

Minnesota  
A Collaborative Vision  
for Transportation



# State Aviation System Plan

## National Aviation System Planning Symposium

Anchorage, AK  
5/21/18

# Agenda

- MnDOT and Minnesota Aviation
- Public Involvement Plan
- MnDOT SASP Approach
- New Path



# MnDOT Aeronautics

- To ensure that Minnesotans reap the benefits of aviation

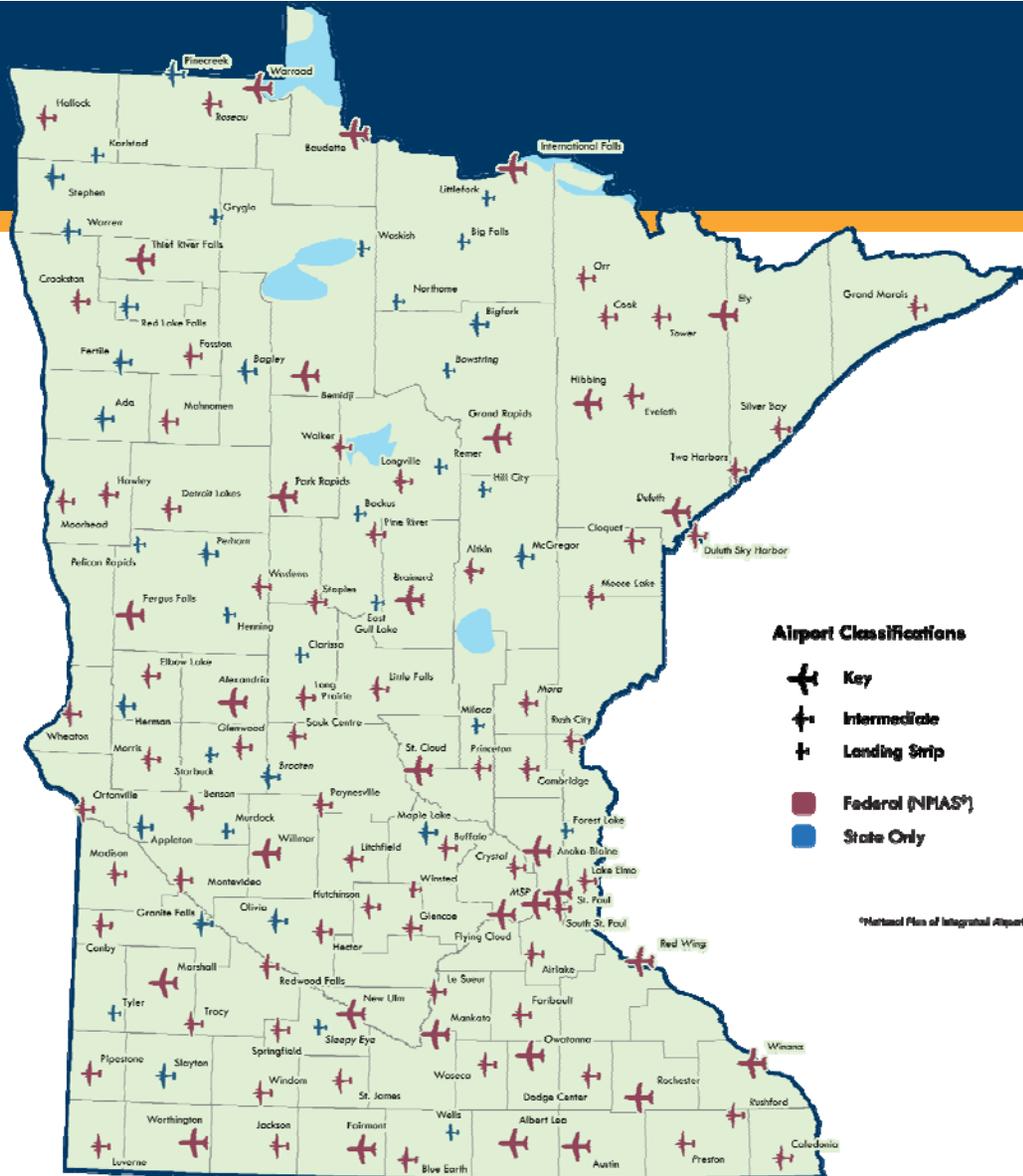


# Personnel

- 40 Employees
  - Planning
  - Airport Development
  - Aircraft Registration
  - Air Transportation
  - Aviation Safety and Enforcement
  - Navigation Systems



# Minnesota's System



- 135 Public Airports
  - 97 in NPIAS
  - 38 State
- Key (30)
- Intermediate (83)
- Landing Strip (22)



# MnDOT SASP Approach

# Challenges

- **Functional**

- The plan is very lengthy
- SASP did not contain up to date information after initial publication

- **Decision Making**

