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Airport ID: KBNA			Airport City: NASHVILLE		State: TN
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ARRIVAL ROUTE DESCRIPTION

FORKS TRANSITION (FORKS.PASLY4) GROAT TRANSITION (GROAT.PASLY4) LIVINGSTON TRANSITION (LVT.PASLY4)

From over PASLY on track 243° to cross CARAP at/above 10000, then on track 242° to DAANG, then on track 242° to cross BODDY at/above 7000 and at/below 12000 and at 250K, then on assigned runway transition.

LANDING NORTH RWYS 2L/2C/2R: From over BODDY on track 242° to cross CLBTY at/above 6000 and at 250K, then on track 242° to cross JABUN at/above 6000, then on track 201° to cross DRAND at/above 6000 and at 220K, then on track 201° to cross ZODKA at 5000 and at 210K, then on track 201°. Expect radar vectors to final approach course.

LANDING SOUTH RWYS 20L/20C/20R: From over BODDY on track 247° to cross MUUDD at 6000 and at 250K, then on track 270°. Expect radar vectors to final approach course.

LANDING NORTHWEST RWY 31: From over BODDY on track 228° to cross MUGEE at 4000 and at 210K, then on track 200°. Expect radar vectors to final approach course.

LANDING RWY 13: From over BODDY on track 242° to cross CLBTY at/above 6000 and at 250K, then on track 242° to cross JABUN at/above 6000, then on track 274° to cross FIBAX at 5000 and at 210K, then on track 316° to cross NOPOC at 5000, then on track 316°. Expect radar vectors to final approach course.



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Memorandum

Date:	January 30, 2025
То:	Christopher Hope, Manager, Flight Technologies and Procedures Division THRU: Romana Wolf, Manager, Flight Procedures and Airspace Group
From:	Bev Bordy, Manager, Instrument Flight Procedures Coordination Team, AJV-A43
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Subject:	Deceleration Approval Request: Nashville International Airport (KBNA)
	PASLY (RNAV) STAR

GROAT to PASLY Segment

The requirements stated in Order 8260.3G Paragraph 2-2-10.a. are: **Deceleration.** Sufficient distance and a reduced descent gradient are required prior to any fix with a speed restriction. STARs not meeting the requirements of this paragraph may be authorized with Flight Standards approval (see paragraph 1-4-2).

b. When descent is permitted, the descent gradient leading to the fix with the speed restriction must be reduced. Apply formula 2-2-2 to determine the minimum deceleration distance (DecelD) required before the fix; the greater distance leads to a reduced descent gradient.

(1) In determining the applicable formula gradient value, "G," use 330 ft/NM (approximately 3.11 degrees) when the ending speed restriction is greater than or equal to 250 KIAS; use 318 ft/NM (approximately 3.0 degrees) when the ending speed restriction is less than 250 KIAS but greater than 220 KIAS; use 250 ft/NM (approximately 2.36 degrees) when the ending speed restriction is 220 KIAS or less.

(2) In determining "K," use 310 KIAS, or the previous speed restriction if less than 310 KIAS, as the reference speed at or above 10000 feet MSL. For the reference speed below 10000 feet MSL, use 250 KIAS or the previous speed restriction if less. For a block altitude, use the minimum altitude when selecting 310 or 250 to use to determine the "K" value.

Formula 2-2-2. Minimum Deceleration Distance (NM)

$$Decel_{D} = \frac{Alt_1 - Alt_2}{G} + K$$

Where:

 Alt_1 = Minimum altitude at the fix prior to the speed restriction Alt_2 = Minimum altitude at the fix with the speed restriction G = Applicable gradient value (330/318/250) K = 1 NM for every 10 KIAS of deceleration required

Paragraph 1-4-2. ...states in part:

"Nonstandard IFP. ...obstacles, navigation information, or traffic congestion may require special consideration where justified by operational requirements. In such cases, nonstandard IFPs that deviate from these criteria may be approved, provided they are documented and an equivalent level of safety exists..."

