

# Informational Handout: Step Two Workshops for Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport



## Federal Aviation Administration

### Project Background

On September 18, 2014, the FAA published multiple Area Navigation (RNAV) routes for use at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX). These routes took advantage of modern technology to improve the safety and efficiency of aircraft operations in the airspace around PHX. On June 1, 2015, the City of Phoenix and a number of neighborhood groups challenged the FAA's approval of certain RNAV departure routes in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. On August 29, 2017, the Court ruled in favor of the Petitioners.

### Purpose of Project

In response to the Court's decision, the FAA and the Petitioners worked together to agree on the best way to implement the Court's order. The parties agreed to a two-step approach for PHX that would still ensure aircraft operations remain safe and efficient. Step One involved revising the initial segments of nine of the western RNAV departure routes. The FAA considered public comments about the proposed routes as well as about procedures throughout the Phoenix area.

### Why are we here

We are here to conduct community outreach workshops as part of Step Two of the Court's order. There are several purposes to these workshops:

- Provide the public with information about the implementation of the Step One flight routes.
- Share comments we received during the Step One workshops.
- Provide information about past and current flight routes in the greater Phoenix Area.

### What we changed

In Step One, the FAA addressed the Petitioners' concerns by changing the west flow departure routes to approximate, as closely as possible, the pre-September 2014 flight paths. The agency accomplished this in two phases, on March 29, 2018 and on May 24, 2018. More information on the implementation of Step One is available at: [https://www.faa.gov/nextgen/nextgen\\_near\\_you/community\\_involvement/phx](https://www.faa.gov/nextgen/nextgen_near_you/community_involvement/phx)

### What we need from you

The input we receive at the workshops and during the 30-day comment period will help the FAA identify community-specific issues and concerns within the Phoenix metropolitan area. The FAA is not committing to making changes as a result of this input; any action taken by the FAA during Step Two will be at the agency's discretion.

At these workshops, you can:

- Speak with Subject Matter Experts and ask questions.
- Listen to what others are asking.
- Ensure that all your questions and/or concerns are answered at the workshop or are submitted via comment sheet.

### Comments

The FAA will accept all comments from April 24, 2019 through May 23, 2019. Comments may be submitted at the workshops, via U.S. Mail or online at:

[https://www.faa.gov/nextgen/nextgen\\_near\\_you/community\\_involvement/phx](https://www.faa.gov/nextgen/nextgen_near_you/community_involvement/phx)

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