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Mr. Russell “Chip” Childs
President and Chief Executive Officer
SkyWest, Inc.
444 South River Road
St. George, UT 84790

Dear Mr. Childs:

It has been several years since the publication of the 2016 Performance Based Navigation (PBN) National Airspace System (NAS) Navigation Strategy. Now is an appropriate time to gain further advice from the NextGen Advisory Committee (NAC) to ensure the aviation community and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) remain synchronized in the delivery and use of PBN capabilities and in achieving operational benefits. The FAA requests further definition and advice from the NAC, in the form of the following task:

Task 19-4: Performance Based Navigation (PBN) Clarification

The NAC is asked to provide aviation community consensus advice by:

- Developing consensus agreement on a PBN baseline (FAA-procedures, industry-equipage);
- Developing consensus agreement on a joint definition of a PBN NAS; and
- Developing consensus agreement, based on gaps in baseline analysis at Core 30 airports (minus HNL, plus TEB), on a list of specific desired outcomes.

Scope:

- FAA will provide MITRE data;
- Limited to three NAC and three FAA participants; and
- Complete work within three months of start.

This advice should be provided to the FAA no later than the summer 2020 NAC meeting in the form of a report. If you have questions, please contact Pamela Whitley, Acting Assistant Administrator for NextGen, at Pamela.Whitley@faa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DK Elwell". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Daniel K. Elwell
Deputy Administrator