



RUNWAY TO NOWHERE

Yes, we have government PORK right here in Eden Prairie. Why is the Metropolitan Airport Commission (MAC) spending millions of our tax dollars to extend the Flying Cloud Airport (FCM) runway from 3900' to 5000'? The main reason is to allow larger business jets to land and take off at FCM. Only a very few of these large jets need the 5000' runway. The smaller jets that currently use FCM do NOT need the extension! This is not about the current noise and safety at the airport. It is about the future increased noise and congestion at FCM to accommodate the larger jets owned mainly by large corporations. These larger jets can now safely use the main MSP airport. In fact, a lot of the larger business jet operators much prefer the longer runways and facilities currently at MSP. Why do the citizens of Eden Prairie need to pay extra taxes for the millions in PORK spending dollars that **are** needed for these few big aircraft? After completion, a 5000' runway at FCM *would* attract more and more of these larger aircraft. This *would* require more and more tax dollars to build larger and more hangars and a relocation of the existing control tower. Folks, you haven't seen anything yet. We are not talking about now, but about the future increase of noise, number and size of aircraft, an endless increase in our tax dollars for PORK. All of this at the expense of a significant decrease in real estate and home property values for a large area around the airport, due mainly to the increased noise and congestion at FCM. This significant lowering of collectable taxes for property near FCM will increase real estate taxes and *decrease* quality of life for all other Eden Prairie residents and businesses. A benefit for only several large corporations will be at the expense of the great majority of E.P. residents. All residents need to contact our federal senators and representatives to tell them NOT to spend millions of taxpayer dollars, to stop subsidizing aviation to the tune of millions every year. These legislators also read our letters to the Editor of the Eden Prairie News. Your letters are urgently needed to oppose the 5000' expansion. The time is now! Our *federal* legislators are now voting new funding for 2009. Tell them to *STOP* the *Flying Cloud Airport* expansion project.

Contact Our National Legislators and tell them no more Pork for FCM Expansion

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