

**Public Notice: Notice of Availability of Categorical Exclusion Declaration for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) PIRAT STAR Airspace Arrival Procedure at San Francisco International Airport (KSFO) and Metropolitan Oakland International Airport (KOAK)**

Pursuant to Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations Section 1506.6(b), notice is hereby given that the Federal Aviation Administration has prepared and issued a Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) Declaration for the PIRAT STAR airspace arrival procedure at San Francisco International Airport (KSFO) and Metropolitan Oakland International Airport (KOAK). The PIRAT STAR is in response to Recommendation 2.3, included in the *Report of the Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals* (November 2016).

The PIRAT STAR will convert the Pacific 2 Tailored Approach to a public use Area Navigation Standard Terminal Arrival Route (STAR) for both KSFO and KOAK. The PIRAT STAR will accommodate arrivals to Runway 28Left/Right at KSFO and Runway 28Left/Right and Runway 30 at KOAK. The PIRAT STAR will be an Optimized Profile Descent STAR, requiring aircraft to cross a new waypoint ARGGG. At ARGGG, air traffic control vector aircraft to the final approach course for KSFO and/or KOAK.

The FAA has prepared a final environmental review to assess the potential environmental impacts of the PIRAT STAR procedure. The FAA finds that the PIRAT STAR procedure is consistent with existing national environmental policies and objectives as set forth in Section 101 of National Environmental Policy Act and other applicable environmental requirements and will not significantly affect the quality of human environment or otherwise include any condition requiring consultation pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of National Environmental Policy Act.

This notice announces that based on the information and analysis contained in the final environmental review, the FAA has issued CATEX Declaration. The CATEX Declaration documents the FAA's determination that the PIRAT STAR procedure, as proposed, would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and to be categorically excluded from further environmental documentation in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*.

The notice documents the FAA's decision to proceed with implementation of the PIRAT STAR procedure. Implementation of the procedure is expected to begin February 28, 2019. The CATEX Declaration is available at:

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