

Alaskan Performance Based Area Navigation Route Development User's Meeting Notes

September 6, 2007

Purpose: To furnish the user group with detailed information about medical evacuation data for RNAV route location criteria analysis.

This is a continuing summary of meetings covering the development of Alaskan RNAV airway route structure, as commissioned by ATO-E with the FAA Administrator's 2007 Flight Plan Goal to implement an RNAV route infrastructure by September 30, 2009. At the May 3rd meeting the user group asked the FAA to provide a report outlining the six criteria established to provide an analysis tool to locate the RNAV route structure within the state. At the August 6th meeting the report was discussed addressing each of the six criteria described within the report. The meeting resulted in a request for more detailed medevac data. The September 6th meeting addressed this data. The attendees are listed at the end of this document (Attach 1).

Gary Rolf (AMTI) provided the data in graphic format. The Enroute Low charts were used as a base from which specific regions of the state were depicted with the following data depicted.

- The 15 communities serving as medical hubs from which operators are flying to outlying communities in need of service. (source: House Report 106-940, Aviation Access to Remote Locations in Alaska, 2001)
- Existing T and Q routes (source: Current Enroute Low charts)
- Current IFR status of those communities being served (source: Anchorage FPO)
- VFR airports (22) funded for IFR upgrade study (source: Anchorage FPO)

The graphics show the locations of these airports and their relationship to existing charted RNAV routing. The group acknowledged the utility of this report. The group then asked that we further publicize the initiative by seeking further public comment. The method suggested is the Alaskan Airspace Mailing List and the web page used to publish airspace information. The group also suggested further FAA involvement at local meetings and symposiums such as the Aviation North Expo in October.

The group then asked Anchorage Center staff to provide a view of what they think the route structure should eventually look like. ZAN agreed to provide the information. Gary Rolf will produce the product.

Jim Cieplak asked about current radar coverage and why these routes can't be used. Automation issues involving altitude alerting will be resolved by Sep 08 and separation standards will be resolved by the end of June 08. He pointed out that some airports with Special approaches were not included in the graphics. Gary will add them.

The group was reminded that this effort will be a work in progress. We acknowledged that if any changes to routing are planned (to be used by Sep 09), that the changes and

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funding source must be identified to AVN. The SBS office is aware of this deadline. However, we emphasized to the User Group that this should not force them feel rushed. Any changes they might suggest, would simply be factored in to future planning. Not making any changes prior to Sep 30, 2007 will not impact the FAA's ability to meet the flight plan goals.

Gary Rolf is working on establishing a methodology of using the web page to issue a public notice. We will be working in the short term on producing a graphic and methodology for routing. A questionnaire will also be developed.

The next user group meeting will be held at 10 AM on October 30th.

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Attachments:

1. Medevac Support Graphics (The graphics are now available at: <http://www.alaska.faa.gov/at>. Look for the Public Notices link on the left side of the page.)
2. Attendee List

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