

Vision

Mendota Heights will be recognized as a high quality, family oriented residential community, with a spacious, natural feel and the amenities of a city.

Mission

To preserve and enhance the quality of life in Mendota Heights by providing quality public safety, infrastructure, and planning for orderly and sustainable growth.

Powers & Duties

Advise city council on matters pertaining to airport noise and operations. Make recommendations regarding strategies to mitigate city's air noise exposure.

Priority: Enhance City Governance and Services

Strategy	Action Item (Examples)	Action Timing			Action Status	Contact/Assigned To	Est. Budget/Source	Progress Notes/Outcomes
		2021	2022	Parked				
Inform and engage Mendota Heights' residents regarding airport related issues	• Create and implement an ARC Education Program including military appreciation, history of Mendota Heights airport noise, and provide engagement opportunities such as informational stand at Parks celebration event, summer concert series, etc.	X				Jeff Hamiel Bill Dunn		Booth/Table at Park Celebration (August 2021) Booth/Table at Fire Station Open House (October 2021; TBD 9/21)
	• Develop an ARC communications plan, using existing city channels (e.g., create a periodic Friday News ARC update) to provide ongoing information to residents about airport related information.	X						September 2021 ARC meeting invite city Communications Coordinator help inform and create comm plan.
	• Create a City Voice of Neighborhoods to engage residents of close-in neighborhoods			X				Neighborhood Post (like FB, Polco)
	• Identify contact points and messaging to help inform residents of noise mitigation options/best-practices when making home improvements or remodeling		X			Kevin Byrnes		
	• Consider volunteer program to follow-up on resident noise complaints in partnership with MAC community engagement best practices			X				MAC's responsibility is to address noise problem and engage with residents. ARC wants to be informed when calls to city are received
Enhance partnerships with the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), legislative leaders and other government bodies regarding airport issues	• Post COVID-19 "new normal" MSP operations: COVID-19 changed MSP operations, learn of disaster operation procedures so in future, Mendota Heights only receives fair share of noise			X				
	• Work collaboratively with other communities on mutual concerns regarding airport development and operations	X	X					July 2021 Joint Eagan Meeting at Eagan City Hall; future 2022 Joint Eagan Meeting
Monitor airport operations, trends and advocate for the Mendota Heights community	• Research and surveillance of MAC provided data to confirm or request additional data needed	X	X					Continue monitoring for such things as turboprops; continue to look at relevant charts
	• Determine custom-made for Mendota Heights metrics to continue to monitor	X	X					Re-evaluate metrics

2021-2022 • Airport Relations Commission Strategic Priorities

Priority: Create a Vision for City Development and Redevelopment Areas

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		2021	2022	Parked				
Bourne Lane property (and any other properties designated for redevelopment)	• Advise City Council of 65DNL location	X	X					Approximately 14.8 net acres of redevelopment within the 65DNL
Implement airport related items from the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan	• Partner with other Mendota Heights advisory boards for awareness of focused airport information and considerations	X	X					As development dictates
	• Review MAC 2040 Long Term Comprehensive Plan (LTCP)	X	X					

Priority: Conserve, Protect and Enhance Natural Resources

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		2021	2022	Parked				
Mitigate the city's air noise exposure	• Revisit 12L Modification Request with MAC and FAA	X				Gina Norling		Follow-up with Dana Nelson and Brad Juffer this fall to determine if updated training procedures increased usage of cross-in-the-corridor operations
Research MAC EPA studies	• Review latest MAC EPA studies to determine if PM2.5 particles were identified in community			X		Gina Norling		Future research

Priority: Maintain and Improve City Infrastructure and Assets

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		2021	2022	Parked				
Revisit ARC Operations	• In conjunction with ARC Education Program, refresh ARC website with additional information and resources	X						Plan to address this in September 2021 meeting where city staff Communications Coordinator invited to help inform and create comm plan
	• Update ARC Rules of Order	X						Review at November 2021 meeting
Determine future traffic congestion based on MAC 2040 Long Term Comprehensive Plan (LTCP)	• Review MAC 2040 Long Term Comprehensive Plan (LTCP) to provide City awareness of airport passenger and operations forecast	X	X					
	• Establish a working group focused on Mendota Heights future traffic that monitors growth trends and demand on the only high volume routes that provide service to eastern metro and Wisconsin							Engage MNDOT study for projects