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MSP Airport Named Most Efficient in North America Only 12 Airports Globally Honored with ATRS Award

MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL – The Air Transport Research Society (ATRS) has once again named Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) the most efficient North American airport in its class.

MSP is one of only 12 airports globally, and one of four in North America, to receive the award this year. It marks the fourth time in five years that ATRS has named MSP the most efficient North America airport serving between 24 and 40 million passengers.

The annual [Airport Benchmarking Awards Program](#) recognizes efficiency in productivity and operations, unit-cost competitiveness and comparisons of airport charges. The ATRS Global Airport Benchmarking Project's 2021 report analyzed 2019 financial data from 205 airports and 24 airport groups of various sizes and ownership forms in North America, Europe, Asia Pacific, Australia/New Zealand.

“It is a great honor to receive this recognition, which validates our long-standing commitment to safe, efficient operations,” said Brian Ryks, CEO of the Metropolitan Airports Commission, which operates MSP. “Operational efficiency and competitive airline fees are strategic components of our efforts to grow air service for the region and provide travelers’ the best airport experience.”

The Air Transport Research Society was established in 1995 to enhance the research capability for multi-national and multi-disciplinary issues on air transportation, and to foster interaction between international and national aviation academics dealing with policy, management strategy and infrastructure issues.

About The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC)

The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) owns and operates one of the nation's largest airport systems, including [Minneapolis-St Paul International \(MSP\)](#) and six general aviation airports. The MAC's airports connect the region to the world and showcase Minnesota's extraordinary culture to millions of passengers from around the

globe who arrive or depart through MAC airports each year. Though a public corporation of the state of Minnesota, the organization is not funded by income or property taxes. Instead, the MAC's operations are funded by rents and fees generated by users of its airports. For more information, visit www.metroairports.org.