



2026-2032 MAC Capital Improvement Program Review

Transportation Advisory Board



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Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) Role



Minnesota Statutes 473.601-473.679

- Promote aviation & competitive air service
- Owns & operates seven public airports in metro area
- Prepares airport long-term comprehensive plans
- Annually prepares capital improvement program (CIP) to implement planned improvements

Met Council Aviation Planning Role



Minnesota Statute 473.621

- Prepare Regional Aviation System Plan
- Review metro airport & community comprehensive plans, environmental studies
- Review MAC's Capital Improvement Program and review and approve major capital projects that have a significant affect on the orderly and economic development of the region

MAC Capital Projects Review



Capital Projects Review Criteria

- Projects over \$5 million at MSP and over \$2 million at reliever airports that have potential for significant effects
- Significant effects criteria
 - Location of a new airport
 - New runway at an existing airport
 - Runway extension at an existing airport
 - Runway strengthening other than routine maintenance
 - New or expanded passenger handling or parking facilities for 25% or more capacity increase
 - Land acquisition associated with the other criteria, or that would cause relocation of residential or business activities

MAC Capital Projects Review (2)



2026 Capital Projects Review

- Adequate public participation process
- Assessment of Environmental Effects (AOEE) completed and reviewed
- MAC's CIP identifies adequate funding
- MAC's CIP is consistent with 2050 TPP
 - 2050 Regional Aviation Plan Update is in public comment phase but does not impact existing airport development review requirements
- No CIP projects which require Council approval in 2026
- Few large or notable projects in line for 2026
- Overall budget for 2026
 - MSP: \$502M
 - Relievers: \$30M

MAC Capital Projects Review (3)

Overview of 2026 CIP Projects

- Majority of 2026 projects are routine maintenance, equipment replacement or multiyear projects which have been seen in previous CIPs.
- Notable projects around MSP focus on landside improvements
 - Post Road reconstruction (\$10M)
 - 34th Avenue rehabilitation (\$8M)
 - Terminal 2 access roadway capacity expansion (\$10M)
 - Terminal 1 median and signage improvements (\$14M)
 - Parking signage guidance system (\$15M)
 - Electric vehicle charging network expansion (\$2M)

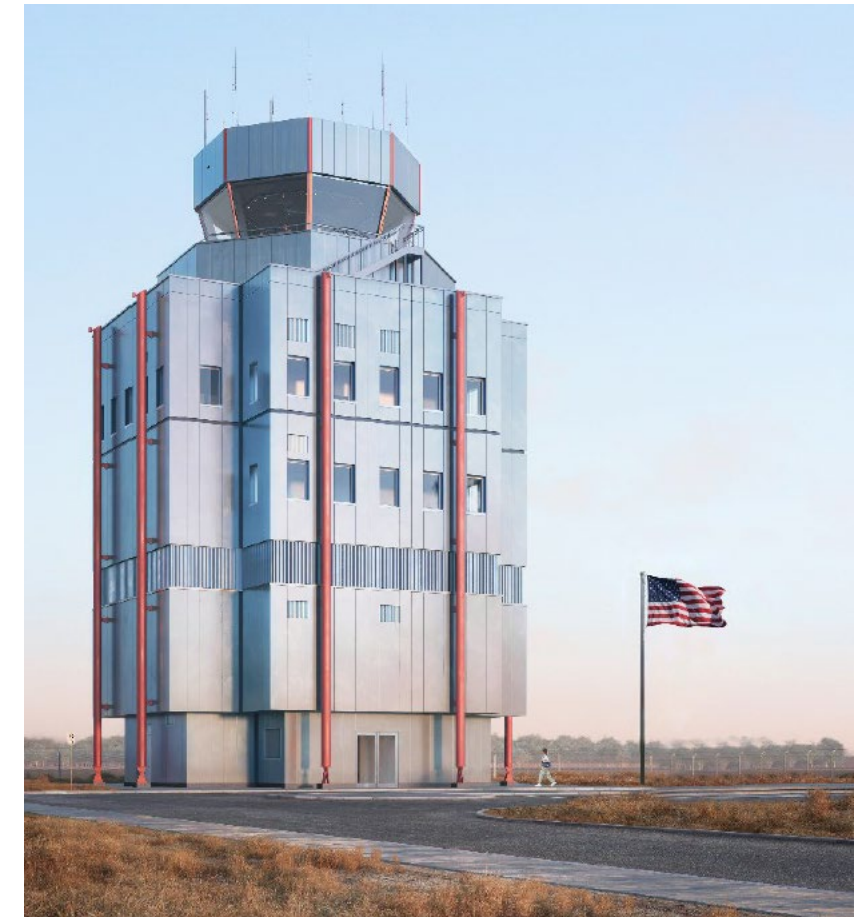


Non-MAC Capital Projects

Flying Cloud Airport Air Traffic Control Tower

- Major project in 2026
 - Not in MAC CIP
 - Funded and constructed by FAA
 - Estimated \$24M project
 - No requirement for Met Council approval
- New ATCT identified in FCM 2040 LTCP
 - New tower will improve safety and operations at the airport and free up land for future hanger development on south side of airfield
- FAA completed Environmental Assessment for project in 2025
 - Received Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

Rendering of the new ATCT at Flying Cloud



MAC CIP Looking Forward



2027-2032 Planned Capital Investments

- Large projects at MSP planned for future years
 - Orange and Purple Parking Ramp Expansion (\$140M – 2027)
 - West Cargo Development (\$30M – 2027)
 - Green and Gold Parking Ramp Replacement (\$400M – 2030)
 - Concourse and Hub Tram Replacement (\$300M – 2031)
- One project to require Met Council Approval
 - Airlake Airport Runway 12-30 extension (2027)

Recommended Motion

That the Transportation Advisory Board:

recommend acceptance of the staff analysis that MAC's 2026-2032 CIP is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan and included adequate public participation and forward these comments to the Metropolitan Council for its consideration.



Thank you

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