

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON ST. PAUL DOWNTOWN AIRPORT ZONING ORDINANCE

The Joint Airport Zoning Board for the St. Paul Downtown Airport (STP) is developing an *airport zoning ordinance* for land uses around STP. The *Draft STP Zoning Ordinance* limits the height of structures and vegetation and prohibits certain land uses in an area extending approximately 2 miles from the outer boundaries of STP. The zoning is being conducted as required by Minn. Stat. 360.061 – 360.074 and Minn. Rules 8800.1200 and 8800.2400. Maps that are part of the proposed *Zoning Ordinance* show the precise boundaries for application of the *Ordinance* and the associated proposed restrictions.

The proposed *Zoning Ordinance* would: (1) limit the height of structures and vegetation out to 2 miles to the northwest, southeast, east and west of STP, out to 1.5 miles in all other areas to the northwest and southeast, and to approximately the river bluff line to the north and south of STP; (2) prohibit the development of structures in Zone A; (3) prohibit, in Safety Zone B, the future construction of amphitheaters, hospitals, nursing homes, residential uses, schools, stadiums and ponds or other features which might attract waterfowl or other birds, (however, the proposed restrictions in Zone B do not affect additions to existing residences, residential redevelopment or future residential development in established residential neighborhoods around or near STP); and (4) prohibit, in Zones A, B and C, the use of land that creates or causes interference with the operations of radio or electronic facilities on STP or with radio or electronic communications between STP and aircraft, makes it difficult for pilots to distinguish between Airport lights and other lights, results in glare in the eyes of pilots using STP, impairs visibility in the vicinity of STP, or otherwise endangers the landing, taking off, or maneuvering of aircraft in the runway approach areas.

THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE WILL COMMENCE AT 8:00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2009, AND CLOSE AT 5:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2009. During this period, written comments will be accepted and must be addressed to:

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THE OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE WILL BE HELD FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2009, AT THE ST. PAUL DOWNTOWN AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING, 644 BAYFIELD STREET, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA. The open house will be held in the entrance rotunda from 5:00 p.m. to

6:30 p.m. A public presentation on the proposed *Zoning Ordinance* will be given in the First Floor Conference Room from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The public hearing will commence in the First Floor Conference Room at 7:00 p.m. and continue until 9:00 p.m., or until all persons wishing to address the Board have been heard.

Copies of the proposed *Zoning Ordinance* will be available for review beginning July 1, 2009, at the following locations: the Metropolitan Airports Commission's Main Office, 6040 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota; St. Paul Downtown Airport Terminal Building, 644 Bayfield Street, St. Paul, Minnesota; and the city halls of the cities of St. Paul, West St. Paul, and South St. Paul. The proposed *Zoning Ordinance* will also be available for review beginning July 1 on the MAC website at www.metroairports.org. Copies of the document can be obtained at the Commission's Main Office, 6040 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

For further information about the public comment period, the open house or the public hearing, please call Jenn Felger at (612) 726-8189.