- SASP could include recommendations for funding which would help the state prioritize funding decisions
- High level recommendations on the size of the system, is current size adequate, too small, too big?
- Clarification on which objectives are requirements versus recommendations

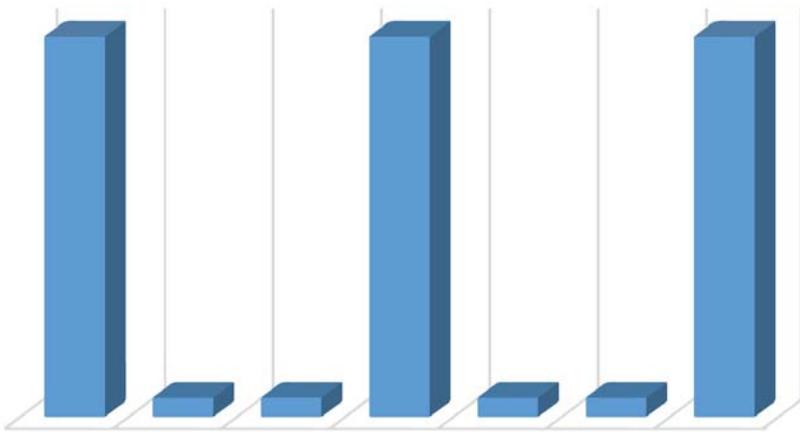
# Challenges

- **Education**

- Comparison tools/information for airports to compare against average or other airports in their classification
- SASP could include a package of tools for sponsors to share results of SASP and its ancillary studies
- Could use additional information on NextGen rollout and impact on Minnesota
- Does not adequately include drones

# Continuous SASP

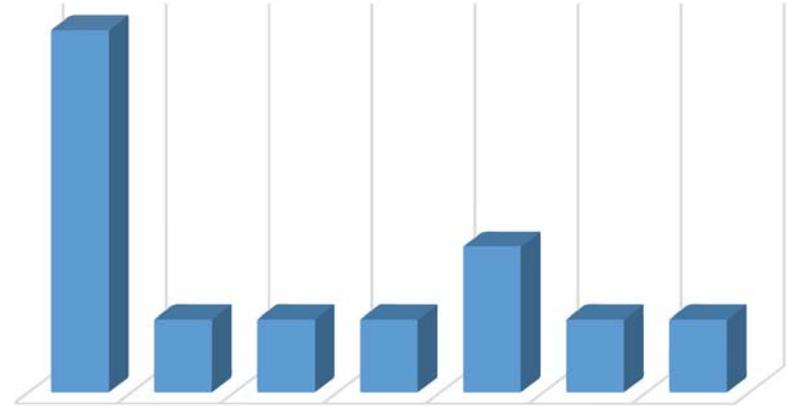
Traditional SASP Effort



- Data obsolete upon publication
- Some measures undelivered
- Disruptive workflow



Continuous SASP Effort



- Data always current
- State of system is always known
- Leverages existing work

