

# *Ensuring Airport Approach Safety*

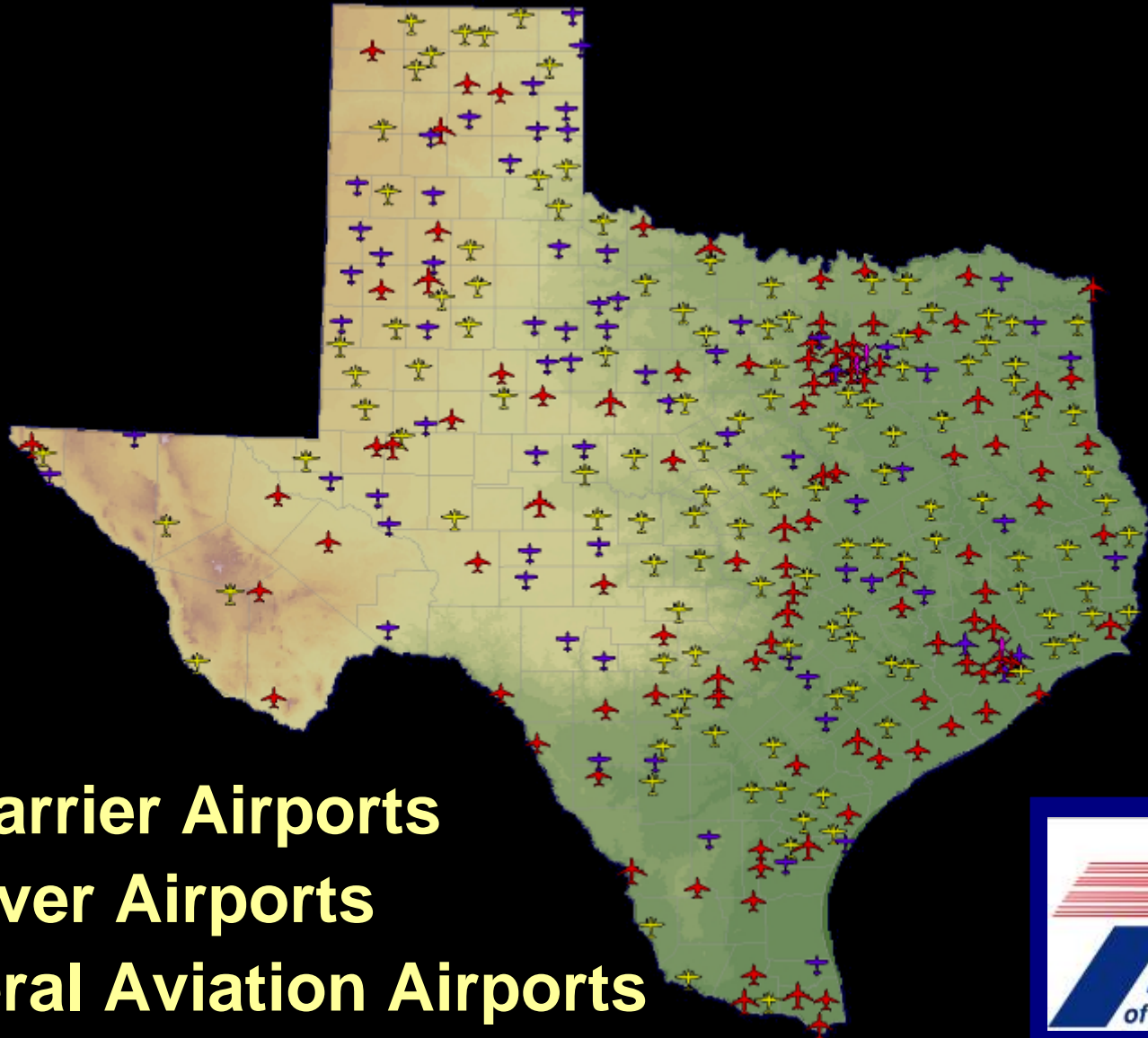


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# *Ensuring Airport Approach Safety*

- **TxDOT's Role in Texas Aviation**
- **Instrument Flight Operations**
- **FAA's NEXTGEN Implementation**
- **Airports GIS (Surveying and eALP's)**
- **Airport Obstruction Analysis Process**

