Performance Based Navigation (PBN)
National Airspace System (NAS)
Navigation Strategy 2016-2030

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“PBN services are laying the foundation for the NAS of the future by enabling many Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) operational improvements, capabilities, and initiatives”.

“It is now possible for aircraft to leverage PBN during all phases of flight, navigating free of the constraints previously imposed by the physical location of ground-based navigation infrastructure”.

“The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has deployed many Performance-Based Navigation (PBN) procedures and routes throughout the National Airspace System (NAS) over the past 12 years, and aviation stakeholders are realizing benefits in the current environment”.

“This updated PBN NAS strategy provides a compelling view of the future by building upon past PBN accomplishments and provides the context for defining and refining implementation plans and resource requirements necessary to fully transition to a PBN-centric NAS”.

"Background"
PBN NAS Navigation Strategy

This strategy has been briefed and endorsed by the following:

- NextGen Advisory Committee (NAC)
- PBN Aviation Rulemaking Committee (PARC)
- Communication, Navigation and Surveillance (CNS) Task Force
PBN NAS Navigation Strategy

Key Elements

- Clear vision of PBN as the basis for daily operations at all locations in the NAS
- Identification of the key navigation capabilities that will be available in the NAS over the next 15 years
- Defined service groups for navigation capabilities
- Expectations for evolution of operator capabilities
Strategic Goals for Transitioning to a PBN-Centric NAS

• Operate with PBN throughout the NAS, using: “The right procedure to meet the need”
• Use navigation structure where beneficial and flexibility where possible
• Shift to time and speed-based air traffic management (TBFM)
• Deliver and use resilient navigation services
• Modernize the FAA navigation service delivery to reduce delivery time
• Enable lower visibility access
• Innovate and continuously improve
Key Commitments by Timeframe

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Navigation Service Groups (NSG)

• Navigation services in the NAS based on providing the appropriate PBN tool to meet a specific operational need.

• The Navigation Service Group (NSG) concept determines the services provided at NAS locations.

• An airport’s role in the NAS is used as the primary basis for its assignment to one of the six NSGs.

• NSGs are used to describe where navigation services will be provided across NAS locations over time.
NAVIGATION SERVICE GROUPS (NSG)

**NSG 1** The busiest Large Hub airports, 15 airports. These airports would benefit from common aircraft performance capabilities to maximize capacity. These airports will have the broadest range of PBN services.

**NSG 2** Remaining Large Hub & all Medium Hub airports, about 60 airports. These airports will also be provided with a broad range of PBN services.

**NSG 3** Small & Non-hub airports over 300 airports. Arrival and departure operations generally require less structure, therefore reduced range of PBN services.

**NSG 4** National and Regional general aviation airports, over 500 airports. Less likely to require RNAV SIDs and STARs. Some CAT I ILS and Localizer approach reduction as part of ILS Rationalization initiative.

**NSG 5** Local and Basic GA airports, over 2,000 airports. Airports will have RNAV approaches. CAT I ILS reductions under ILS Rationalization. VOR Minimum Operational Network (MON) airports will retain ILS approaches.

**NSG 6** All airports without instrument approach procedures. No PBN.
Navigation Services across Airport Groups

Summary of Availability in the Far-Term/2026-2030

Enroute

- RNAV 2
- PBN-Based Point-to-Point and Flexible Structure
- Approximately Flight Level 290
- Predominately RNAV 2 Operations

Oceanic

- RNP 10
- RNP 4
- RNP 2
- User Prefered Routing

Terminal

- More PBN Structure
- More Advanced Procedures

- RNP 1 (SIDs/STARs)
- A-RNP
- RNAV (GPS)
- RNAV (RNP) segment to xLS

- Less PBN Structure

- RNAV 1 (SIDs/STARs)
- RNAV (GPS)
- RNAV (GPS)

Ground-based Infrastructure (Retain as needed for system resiliency)

Group 1 (~15 airports)
Group 2 (~80 airports)
Group 3 (~300 airports)
Group 4 (~540 airports)
Group 5 (~1750 airports)
Group 6 (~600 airports)
### Minimum PBN Capabilities Expected of Operators by Timeframe and Domain

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*Note: FAA recognizes the capabilities of specific public aircraft fleets and potential effects these have on the operation within the enroute domain.

*As conventional navigation is reduced in the far-term and beyond, the lowest available minimums may be achieved with an LPV capability.*
Increasing PBN Procedure Utilization

Lessons learned from early PBN implementations reveal several important factors to maximize procedure utilization:

• Balance the objectives of operational stakeholders.
• Integrate appropriate ATC decision support tools.
• Conduct comprehensive ATC and pilot training.
• Reduce the time to develop, implement, and amend procedures.
• Leverage capabilities to model and simulate airframe and avionics variations.
• Modify criteria and policies to make advanced concepts and services operationally available.
Focus Areas Of NAS Modernization

- Increase in PBN instrument procedure development/maintenance.
- Decrease in conventional instrument procedure development/maintenance.
- Jet routes & Victor routes removed, Q & T routes developed.
- Conventional IAPs, SIDs, STARs replaced with PBN procedures.
- Increased development and use of hybrid procedures, i.e. RNAV/RNP to ILS
- Increased development and use of RF segments.
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Conventional Departure Divergence

ELSO Reduced Departure Divergence

ATL

22 Degrees

20 Degrees

10 Degrees

13 Degrees

19 Degrees

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