



**City of Sunfish Lake
Sunfish Lake, Minnesota**

January 22, 2024

Co-Chairs RNAV Subcommittee
Ms. Cheryl Jacobson
Mr. Paul Buckley
NOC
6040 28th Avenue South
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Dear Cheryl and Paul:

At the recent Noise Oversight Committee (NOC) Subcommittee meeting on January 17, 2024 regarding RNAV procedures, an evaluation of the FAA preliminary draft RNAV procedures at MSP completed by HNTB indicates that the majority of Metropolitan communities would experience a decrease in the number of aircraft noise events above 65 dB on an average day. However, the greatest increase in number of aircraft noise events above 65 dB would be borne inequitably by Sunfish Lake and a few other communities.

During the meeting it was confirmed by HNTB that their analysis indicated that 90% of the daily flights are day flights and 10% are night flights. Therefore, on behalf of Sunfish Lake, we have a strong objection that from the hours of 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunfish Lake residents are projected to have 90% of the 35 to 50 increased number of daily noise events above 65 dB due to the FAA's preliminary draft RNAV procedures.

Our residents currently complain of aircraft noise levels affecting the enjoyment of their property during outdoor events. Complaints will most certainly be amplified given the increase under the proposed RNAV of an additional 32 to 45 more daily aircraft noise events above 65 dB from the hours of 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.!

All prior communications over the last several years by both NOC and the FAA involving RNAV emphasized that on behalf of all communities, there is a desire to ensure that flight distributions would be kept as close as possible to the distributions prior to RNAV, so that each community shares the pain of increased noise.

The FAA's current RNAV draft proposal inequitably gives the majority of Metropolitan communities a decrease in number of daily noise events above 65 dB, while burdening Sunfish Lake and others with an increase of 35 to 50 daily noise events above 65 dB.

On behalf of all residents, the Sunfish Lake City Council strongly requests that the NOC recommend to the FAA that their proposed RNAV departure procedures be adjusted to distribute the flights such that all communities share the burden equitably in accordance with frequently stated NOC objectives.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan O'Leary', written over a faint horizontal line.

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