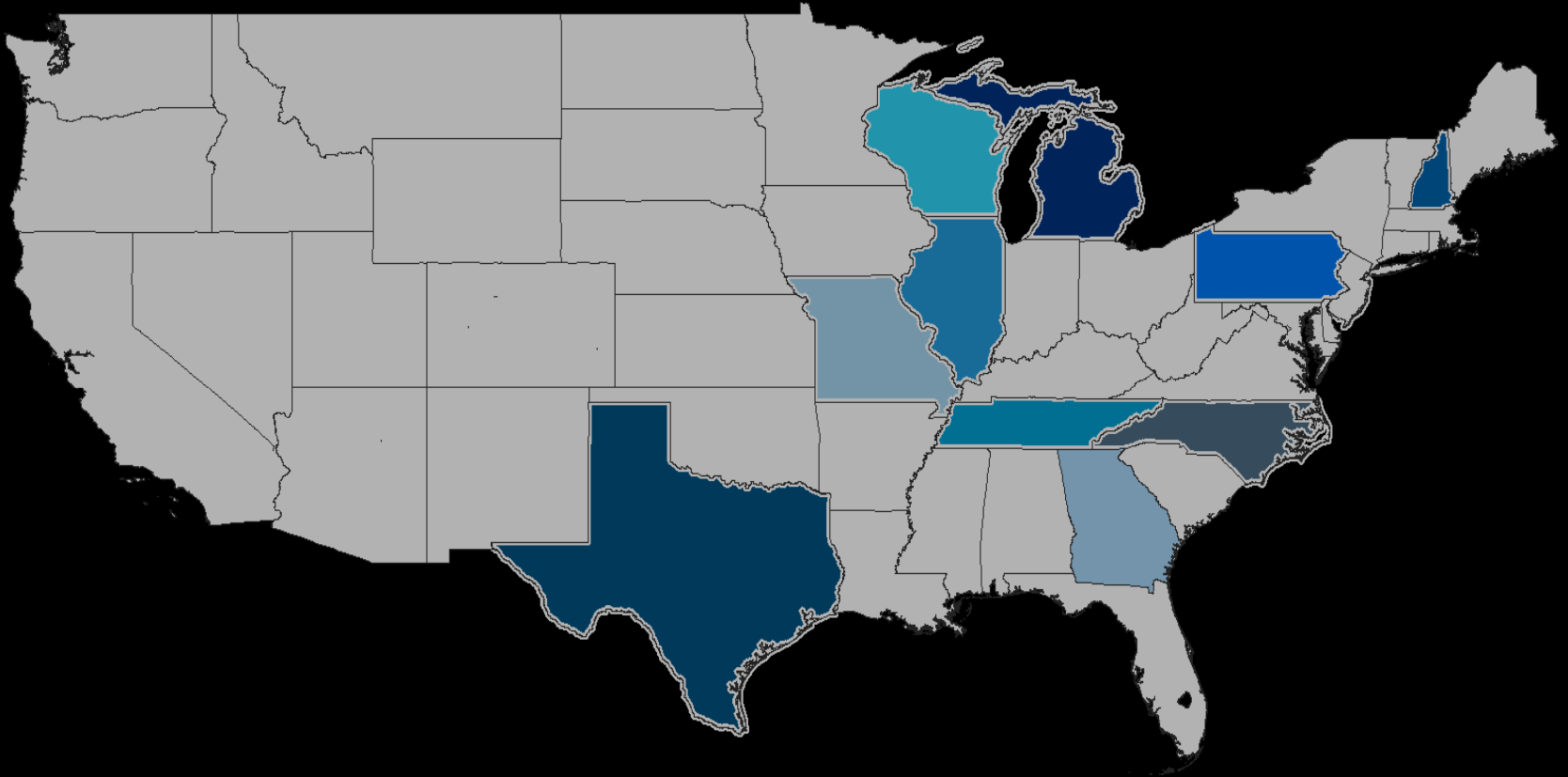
# ***Texas Airport System***



**26 Air Carrier Airports**  
**21 Reliever Airports**  
**257 General Aviation Airports**



# ***State Block Grant Program***

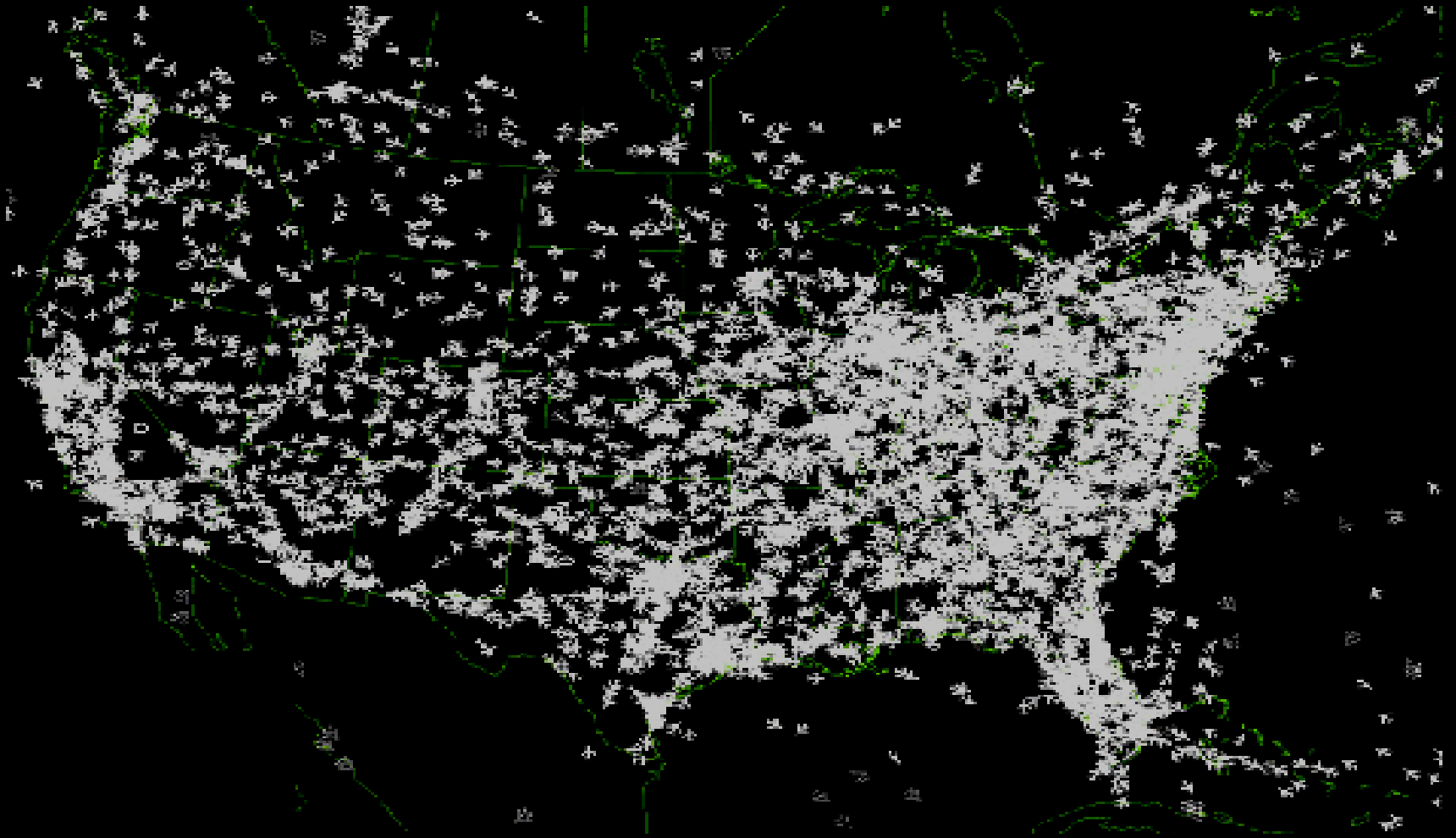


Georgia  
Illinois  
Michigan

Missouri  
New Hampshire  
North Carolina  
Pennsylvania

Tennessee  
Texas  
Wisconsin

# ***7,000 Flights!***




*“There are around 7,000 aircraft in the air over the United States at any given time” (FAA.gov)*

