Atlanta NextGen PBN Activities

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• Seven elements to Atlanta PBN projects:

1. RNAV/RNP Dependent and Independent Approaches to Parallel Runways
2. RNAV Visual Approaches to all runways
3. RNAV Standard Instrument Departures (SIDs) + option
4. RNAV Standard Terminal Arrivals (STARs)
5. RNAV/RNP Radius to a Fix (RF) turns to Final Approach Course
6. RNAV/RNP Transitions to Instrument Landing System (ILS) Final Approach Courses
7. RNP Radius to a Fix (RF) Special SID
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RNAV/RNP Dependent and Independent Approaches to Parallel Runways

- Allows use of public RNAV and RNP instrument approach procedures for parallel dependent and simultaneous independent ILS/MLS operations.
  - Each runway at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is served by an ILS, ILS/PRM, RNAV (GPS) Y, and an RNAV (RNP) Z SAAAR approach, but cannot use them in combination.
  - Key TF5 PBN functionality needed for operations throughout the National Airspace System as backup to the ILS or stand alone approach.
- Previously approved at Houston-Bush Intercontinental via waiver for use with RNP SAAAR procedures.
  - A proposed change, modeled after the Houston Waiver to allow use with public procedures, would implement the change to FAA Order JO 7110.65, Air Traffic Control.
  - This change would allow air traffic control personnel to use any combination of ILS, RNAV (GPS/RNP) approaches for parallel dependent and simultaneous independent operations to the dual/triple parallel runways. Additional consideration was given to LPV approaches as well.
- The Document Change Proposal (DCP) to allow parallel dependent and simultaneous independent approaches with all combinations of ILS/RNAV/RNP with vertical guidance was sent to the field for comment on April 30, 2010.
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RNAV Visual Approaches to all runways

- Developed per Order 8260.55, *Special Area Navigation Visual Flight Procedures*
  - For use only by pilots of aircraft equipped with instrument flight rules (IFR)-approved RNAV systems.
  - The procedures are not “public” in nature, but are approved via a process similar to that of “special” instrument approach procedures (IAP).
  - RVFP are not “special IAPs” by definition but rather are simply considered “special procedures”.
  - A lead operator may design RVFP, through oversight by the Flight Standards Service (AFS) of the FAA. Others may become signatory.

- DAL is the lead carrier

- Concept is preparatory for development of RNP AR with RF legs
  - Ground tracks will mirror the RNP AR with RF proposal
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RNAV Standard Instrument Departures (SIDs)

- Plan will use additional tracks to allow for triple RNAV OTG departures
  - Currently approved SID tracks do not allow for triple departures due to 15-degree divergence requirements.
  - When in triple departure configuration departures are radar vectored.
  - Requires switching back/forth between RNAV and RV departures.
- The RNAV SID plan will establish additional ground tracks, but will require a waiver for reduced divergence.
  - Requires 10- and 11-degrees in a west flow configuration
  - Requires 6- and 13-degrees in an east flow configuration
  - Divergence is immediate, and standard separation is achieved NLT 11.5 NM, as compared to DFW where departures can remain 6200 feet apart until divergence at 11 NM
- AFS450, Flight Simulation and Analysis Branch, is completing analysis of the proposal to support a waiver request.
  - The report was scheduled for delivery the week of May 2. Status?
  - An SRMD, procedure development and submission will follow.
  - Tentative pub date March 2011.
7.6 NM Until Standard Separation Exists @ MPASS

• Aircraft Fly 1.2 NM Before Turning
• Both Turn Right From 270° Course!
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Parallel Departures

Standard Separation exists 13.3 NM from Runway 26L

281.7° True

Standard Separation exists at SLAWW 10.5 NM from RWY 27R

ATL 2.5NM

270° True

DFW 6,200 Feet

4,400 Feet

210° True

Standard Separation exists at SLAWW 10.5 NM from RWY 27R

280° True
All other runway/track combinations that are normally used in a West Operation are separated by $15^\circ$ or more.
Successive Departures

67.82° True

080° True

Both Turn Left From 090° Course

Standard Separation Exists @ HRSHL 6.73 NM from RWY 8R
Parallel Departures

080° True

Standard Separation Exists @ FUELL
11.5NM from RWY 8R

- 4,400 Feet
- 5,250 Feet

DFW 6,200 Feet

090° True

ATL 2.5NM

96.05° True

Standard Separation Exists @ GRITZ
7.14NM from RWY 10

- 4,400 Feet
- 5,250 Feet
All other runway/track combinations that are normally used in a East Operation are separated by 15° or more.
Single Heading off Rwy 26L/R

New Route for South Departures

East Operation remains substantially the same.

- The rest of the West Operation remains substantially the same.
- Allows Trips West
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RNAV Standard Terminal Arrivals (STARs)

• Expansion of VIKNN RNAV STAR OPD project
  ▪ Developed and tested in 2007/2008 based on the ERLIN RNAV STAR from MEM and BNA
  ▪ Published in 2009
  ▪ VIKNN is an east operation arrival. Connects to the 9R ILS at VINII

• Initial VIKNN testing was conducted (mid-night to 6:00 AM?) when in an East Operation
  ▪ AirTran, ASA, Delta and FedEx participants
  ▪ Proved benefits and procedure viability
  ▪ Operational use has been problematic due metering (TMA) limitations and compatibility with the ERLIN RNAV STAR

• Workgroup convened March/April 2010 to expand ATL OPD effort
  ▪ Target expanded demo of VIKNN use in Oct 2010
  ▪ TMU work group meeting at ZTL May 2010 to tackle TMA metering challenges
  ▪ Workgroup will reconvene in June 2010
  ▪ Additional OPD arrivals under discussion; must resolve 24/7 VIKNN use first
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RNAV/RNP Radius to a Fix (RF) turns to Final Approach Course

• Project will design RF legs to connect the RNAV STARs to the RNP approaches.
• The RF leg synchronizes the downwind path to the final approach course. This path will be a transition on the
• PARC WG evaluation of where the aircraft is considered “established” on the RNP approach is ongoing.
  ▪ The required 1,000’ vertical and/or 3nm separation may not apply and thus the aircraft will be allowed to fly a shorter path to the runway.
  ▪ Simultaneous approach separation will be provided by the path containment and on board alerting of RNP coupled with an adjacent aircraft being established on the adjacent approach course.
• The objective is to increase safety in simultaneous operations, reduce mileage flown, and increase environmental and operational efficiencies.
Proposed Atlanta RNP Design Concept
West Flow
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East Flow
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RNP Transitions to Instrument Landing System (ILS) Final Approach Courses

- Current separation criteria requires 3nm lateral or 1,000’ vertical during ILS turn on.
  - Can create final approach segments that are 20-22nm long in a triple ILS operation.
  - Once an aircraft is established on the localizer separation responsibility is transferred to ILS monitor controllers.

- The objective of this activity is similar to the RNP approach tied to the RNAV STAR, i.e, the aircraft is ‘established’ on the approach prior to intercepting the ILS localizer.
  - There are challenges associated with transitioning from an RNP procedure to the ILS, e.g., baro VNAV, multiple glideslope intercept points.
RNP Radius to a Fix (RF) Special SID

- Project will design RF legs on a departure procedure.
- Delta requested special departure procedure
- First application of an RNP departure with RF
- Services heavy aircraft departures to the north and avoids environmentally sensitive areas to the west
Questions?