



November 15, 2012

Metropolitan Airports Commission  
6040 28th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Dear Chair Boivin, Commissioner Peilen and Commissioner Foster,

Fulton Neighborhood Association is extremely concerned with the proposed RNAV flight path changes. We have received numerous calls and e-mails from concerned residents regarding the new flight paths. Our neighborhood will see an increase in the frequency of flights and the associated noise with those flights; these will be directly overhead of a dense, urban, residential area.

The proposed changes will have a significant impact not only on Fulton neighborhood, but also in the surrounding areas. The proposal calls for nearly 130 flights per day funneled into a path crossing through Fulton, Armatage, Kenny and Windom neighborhoods along the southwest border of Minneapolis.

Our neighborhood only learned of these proposed changes 10 days ago from an article in the Star Tribune. Although we have been doing our best to share this information with the residents, we feel that more time is needed in order to fully educate the neighborhood as to the impact of the proposed changes. The adoption criteria of the new flight paths call for community engagement to allow those people most impacted by the changes to be informed and educated; this has not happened in Fulton neighborhood.

It is our understanding that the criteria for adoption also calls for the paths to be placed over noise compatible areas and to reduce the number of flights over sensitive land areas. In the four neighborhoods most affected the proposed paths coming off runway 30L, there are more than 19,000 residents living in more than 8,300 households. This will be a huge increase over a sensitive area.

We respectfully request that the Metropolitan Airports Commission slow down this process and give further thought as to the impact these changes will have in southwest Minneapolis. The residents in our neighborhood deserve the chance to learn more about the proposed changes and make comment. There are many questions that are left unanswered and more information is needed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jim Tincher, Fulton Neighborhood Association President