The GROAT to PASLY segment with constraints at GROAT of AT FL220 and at PASLY of between 15000-FL190/280 KIAS is 21.80 NM in length. Per the 8260.3G requirement from the above formula, the required leg length is 24.21 NM to reduce airspeed from 310K to 280K between FL220 and 15000. The distance required in the formula is based on the aircraft being level at 15000. However, there is no speed requirement at GROAT, only an altitude constraint of AT FL220. Aircraft are permitted to begin speed adjustments along track to prepare for an upcoming constraint. Therefore, aircraft are not required to remain at 310K until GROAT and then begin a reduction, they are able to start that adjustment prior to GROAT if necessary.

Additionally, aircraft on the procedure are not required to be level at 15000 by PASLY. Using the formula above, if the aircraft were to stay at 310K until GROAT and then reduce airspeed to 280K while descending for the PASLY window, with a standard 330FT/NM descent gradient, the aircraft would cross PASLY at approximately 15,796FT and still comply with the constraints at PASLY.

Consideration was given to moving GROAT but after analyzing the requirement and design along with the calculation above, it was deemed not necessary. The location of GROAT is also instrumental in the delivery of aircraft on the procedure from one facility to the next and needs to remain in it's current location. Therefore, ATC requests approval for the design as submitted.



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Subject:	Descent Gradient Approval Request: Nashville International Airport (KBNA) PASLY (RNAV) STAR

CARAP to RDNEK Segment:

Per FAA Order 8260.3, 2-2-8. a.:

2-2-8. Descent Gradient (DG). Calculate DGs between fixes with an altitude restriction by using the guidance in this paragraph and the calculation methods in section 2-9. When deceleration is required, also use paragraphs 2-2-9 and 2-2-10. The DG past the termination fix of the STAR is not calculated as part of the STAR design; the overall airspace design should optimize the location and altitude for the STAR termination fix and that becomes an input to the STAR design.

a. The maximum DG (see figure 2-2-1) is based on altitude, deceleration, and airspeed constraints, as follows:

(1) The maximum permissible DG 10000 feet MSL and above is 330 ft/NM (approximately 3.11 degrees).

(2) The maximum permissible DG below 10000 feet MSL is 318 ft/NM (approximately 3.0 degrees).

(3) When a STAR contains a descent between fixes that passes through 10000 feet MSL, the maximum permissible DG is between 318 ft/NM and 330 ft/NM and is in proportion to the amount of the altitude change that is below/above 10000 feet MSL. Use formula 2-2-1 to determine the maximum DG (DGmax) between fixes that contain a descent that passes through 10000 feet MSL.

(6) If more than one of paragraphs 2-2-8.a(1) through 2-2-8.a(5) applies, use the lower of the resulting values for the maximum DG.

b. When a gradient exceeds the maximum DG allowed in paragraph 2-2-8.a, the STAR requires approval (see paragraph 1-4-2).

Formula 2-2-1. Maximum DG Passing Through 10000 Feet MSL (ft/NM)

$$DGmax = \frac{(Alt_1 - 10000) \times 12}{(Alt_1 - Alt_2)} + 318$$

Where:

 Alt_1 = Altitude at the fix prior to crossing 10000 feet MSL Alt_2 = Altitude at the fix after crossing 10000 feet MSL

A computed descent gradient value from CARAP to RDNEK of 326.19 FT/NM was calculated for aircraft descending from 12000 at CARAP to 6000 at RDNEK over 18.38 NM. Using the above formula, criteria states that the computed descent gradient should not exceed 322 FT/NM. In discussion with industry during design meetings, no objections to the altitude constraints were made and the descent gradient is well within limits of aircraft that will use the procedure.

Consideration was given to moving RDNEK but that would have impacted the newly connected RNAV (RNP) approaches that begin at RDNEK. Also, the group discussed a different altitude at RDNEK but that impacted the traffic flow from the opposite direction which needs to be separated by 1000 FT.

Therefore, Nashville ATCT requests approval to chart the procedure as designed with above descent gradient of 326.19 FT/NM.













