

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

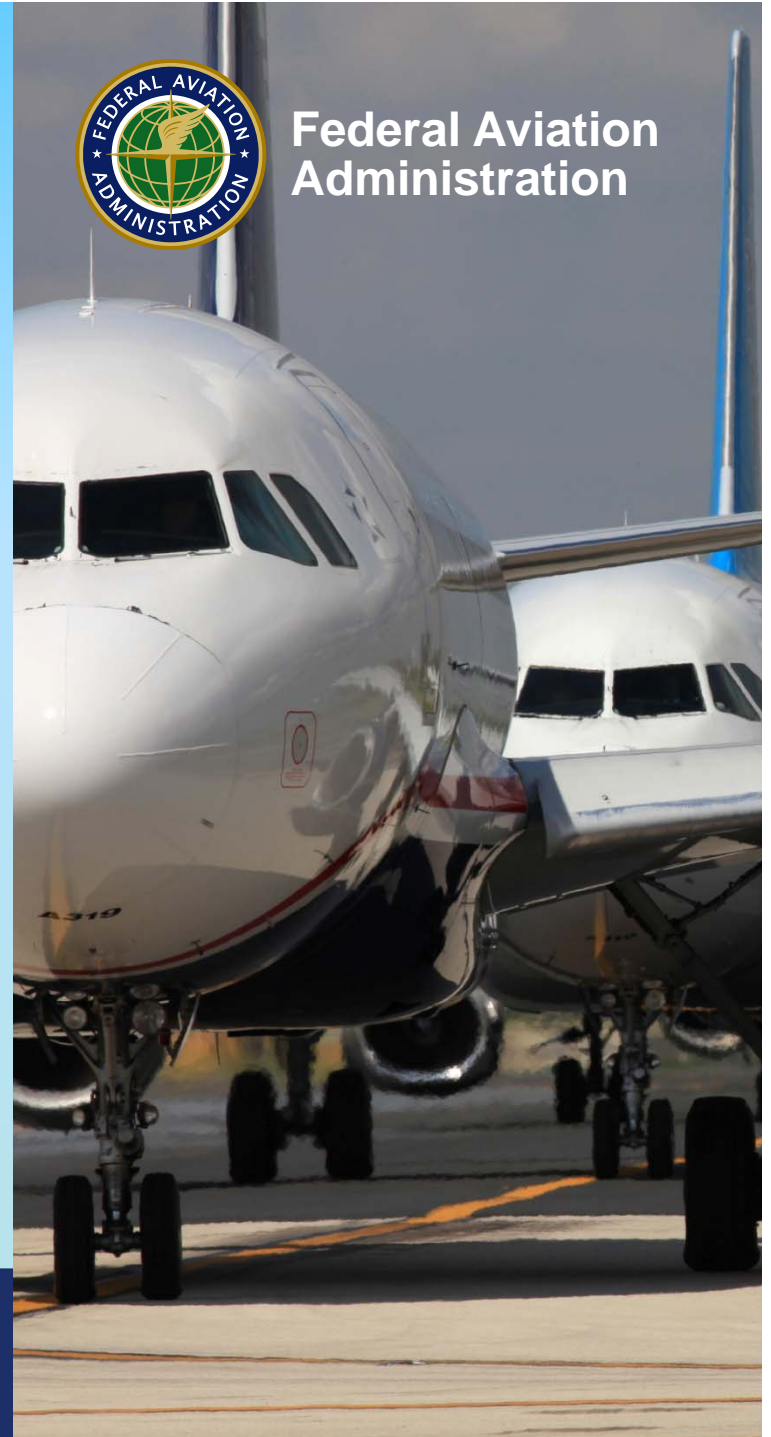
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# Background

