

City Council Follow-up Briefing

Helicopter Activity at Flying Cloud Airport

Flying Cloud Airport Advisory Commission
March 20, 2007



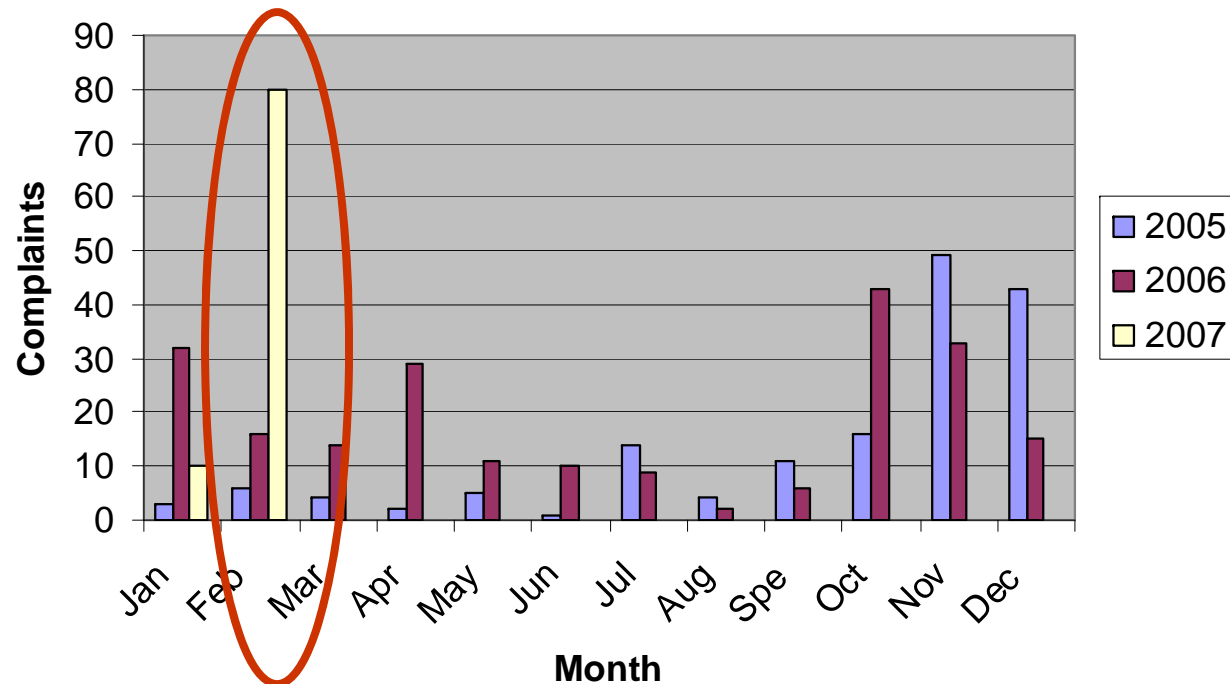
Flying Cloud Noise Reports January and February 2007

