

National Route Strategy

Meeting 14-02

Sharon Abhalter, AJV-14, briefed the issue. Sharon first provided [an overview of the National Route Structure concept](#). At this time, it is a concept of operation only and as of yet, is not funded. The PBN Route Structure is envisioned to be the primary means of navigation for the future NAS and would complement and support the VOR MON program. The route structure would increase the number of RNAV routes, e.g., Q and T routes, in order to replace existing VOR-based Victor Airways and Jet Routes, while still accommodating point-to-point navigation. Route structure will be established in areas where structure is deemed necessary, for instance the high traffic corridors along the East Coast. Point-to-point navigation will be utilized in less congested zones where route structure is not deemed necessary.

Sharon stated that a system of ATC preferred routes will continue to exist and will likely be expanded.

When asked what the potential impact on the existing Jet Routes system is expected to be, Sharon responded that eventually ALL of the Jet Routes are expected to be eliminated. The existing Q Route structure will be re-evaluated, revised and added to. She briefed that Victor Airways, and T Routes would remain, especially in areas of no radar coverage and in high traffic areas. Connections between metroplexes are being analyzed and will make up a key part of the PBN National Route structure.

Rich Boll, NBAA, asked about the anticipated timeline. Sharon stated that thus far, no definitive timeline has been established and its first steps are dependent upon funding.

ACTION: Robert Novia, AJV-14, to provide an update at the next ACF.

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No update provided.

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No update provided. Bruce Kinsler, AJV-142, reported to Valerie Watson, AJV-553, that his team would provide a briefing at the April 2016 ACF.