

**CITY OF SUNFISH LAKE
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NO. 14-_____

**RESOLUTION ADDRESSING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PERFORMANCE-
BASED NAVIGATION (PBN)/AREA NAVIGATION (RNAV) PROCEDURES**

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) and the MSP Noise Oversight Committee (NOC) are examining and investigating the impacts of the FAA proposed implementation of Performance-Based Navigation (PBN)/Area Navigation (RNAV) procedures at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP).

WHEREAS, in particular, the impacts are being examined with respect to RNAV departures from runways 12L and 12R.

WHEREAS, departures from these runways will be directly over the City of Sunfish Lake.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Sunfish Lake has reached out in public forums and sought the input of its citizens.

WHEREAS, there is substantial concern in the City that implementation of the proposed RNAV departures from runways 12L and 12R is premature until alternates are fully explored and the environmental impacts are fully assessed.

WHEREAS, the City seeks to have its local concerns addressed by the FAA, MAC and NOC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SUNFISH LAKE, MINNESOTA:

1. The Council finds that the increase in flights in the corridor over Sunfish Lake will rise from about 30 per day to 160 per day. This increase in the number of flights will have adverse environmental impacts on the City and more particularly on those landowners living within the corridor.
2. The adverse impacts include the following:
 - A noise fatigue from overflights.
 - A diminution of the quality of life.

- The interruption of everyday events.
 - Negative impact on the wildlife migratory areas within the City.
 - Reduction in property values.
3. To better understand the impacts and to alleviate some of the impacts, the City suggests the following:
- Maintain runway headings further out to allow for alignment with freeway/industrial corridors (e.g. Interstate 494 and Highway 55).
 - Employ steeper take-off arcs as proposed during RNAV preliminary discussions which are already in use at other airports (e.g. John Wayne in Orange County).
 - Re-define and re-evaluate the environmental impacts to consider the repetitive nature of RNAV flight tracks.
 - Create a balance that recognizes that the needs of the greater good should not ignore the landowners and properties that are proposed to receive the channeled additional flights.
4. The City seeks to be a participant in the process. The City seeks to have its voice recognized and heard. To that end, the City asks the following:
- The suggestions made above should be adopted and incorporated by FAA, MAC and NOC.
 - The City asks for a direct representative on NOC selected by the City.
 - MAC Executive Director Jeff Hamiel noted in his February 1, 2013 letter to the FAA that “The plan should include components for engaging the communities to the south and east of MSP to receive feedback on how the procedures are impacting communities.” The plan should include direct representation of Sunfish Lake on NOC.
 - Our United States senators and congressional representatives and their staffs need to become aware of the impacts arising from RNAV departures from runways 12L and 12R. Further, the MSP Fair Skies Coalition needs to address how to lessen the impacts in the areas south and east of MSP.
5. The City reaffirms its commitment to educate its citizens about these issues and to seek their feedback. To work within the process, the City may seek the guidance of legal counsel to more clearly delineate the issues.
6. The City welcomes a dialogue with the FAA, MAC and NOC and each of the other ten cities involved with NOC.
7. The City believes that it would be particularly constructive for the City’s most immediate geographic neighbors (namely Mendota Heights and Inver Grove Heights) to join Sunfish Lake in further study of the issues.

Adopted this 7th day of January, 2014, by the City Council of the City of Sunfish Lake.

Molly Park, Mayor

ATTEST:

Catherine Iago, City Clerk