# Multi-phase

- Phase I
  - Public Involvement
  - Develop Framework
    - Classification
    - Measures
  - Identify data needs
- Phase II
  - Collect data
  - Publish document

# Multi-phase

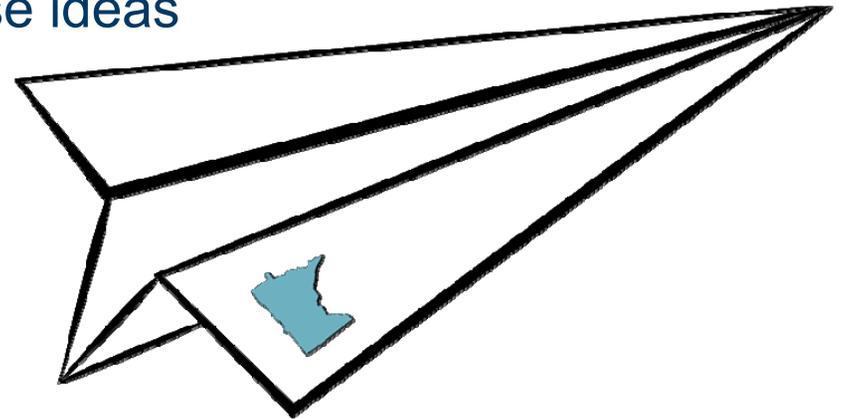
- Allows for change of course
- Wider perspective from multiple consultants
- Better distributes workloads
- More flexibility with funding, project schedules



# Public Involvement Plan

# PIP Philosophy

- Mission: Make the SASP more relevant to more people more of the time
- The users of the SASP know how it could be improved and non-users know what would make it more useful
- The plan will be better for knowing these ideas



# Advisory Committees

Four advisory committees guide the plan:

- MnDOT Aeronautics Staff  
Agency priorities
- SASP Advisory Committee (SAC)  
High-level policy guidance
- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)  
Technical in-the-weeds issues
- Aviation Consultant Workshop

