SUBJECT: Charting VFR Waypoints

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION: The members of the VFR Waypoints Working Group (WG) have been coordinating with the user community to provide pilots with optimum information on use of VFR waypoints for navigation. Waypoints are being charted on the navigation side of visual Terminal Area Charts (TAC). The WG now believes that the waypoints should be depicted on the Charted VFR Flyway Planning Chart on the reverse side of the TAC. Depicting the waypoints on the flyway planning chart would be consistent with the practice of depicting other navigational facilities, e.g., VOR. The depiction would help pilots with flight planning by making it easier for them to select the most suitable waypoints for their routes. The amount of information clutter on the navigation chart can make it difficult to select the most suitable waypoints when planning a flight.

RECOMMENDATION: Include VFR waypoints on the Charted VFR Flyway Planning Chart.

COMMENT: This recommendation affects IACC Charting Specifications.

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00-02 MEETING: The VFR Waypoints working group proposed charting VFR waypoints on the VFR Flyway Planning Chart side of Terminal Area Charts. This recommendation was endorsed by the ACF. ACTION: ATA.

01-01 MEETING: The VFR Waypoints Working Group proposed charting VFR waypoints on the VFR Flyway Planning Chart side of Terminal Area Charts. This recommendation was endorsed by the ACF. The IACC RD has been completed and the FAA will sign it. NIMA is staffing the RD. Mr. Jim Terpstra, Jeppesen, reported that ARINC 424-16 would support VFR waypoints. In addition, it was reported that visual waypoints would be used to identify the entry and exit points of certain mountain passes. Passes on the Anchorage, Denver, and Salt Lake City Sectional charts will be targeted first. The Regional Safety Program managers, FSDOs, along with local pilots will select and establish these points. Flight Standards (Regional) will be responsible for managing this program. It was stated that VFR Waypoints would not be flight checked. It was suggested that efforts be taken to alert pilots to the hazards associated with aircraft converging on waypoints. These efforts should include a warning in the AIM and a note on the chart. ACTION: VFR Waypoint Working Group will review the following note at its next
meeting. “Caution, when flying in the vicinity of GPS Waypoints be extra vigilant.” and report its recommendation to the ACF