**Spike in Complaints in February
Driven by Helicopter Operations**

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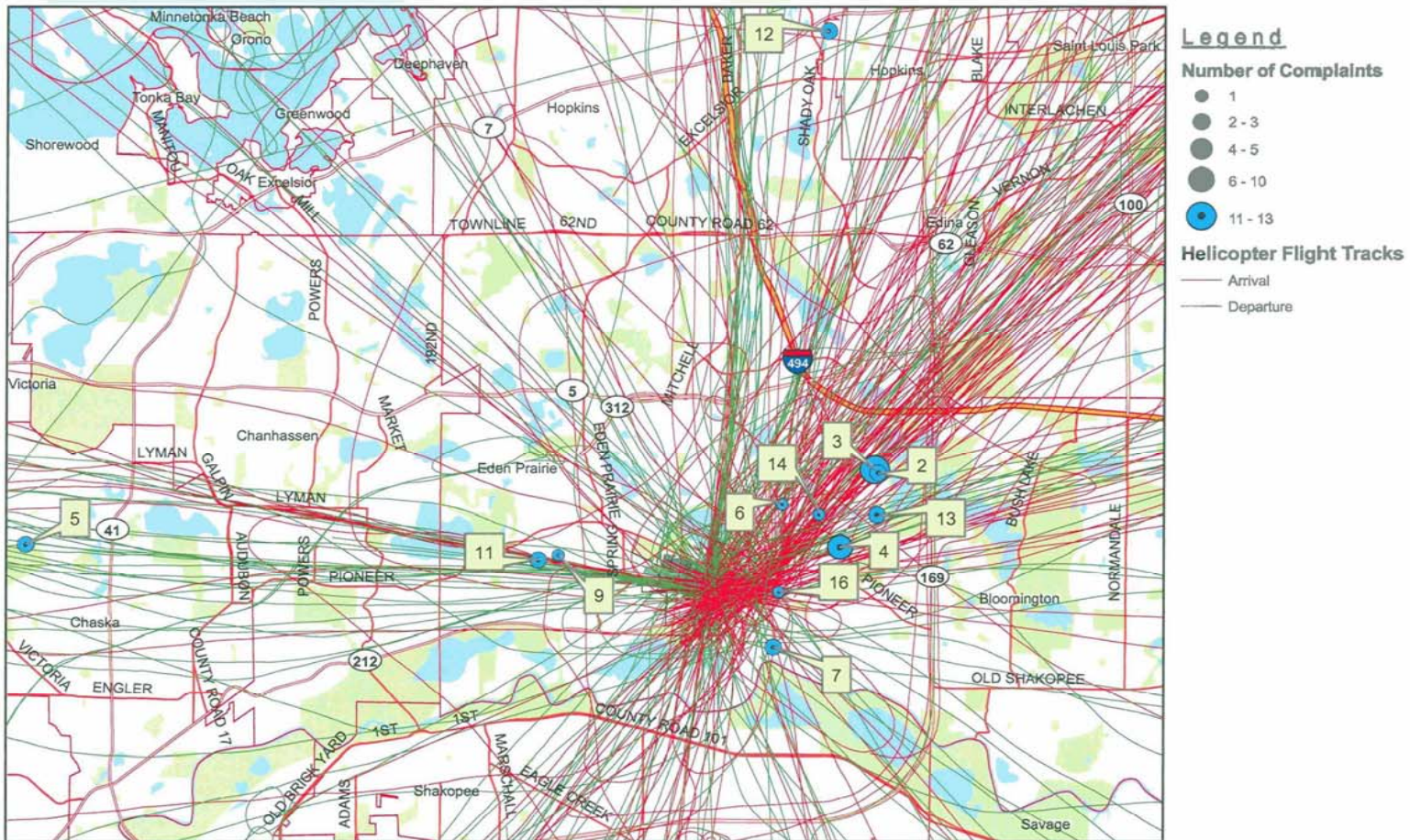
- 90 complaints for Jan – Feb period
- Spike mostly in Feb
- 16 different Complainants
- 48 overall for 10pm-7am operations
- **39 specifically said “Helicopter” noise**

Flying Cloud Noise Complaints



Source: MAC Noise Office. 67 filed via internet

Helicopter Flight Paths / Complaint Locations Jan – Feb 2007



Dominant Flight Track – North Memorial Hospital

Why the Up tick in Helicopter Noise?

Spike in Complaints in Feb

- Just began Flying Cloud operations
 - Bell 206 and Bell 222* helicopters based at FCM
- About 60 flights per month from Flying Cloud
- Training began in Feb
 - Training every six months
- Operations 24 x 7 x 365
- Crews on standby (Pilot, Nurse, EMT)



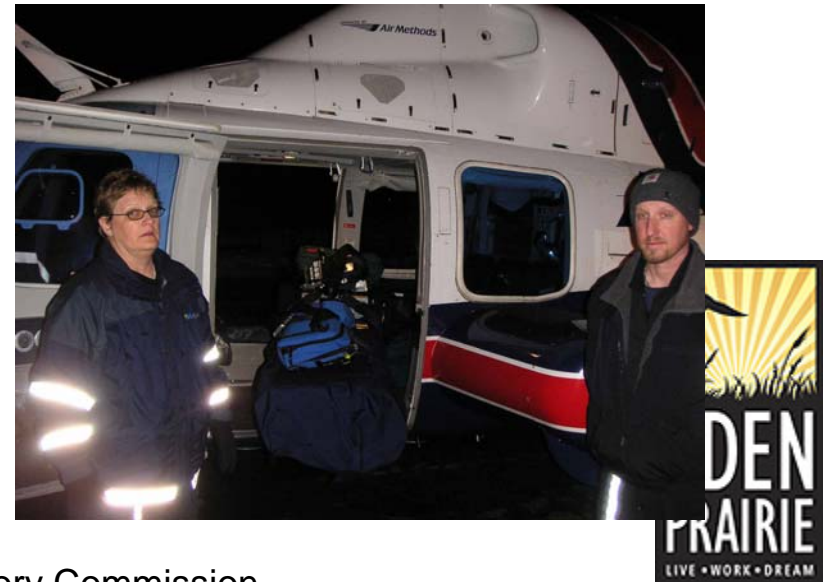
*=larger ship. Acquired recently and used in Feb training