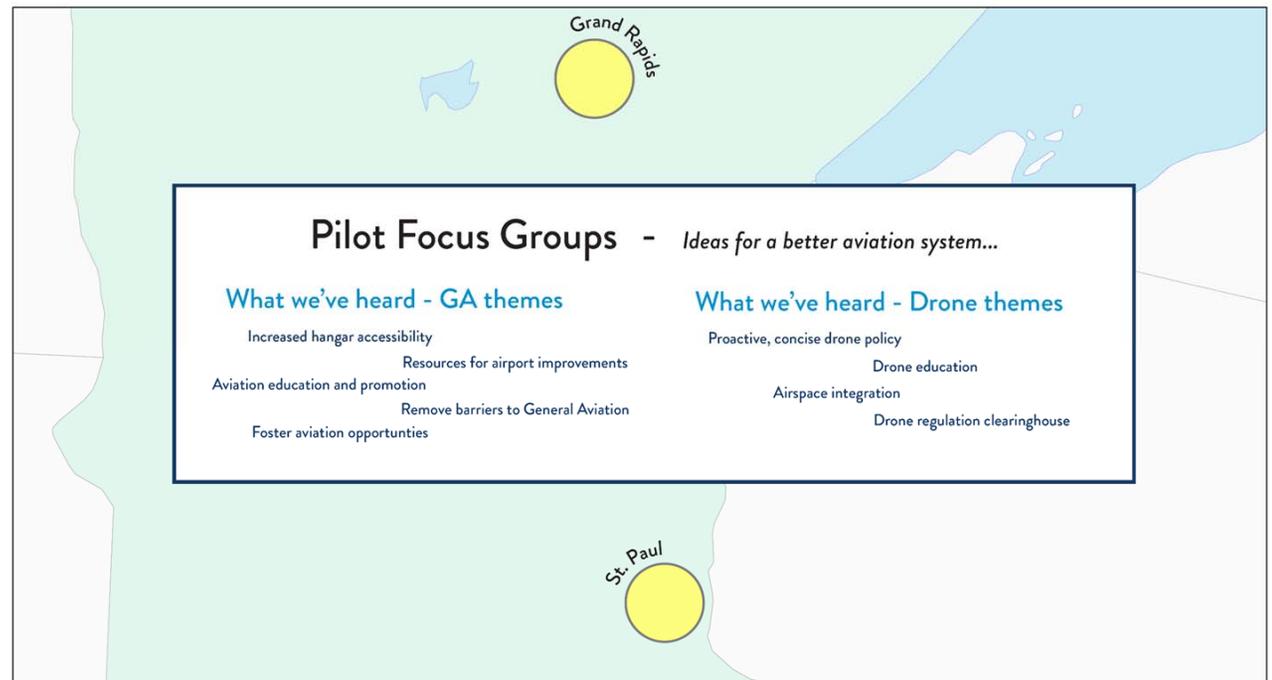
# Set Expectations

The role of the SAC is to gather the best high-level policy ideas to carry forward to TAC meetings and further refinement by MnDOT.

- We do not need “answers”
- It is great ideas we are after
- This can be the start of the conversation
- Not all ideas will make it in to the plan
  - May be in other plans
  - May be addressed in another way

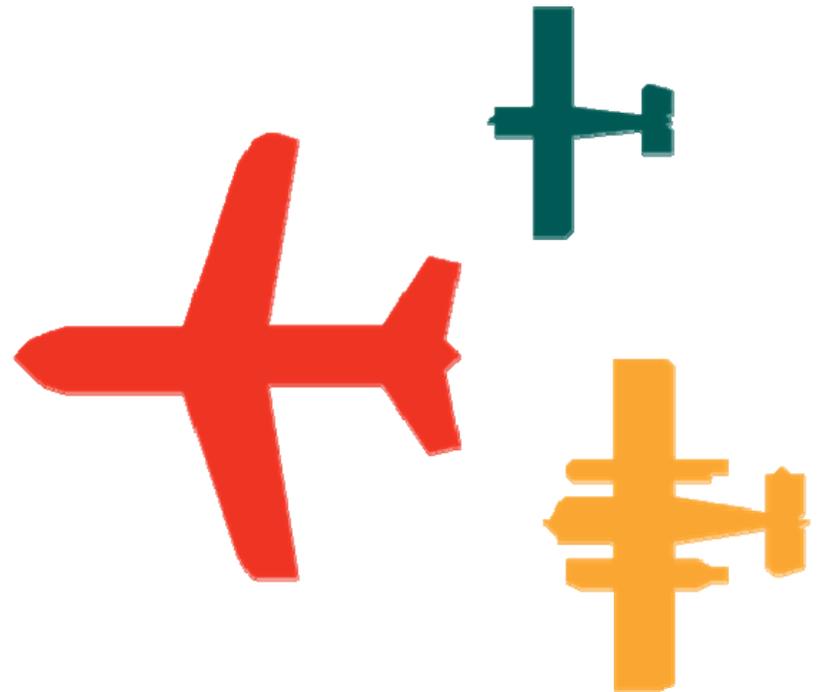
# What We Heard

- Ensure that the best ideas make it in to your plan
- Tell your audience “what you heard” and who said it
- Increase buy-in
  - Even if you don’t incorporate the idea



