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Dear Citizens of Minnesota,

It is a pleasure for me to present to you this comprehensive State Aviation System Plan (SASP) for 2012-2030. This plan was developed by the MnDOT Office of Aeronautics, with extensive input from you, the citizens of Minnesota. I am confident that this plan will guide us to continue to meet the needs of Minnesota's aviation industry and aviation community, while allowing for flexibility and growth that will benefit us all.

The SASP recognizes these five primary goals in concert with the Minnesota GO Vision:

- SAFETY - Enable development of Minnesota's aviation system to not only enhance the overall safety of airport operations but also minimize and/or reduce aviation fatalities and injuries.
- MOBILITY and ACCESS - Ensure the people and businesses of Minnesota have convenient access to the air transportation network.
- FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITY and RESPONSIBILITY - Improve system airports' ability to become more financially sustainable, attract appropriately planned economic development opportunities, and fit into the context of the community from which it receives support.
- OPERATIONS - Ensure the system is operated in a manner that users can rely upon.
- PRESERVATION and ASSET MANAGEMENT - Ensure the structural integrity of existing airport infrastructure to meet current needs and not compromise what is needed in the future.

The success of Minnesota's entire transportation system depends on the coordinated efforts of many public and private partners. Objectives and strategies outlined in this plan provide a framework for our joint efforts improving the transportation systems' aviation component. A team of dedicated aviation professionals in our Office of Aeronautics is working hard to ensure that these and other goals are met in a timely and cost effective manner, so that Minnesotans can continue to utilize quality aviation facilities and dependable services throughout the state. We recognize the value aviation brings to our communities and to our state. We understand economic impact and the importance of the benefits aviation brings to every citizen within our borders. Through continued collaboration, we can together, build and maintain an air transportation system that realizes the SASP goals, while maximizing opportunities for our citizens, enhancing Minnesota's quality of life, environment, and economy, throughout the entire state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charlie Zelle".

Charlie Zelle  
Commissioner of Transportation