towards finding fair solutions to the complex and growing issues surrounding aviation noise and advocates for protecting citizens’ property rights, health and wellness from the impact of aircraft noise.

For more information about MSP FairSkies Coalition go to: www.mspfairskies.org