- *“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”.*



# PBN NAS Navigation Strategy

**This strategy has been briefed and endorsed by the following:**

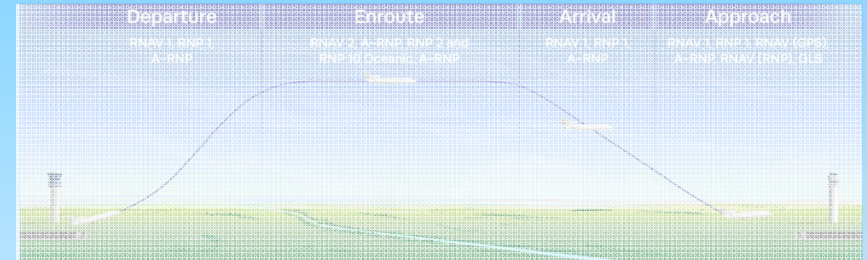
- **NextGen Advisory Committee (NAC)**
- **PBN Aviation Rulemaking Committee (PARC)**
- **Communication, Navigation and Surveillance (CNS) Task Force**



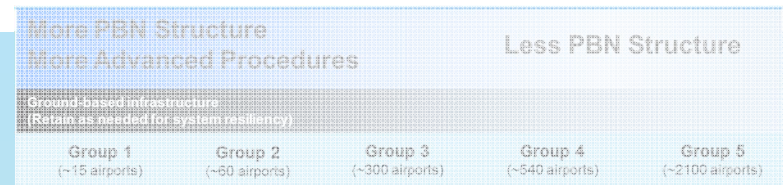
# PBN NAS Navigation Strategy

## 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**



Near-Term (2016-2020) <i>Increase Utilization</i>	Mid-Term (2021-2025) <i>Streamlining Service Delivery</i>	Far-Term (2026-2030) <i>A Streamlined NAS</i>
Approach/Terminal <input type="checkbox"/> Implement RNAV (GPS) with LPV and LNAV/VNAV	Approach/Terminal <input type="checkbox"/> Implement Vertically-guided RNAV (GPS)	Approach/Terminal <input type="checkbox"/> Vertically-guided RNAV (GPS) approaches



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<b>Class A Airspace</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> RNAV 2, supported by GNSS or DME/DME		
<b>Navigation Service Group 1</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> GNSS and DME/DME navigation <input type="checkbox"/> RNAV (GPS) approach capability (LNAV/VNAV or LPV)	<input type="checkbox"/> RNAV (GPS) approach capability (LNAV/VNAV or LPV)



# 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

- **Approach/Terminal**
  - Continue to deploy RNAV (GPS) approaches with vertical guidance
  - Update criteria and policies for increased access
  - Replace conventional procedures with PBN
  - DME/DME coverage at select airports
- **Enroute**
  - Replace Jet Routes with Q-Routes and flexible PBN-based point-to-point navigation
  - DME/DME coverage in Class A
- **Oceanic**
  - Expand User Preferred Routes
  - Explore reduced RNP-based separation standards
- **NAS Operations**

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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**



