

**TIMELINE OF EVENTS  
ON  
FINAL AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
MAC AND THE CITY OF EDEN PRAIRIE**

City Council Workshop  
June 11, 2007

**1996**

- **MAC's Long Term Comprehensive Plan Approved**

Metropolitan Council approves MAC's Long Term Comprehensive Plan for Flying Cloud Airport, which includes the proposed expansion of the airport.

- **Flying Cloud Airport EIS Process Begins**

MAC begins the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process for the expansion of the airport.

**1998**

- **MAC Establishes Noise Mitigation Committee**

MAC establishes Flying Cloud EIS Noise Mitigation Committee to develop the noise Mitigation plan for the airport expansion and an alternative to Ordinance 51. The Flying Cloud Airport Advisory Commission objects and requests that it should develop the alternative to Ordinance 51. MAC agrees.

**1999**

- **Flying Cloud Airport Advisory Commission Develops Alternative to Ordinance 51**

Flying Cloud Airport Advisory Commission unanimously adopts an alternative to Ordinance 51, which would maintain the 20,000 pound maximum take-off weight limit for stage 2 jets, and place mandatory nighttime curfew on these jets. It would permit stage 3 jets up to 22,500 pounds basic empty weight to use the airport.

MAC and the Eden Prairie City Council endorse a proposal to solicit support from the FAA and other key agencies for the proposed changes to Ordinance 51.

## **2001**

- **FAA Finds Ordinance 51 and its Alternative Discriminatory**

FAA notifies MAC that Ordinance 51 and proposed changes to the ordinance are discriminatory. The FAA requires MAC to provide a plan for removing Ordinance 51, and the rationale for not removing the ordinance immediately. The FAA states that it will not consider any requests for discretionary funding at Flying Cloud until the ordinance is removed or a plan for removing it has been approved.

- **City Retains Special Legal Counsel**

Eden Prairie City Council retains Special Legal Counsel for the purpose of developing a comprehensive strategy memorandum evaluating the City's options in opposing the expansion of the Flying Cloud Airport and increasing the City's leverage over the airport expansion plans, and recommending a plan of action.

City Council holds special meeting to receive a presentation from its special counsel on the City's options for opposing expansion of the Flying Cloud Airport.

- **MAC Authorizes Public Hearing of Supplemental Draft EIS**

MAC authorizes a public hearing to be held to consider the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the Flying Cloud Airport which includes elimination of Ordinance 51.

- **City Council Repeals Flying Cloud Airport Advisory Commission**

City Council adopts an ordinance which repeals the Flying Cloud Airport Advisory Commission, predicated on the fact that all communications regarding the airport should involve the principles (City Council and MAC Commission) rather than the quasi-independent body.

- **City and MAC Begin Discussions**

City and MAC begin dialogue regarding the expansion of the airport, Ordinance 51 and related issues to minimize adverse noise impacts, maintain airport character, and ensure any agreement is enforceable.

The City and MAC enter into a Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Flying Cloud Airport and Ordinance 51.

## **2002**

- **City and MAC Negotiate an Agreement**

City and MAC negotiate details of an agreement on Flying Cloud Airport and Ordinance 51.

City and MAC approve the Final Agreement Concerning Flying Cloud Airport and MAC Ordinance 51 between The City of Eden Prairie and Metropolitan Airports Commission, as well as, The Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Cooperative Solutions to Infrastructure, Right-of-Way/Easements and Park Needs between the City of Eden Prairie and the Metropolitan Airports Commission Regarding Flying Cloud Airport.

## **2003**

- **Flying Cloud Airport Operational Implementation Plan is Developed**

MAC develops and City reviews the FCM Operational Implementation Plan to implement Article 3 – MAC Commitments and Representations, of the Final Agreement.

## **2005**

- **City Prepares a Management Audit of the Final Agreement**

City staff prepares a Management Audit of the Final Agreement between the City and MAC and presents its findings of compliance to date to the City Council.

- **City Council Re-establishes the Flying Cloud Airport Advisory Commission**

City Council approves Ordinance 25-2005, establishing the Flying Cloud Airport Advisory Commission.

## **2006**

- **Final EIS on Flying Cloud Airport is Found Adequate by EQB**

Minnesota Environmental Quality Board takes action on the Final EIS for Flying Cloud Airport finding it Adequate according to EQB Rules.

**2007**

- **FAA is Reviewing the EIS for its Record of Decision**

No decision has been rendered from the FAA at this time.