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Overview

- Navigating NextGen
 - Performance Based Navigation (PBN)
 - Pros & Cons
 - RNAV has arrived
 - More procedures are in the process with the FAA
- NextGen Perspectives
- Land Use compatibility issues



Definitions

- PBN (Performance Based Navigation):
 - A framework for defining performance requirements in "navigation specifications".
 - Includes RNAV and RNP.
 - Uses least amount of energy by aircraft to get from point A to B.
- RNAV (Area Navigation):
 - enables aircraft to fly on any desired flight path within the coverage of ground-or spaced-based navigation aids, i.e., 'point-to-point'.
- RNP (Required Navigation Performance):
 - RNAV with the addition of an onboard performance monitoring and alerting capability; this enhances the pilot's situation awareness and can enable reduced obstacle clearance or closer route spacing without intervention by air traffic control.



PBN Pros and Cons

- Pros
 - Condenses flight tracks, less dispersion
 - Saves fuel
 - Reduces Emissions
 - Enhances Safety
 - Reduces Noise for Some
- Cons
 - Condenses flight tracks, less dispersion
 - Changes flight path
 - Increases noise for some
- Increases overflights for some



RNAV at Portland International Airport



Community Perspective

- Mixed reviews
 - Residents on the periphery of air routes generally like it
 - No longer have dispersed flights tracks over their home
 - Residents under air route dislike it
 - Have all the burden



Airport Perspective

- Airports have mixed reviews about RNAV/PBN
 - Could cause more problems than solutions
 - Need a transparent process
- John Wayne Airport
 - Residents requested RNAV; FAA implemented RNAV; now residents want dispersed tracks again
- Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport
 - Residents like it; condenses flight tracks to keep aircraft away from residential communities

Air Carrier Perspective

- Air Carriers love RNAV
 - Saves time: most direct route possible
 - Saves fuel = reduces emissions = less noise
 - Delta Airlines saved \$25 million dollars annually
 - 40% to 50% less communication between pilots and FAA Air Traffic Control



Land Use Compatibility Issues

- Shrinking noise contours may lead to opening up compatible land use to residential development
- As contours shrink, real estate brokers may no longer need to provide potential homeowner aviation disclosure
- Give realistic expectations to community



Additional Information

- UC Davis Aviation Noise & Emissions Symposium website:
 - <u>http://airquality.ucdavis.edu/pages/events/ind</u>
 <u>ex.html</u>
 - Navigating NextGen Now
- Questions???