# NAVIATION SERVICE GROUPS (NSG)

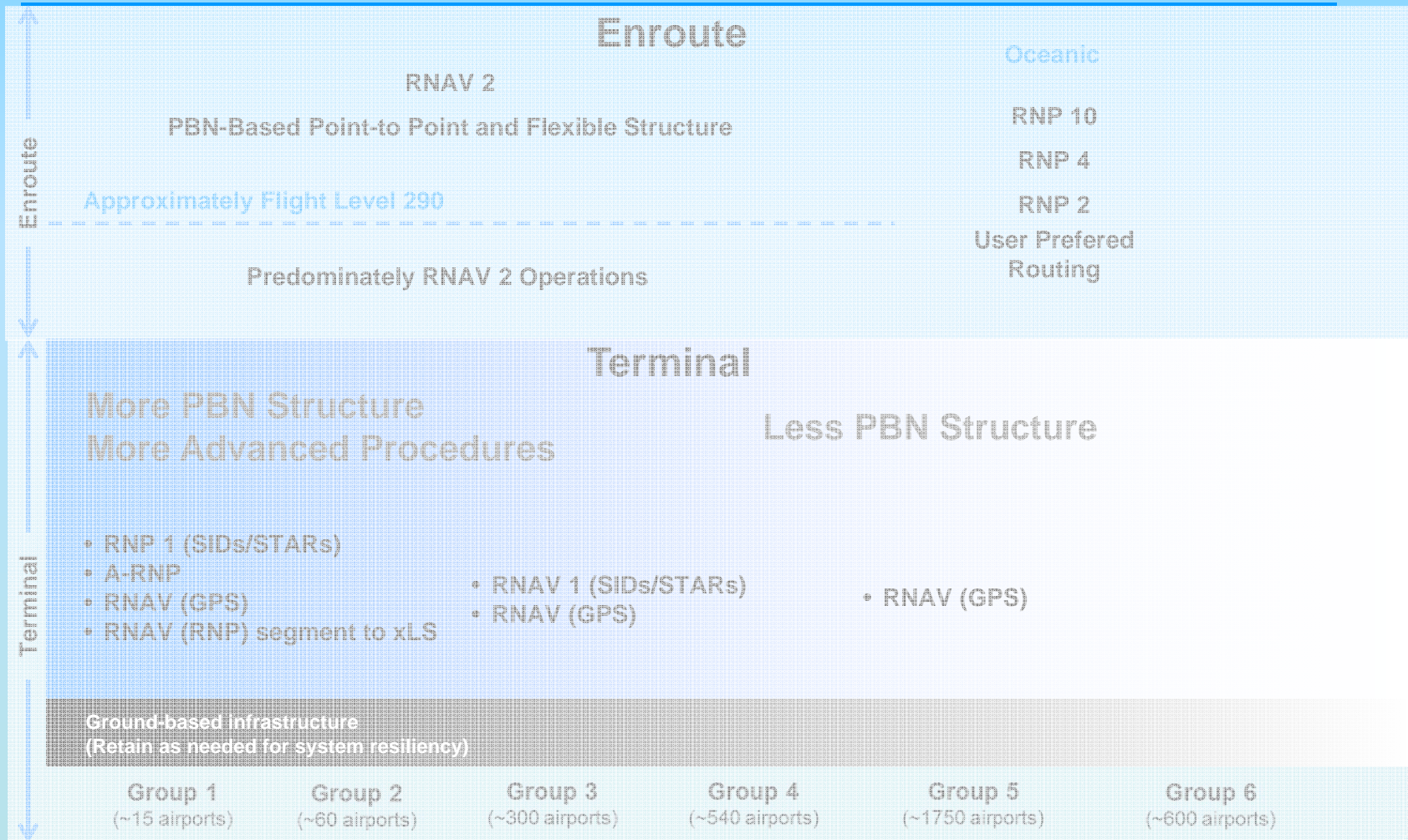
- NSG 1** **The busiest Large Hub airports**, 15 airports. These airports would benefit from common aircraft performance capabilities to maximize capacity. These airports will have the broadest range of PBN services.
- NSG 2** Remaining **Large Hub & all Medium Hub** airports, about 60 airports. These 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



# Minimum PBN Capabilities Expected of Operators by Timeframe and Domain

	Near-Term (2016-2020)	Mid-Term (2021-2025)	Far-Term (2026-2030)
<b>Class A Airspace Above FL290</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> RNAV 2, supported by GNSS or DME/DME	<input type="checkbox"/> GNSS and DME/DME navigation	
<b>Class A Airspace Below FL290</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> RNAV 2, supported by GNSS or DME/DME		
<b>Navigation Service Group 1</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> GNSS and DME/DME navigation <input type="checkbox"/> RNAV (GPS) approach capability (LNAV/VNAV or LPV) <input type="checkbox"/> RNP 1 capability <input type="checkbox"/> RF capability	<input type="checkbox"/> Required time of arrival capability
<b>Navigation Service Group 2</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> GNSS and DME/DME navigation	<input type="checkbox"/> RNAV (GPS) approach capability (LNAV/VNAV or LPV) <input type="checkbox"/> RF capability
<b>All IFR Operations</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Early in the mid-term, RNAV 2 and RNAV 1, supported by GNSS <input type="checkbox"/> RNAV (GPS) approach capability (LNAV at minimum)	<input type="checkbox"/> RNAV (GPS) approach capability (LNAV/VNAV or LPV)*