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About the Services

LifeLink III and Air Methods

- LifeLink III contracts with Air Methods
- Air Methods provides air medical transportation services
- Mission: Transport people needing intensive medical care from either the scene of an accident or from general care hospitals to trauma centers or tertiary care centers.
- System-wide completed more than 350,000 air medical missions since 1980
 - Heart-related issues
 - Premature child issues
 - 30% involve medical teams
 - 10% of the flights go to the accident site
- Regional operations in our metro area
 - Flying Cloud
 - Hutchinson
 - St. Cloud
 - New Richardson, WIS



About Air Methods

Extremely Cooperative – Commission Began Great Dialogue

Air Methods Corporation

HQ: Englewood, Colorado

Public Company (NASDAQ:AIRM)

On the web: <http://www.airmethods.com>

Employees: 1,961

Employee growth: 7.0%

Fiscal year ending December, 2005:

Sales: \$337.0M

One year growth: 23.4%

Net income: \$11.8M

Income growth: (0.1%)



Air Medical Services



Commission Actions taken since Workshop (Feb 20)

Fast Commission and MAC Actions

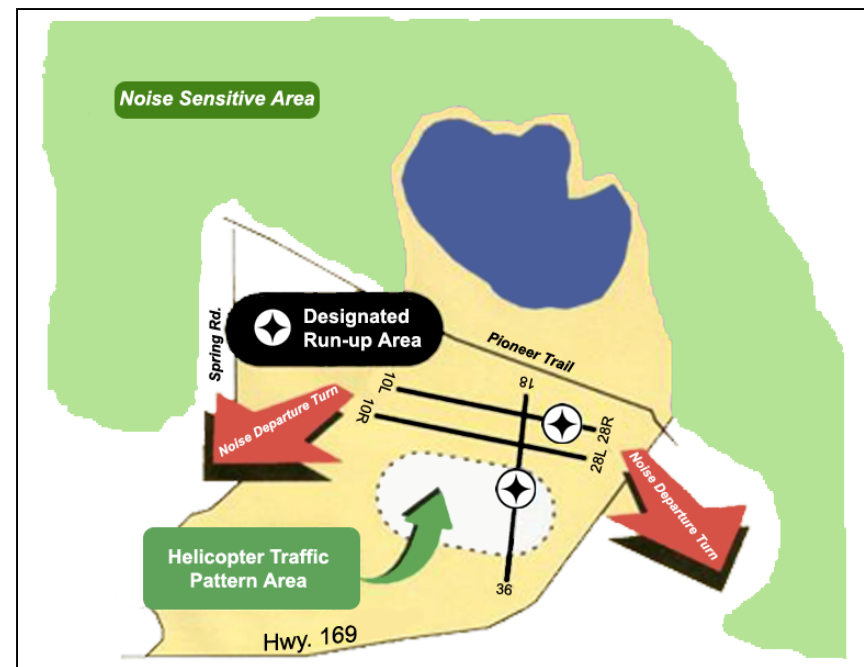
- Air Methods Manager (Ron Muntifering) came to March 9 Commission Meeting
- Air Methods brought a Bell 222 for us to see and the crew to talk to as well
- MAC met with Air Methods regarding noise abatement last week
- MAC met with FCM FAA Tower manager and supervisor to work out more noise friendly approach / departure procedures last week
- Commission asked to brief the City Council tonight
- Air Methods is willing to brief the City Council at its April 17 meeting



Next Steps

Continued Commission Focus

- Assist MAC and Air Methods to finalize “best case” noise abatement procedure
- Assist MAC and the FAA to finalize “best case” approach and departure procedures
- Work with Air Methods to move their training to Airlake
 - Next cycle is August
- Work with media to publicize the importance of their mission to our community
- Monitor helicopter operations closely
 - Report back to the City Council



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