

Recommended Process for Developing Recommended VFR Routing Procedures at RMMA

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Objective

To achieve stakeholder consensus regarding voluntary routing procedures for Visual Flight Rules (VFR) traffic arriving and departing Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport. Recommended routes could be developed for each cardinal direction (North, South, East, West) to/from RMMA.

The development of routes would be focused on mitigating the noise impacts of aircraft operations to/from RMMA by recommending routes that impact adjacent communities the least (as defined by the priorities of the RMMA Community Noise Roundtable). These routes would still need to satisfy the safety and operational requirements of pilots and air traffic control (as determined by the RMMA Noise Task Force and Federal Aviation Administration).

Stakeholders

- RMMA Community Noise Roundtable members
- RMMA Noise Task Force, airport advisory board representatives, and other airport users
- Aviation consulting firm (optional, but recommended)
- Local land use planning members
- General public

Recommended process

1. *RMMACNR to define desirable routing conditions (1 month)*
 - Discussion and consensus on routing and noise-abatement priorities
2. *Aviation stakeholders stage (2 months) – RMMA Noise Task Force, RMMACNR member representative, and aviation consulting firm (preferred)*
 - Host workshops with the RMMA Noise Task Force to draft initial routes, facilitated by an aviation consulting firm (preferred) or airport staff
 - Three meetings total:
 - One meeting focused on VFR departures/arrivals to the north/west
 - One meeting focused on VFR departures/arrivals to the south/east
 - One final meeting to review initial routes and make final adjustments based on input
 - Focus will be on identifying routes that address the most common departure/arrival scenarios
3. *Community-planning stage (1 month) – RMMACNR members, local land use agencies, and RMMA Noise Task Force members (if desired)*
4. *Public workshop(s) (1-2 months) – RMMACNR members and aviation consulting firm*
 - Host public workshop to present recommended routes
 - Also hosted on project website for review and comment
5. Presentation to RMMACNR for review and action
6. If consensus is found, forward recommendations to FAA for environmental and procedural review (18-24 months)