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Mr. Russell “Chip” Childs  
President and Chief Executive Officer SkyWest, Inc.  
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Dear Mr. Childs:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is revising NextGen Advisory Committee (NAC) Task 21-1: National Airspace System (NAS) Aircraft Minimum Capabilities List (MCL) Annual Review to extend the completion deadline from Fall 2022 to no later than the Spring 2023 NAC Meeting. This revision accommodates the postponement of the November 30, 2022, NAC meeting.

The FAA is also requesting that the NAC to continue its work on two tasks, which originated in 2018 and were renewed in 2020 and 2021, to provide the FAA advice on industry implementation risks and mitigations through the calendar year 2024.

**Task 21-1 (Revision): NAS MCL Annual Review**

The NAC is asked to periodically review the MCL, published by the NAC in 2020, and provide any recommendations for updates or changes on an annual basis, including but not limited to:

- Assumptions that need re-evaluation;
- Quick refresher of available technology or op specs and any new technologies announced by the industry;
- Changes in scope or changes in views of retrofit by industry;
- Any recommendations on steps to further drive MCL adoption and commitments to equip aircraft with the associated capabilities; and
- Any updates to cost/benefit data provided by the NAC.

This advice should be provided on the following schedule:

- Spring 2023: the NAC provides a report on the MCL annual review

**Task 18-4: Northeast Corridor: Implementation Risks and Mitigations of the NextGen Priorities Joint Implementation Plan (continued)**

The FAA requests that the NAC continue to identify Northeast Corridor (NEC) risks and mitigations to the successful operational implementation of industry commitments with respect to the *NextGen Priorities Joint Implementation Plan* through the calendar year 2024. The NAC should also include any needed industry mitigations to support the successful operational integration of joint commitments.

The report identified industry risks and mitigation recommendations for the NEC as needed during upcoming NAC meetings through the calendar year 2024.

**Task 18-5: NextGen Priorities Four Focus Areas: Implementation Risks and Mitigations of the NextGen Priorities Joint Implementation Plan (continued)**

The FAA requests that the NAC continue to identify industry risks and mitigations to the successful operational implementation of the four focus areas (i.e., Data Communications, Multiple Runway Operations, Performance Based Navigation, and Surface and Data Sharing) with respect to industry commitments specified in the *NextGen Priorities Joint Implementation Plan* through the calendar year 2024. The NAC should also include any needed industry mitigations to support the successful operational integration of joint commitments. Focus areas that complete all milestones will be sunset (currently applicable to Multiple Runway Operations as of task issue date).

The report identified industry risks and mitigation recommendations for the four focus areas as needed during upcoming NAC meetings through the calendar year 2024.

If you have questions, please contact Kimberly Noonan, NextGen Stakeholder Collaboration Division Manager (Acting), at [Kimberly.Noonan@faa.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Noonan@faa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "A. Bradley Mims", followed by a horizontal line.

A. Bradley Mims  
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