# Leave Room for Other Ideas

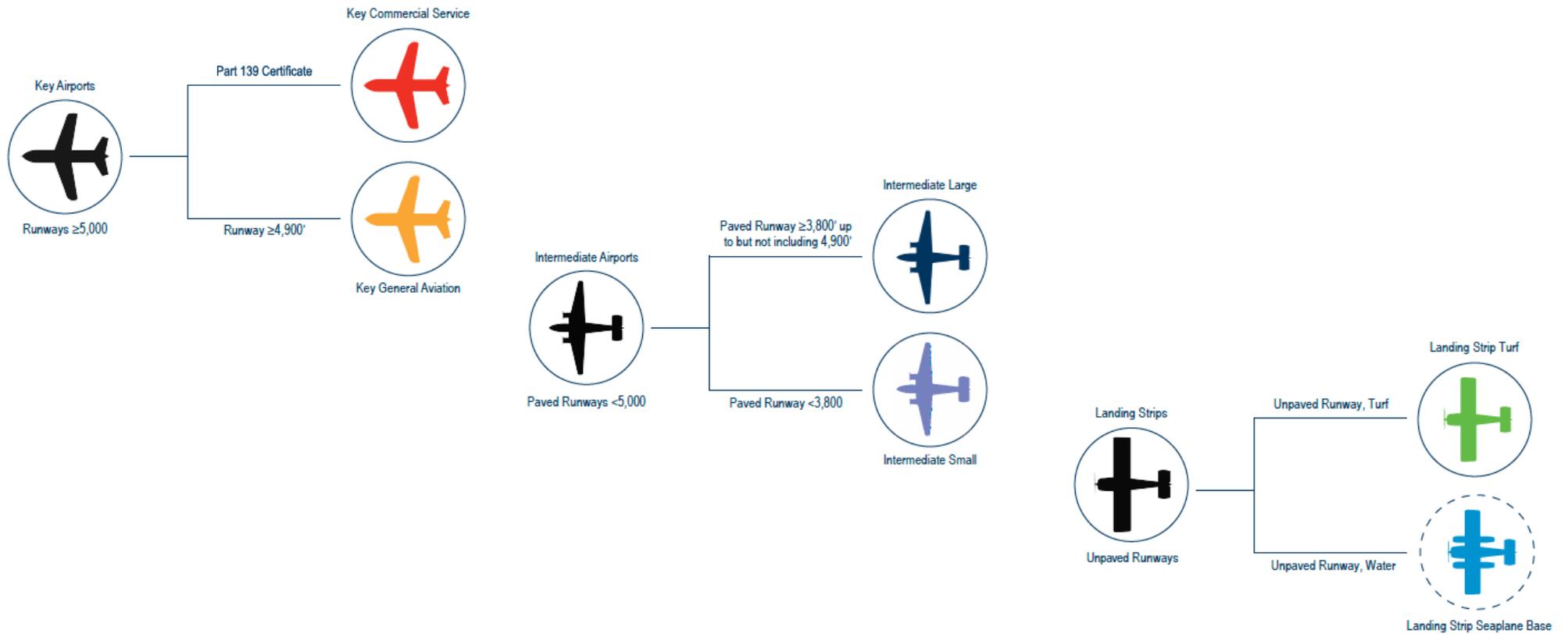
- You will hear great ideas that have nothing to do with your SASP
- Ensure that you document them and take action
  - Clear zone policy should be integrated into SASP





# New Path

# Proposed Classification



# Classification Roles



Agriculture



Medical



Recreational



Business



Airline  
Service



Military



Firefighting



Law  
Enforcement



Search &  
Rescue



Flight  
Training



Cargo



Single  
Engine



Twin  
Engine



Jet



Large Jet

- Strong demand to better communicate an airport's role to the community
- “Better educate the public”

# Simplify Language

**2012**

Overarching Term:

**Minimum System Objectives and Performance Measures**

Scope:

Airport

System

Name:

Minimum System Objectives

Performance Measures

System Indicators

**Proposed New**

Overarching Term:

**Performance Metrics**

Scope:

Airport

System

Name:

Airport Measures

Airport Indicators

System Measures

System Indicators

# Dashboard

- Individualized airport roles
- Continuously report measures
- Report Card
- Comparison to similar airports
- Project milestones
- Tools to educate public



# What's coming

- Economic Impact Study
- Phase 2
  - Collect Data
  - Publish the document
  - Develop dashboard
  - Chart out Aeronautics family of plans



# Thank you!

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