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.**



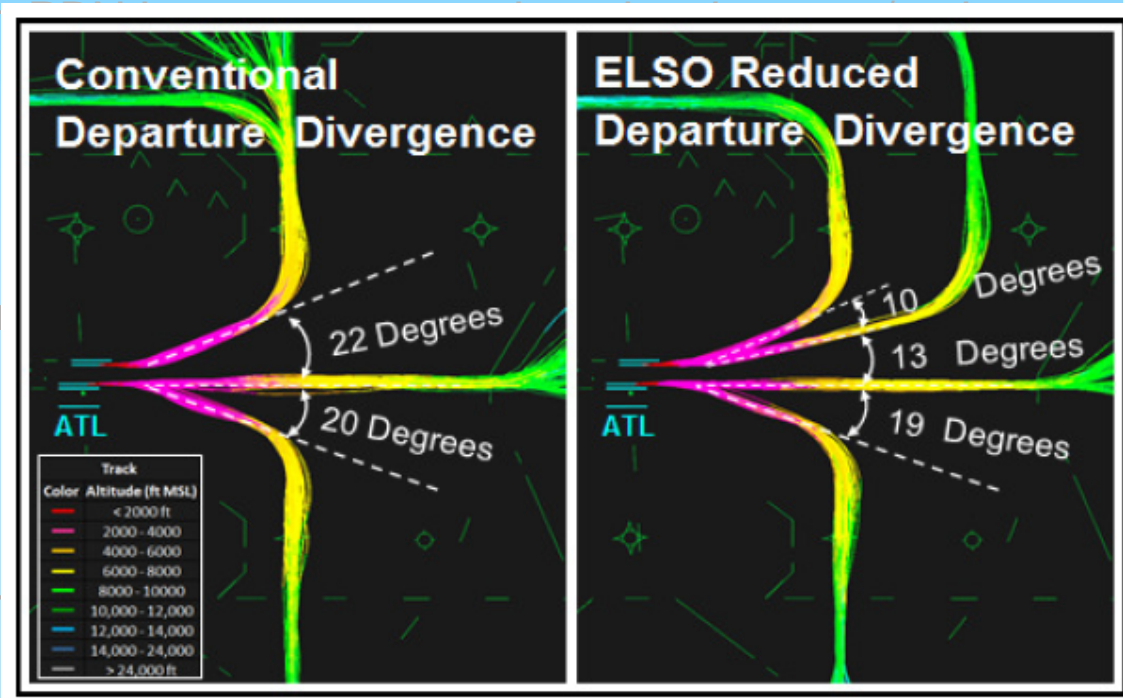
# Focus Areas Of NAS Modernization

- 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.
- Runway criteria changed to allow the addition of vertically guided operations (LPVs & VNAVs) at locations not qualifying today.



# Focus Areas Of NAS Modernization

- Increase in
- Decrease
- Jet routes
- Conventional
- Increased
- Increased
- Runway cr (LPVs & V
- Increased application of Equivalent Lateral Spacing Operations (ELSO) for departures.



# Focus Areas Of NAS Modernization

## EFVS

### Enhanced Flight Vision Systems

- Increase in PBN instrument procedure development/maintenance.
- Decrease in conventional instrument procedure development/maintenance.
- Jet route development
- Conversion of conventional instrument procedures to LPV
- Increase in LPV to ILS
- Increase in LPV to RNP
- Runway Excursion Prevention (REP) for LPV
- Increase in LPV to RNP (D) for LPV
- Increase in LPV to RNP (D) for LPV



EFVS Image



Outside View

- Lower visibilities for approaches, using **Enhanced Flight Vision (EFVS)** &



# Focus Areas Of NAS Modernization

## SVGS

### Synthetic Flight Vision System



- Increase in PBN instrument procedure development/maintenance.
- Decrease in conventional instrument procedure development/maintenance.
- Jet routes & Victor routes developed.
- Conventional IAPs, procedures.
- Increased development of RNAV/RNP to ILS
- Increased development of fully guided operations
- Runway criteria changes (LPVs & VNAVs) at operations (ELSO) for
- Increased application of operations (ELSO) for departures.
- Lower visibilities for approaches, using Enhanced Flight Vision (EFVS) & **Synthetic Vision Guidance System (SVGS).**

