October 28, 2026

Bridget Rief, Vice President, Planning and Development
Metropolitan Airports Commission
6040 28th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

RE: Metropolitan Airports Commission – Airlake Airport (LVN) Runway 12-30 Extension and Associated Improvements Environmental Assessment (EA) and Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)
Metropolitan Council Review No. 23261-1
Metropolitan Council District No. 16

Dear Bridget Rief:

The Metropolitan Council received the combined EA and EAW for the **Airlake Airport (LVN) Runway 12-30 Extension and Associated Improvements** project in Lakeville and Eureka Township on September 30, 2026. The purpose of the project is to reconstruct the existing Runway 12/30 pavement, extend Runway 12/30 to 4,850 feet, minimize incompatible land uses, mitigate runway airspace penetrations, modify and/or replace visual navigational aids, expand the fixed base operator (FBO) apron, and relocate the existing stream to accommodate airport improvements to meet current FAA airport design standards.

Council staff have conducted a review of this EA and EAW to determine its adequacy and accuracy in addressing regional concerns and the potential for significant environmental impact. Staff have concluded that the EA and EAW are complete and accurate.

We offer the following comments for your consideration.

Transportation (Joe Widing, joseph.widing@metc.state.mn.us)
The proposed project is consistent with the 2035 Airlake Airport Long Term Comprehensive Plan preferred alternative that was approved by the Metropolitan Council in 2018.

The proposed project will not change the function or the regional classification of Airlake Airport. The proposed project is consistent with the Aviation System Plan.

Per state law, the proposed project will need to be approved by the Metropolitan Council prior to implementation as part of the 2027 Capital Improvement Plan review and approval. Section 9 of the EAW should show this required needed approval. This approval can be shown as in progress.

Wastewater (Roger Janzig, roger.janzig@metc.state.mn.us)
Interceptor 8016 runs just to the northwest of the Localizer Antenna that is identified in project documentation. While this is within the identified existing and future runway protection zone, it is outside of the identified Runway Object Free Area. The proposed work does not appear to impact the interceptor.

Surface Water (Maureen Hoffman, 651-602-8026)
According to the DNR's Pollution Sensitivity of Near-Surface Materials map, the proposed Project site has high pollution sensitivity because of its soil types and underlying geology. Construction-phase measures should therefore be taken to prevent surface contamination and protect groundwater resources to the extent practicable.

Climate and Greenhouse Gases (Mackenzie Young Walters, 651-602-1373)
The discussion of projected climate trends and associated adaptations are appropriate given the scale of the project. The proposer should also consider the impact of increasing freeze thaw cycles on the facility and include relevant adaptations.

The discussion of anticipated greenhouse gas emissions and associated mitigation measures is appropriate given the nature of the project.

This concludes the Council's review of the EAW. The Council will not take formal action on the EAW. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Joe Widing, Principal Reviewer, at 651-602-1822 or via email at joseph.widing@metc.state.mn.us.

Sincerely,



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