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Mr. Russell "Chip" Childs
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Dear Mr. Childs:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is requesting that the NextGen Advisory Committee (NAC) provide advice on key NAC priorities to inform the FAA's planning as we move forward in making challenging decisions to sustain and evolve the National Airspace System (NAS). This consensus-based advice from the NAC will help us reassess our near-term priorities coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure we have the right balance between sustaining NAS operations and continued investments in operationalizing NextGen.

Task 22-1: Prioritize NextGen Programs for Implementation

The NAC is tasked to provide the FAA a consensus prioritized list of the following future implementation NextGen programs:
- Terminal Flight Data Manager (TFDM)
- Time-Based Flow Management (TBFM)
- En Route Data Communications Initial Services
- En Route Data Communications Full Services
- ADS-B In

The goal of this task is to produce a consensus prioritized list of NAC priority programs and is not intended to accelerate any of the current NAC priorities. The prioritization should focus on the near-term (e.g., now through 2025). The report shall include the assumptions and data informing the consensus recommendation.

Scope

- FAA will provide Subject Matter Expert support
- Complete work and provide Prioritization Report no later than April 27, 2022

If you have questions, please contact Kimberly Noonan, NextGen Stakeholder Collaboration Division Manager at kimberly.noonan@faa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Administrator