# ***Visual or Instrument?***

**Visual Flight Rules (VFR)  
apply in  
Visual Meteorological Conditions (VMC)**

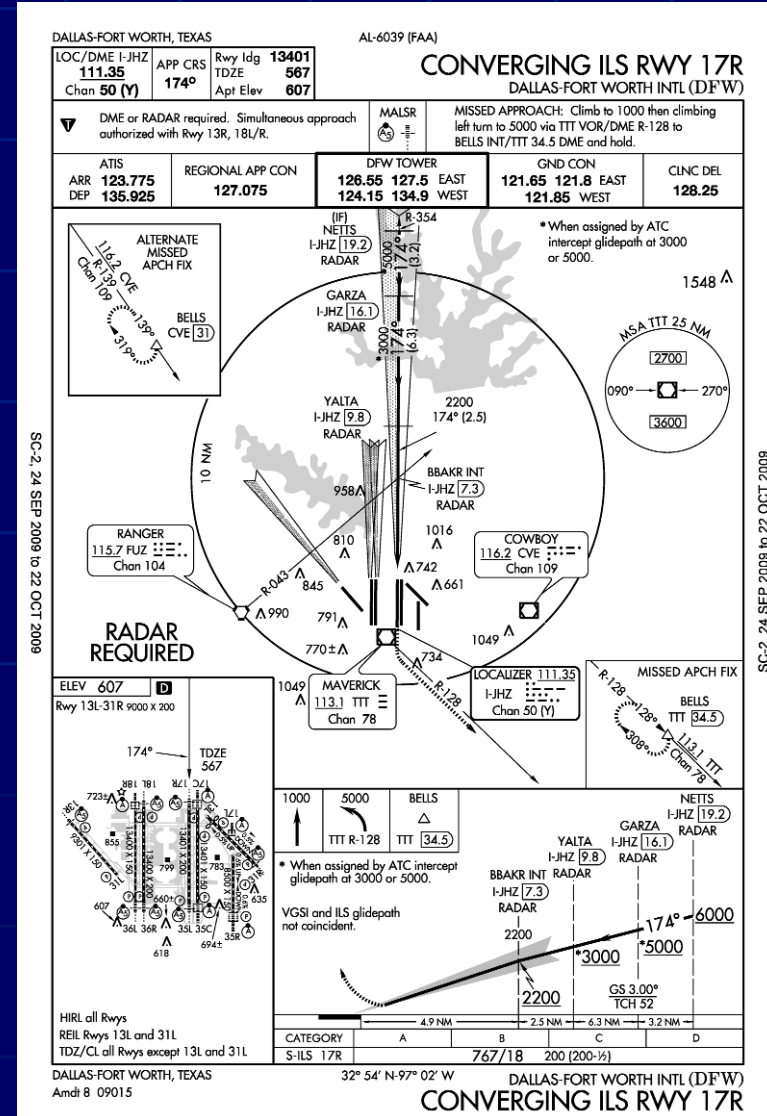
An aerial photograph showing a vast landscape of green fields and forests, partially obscured by scattered white cumulus clouds. The sky is a clear, bright blue, indicating good visibility.

**Instrument Flight Rules (IFR)  
apply in  
Instrument Meteorological Conditions (IMC)**

An aerial photograph showing a landscape that is almost entirely obscured by a thick, grey layer of clouds. The sky is overcast and grey, indicating poor visibility conditions.

# Instrument Flight

## Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP)

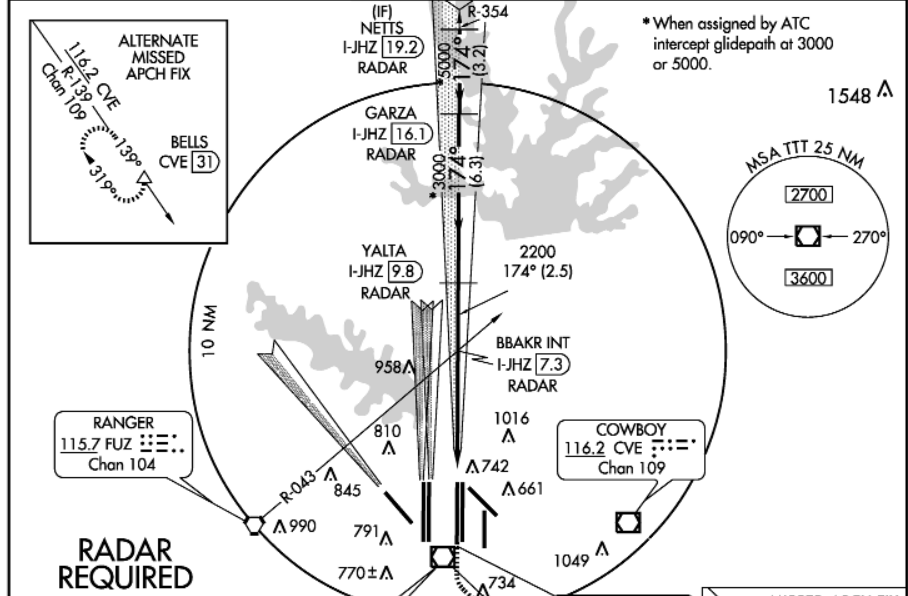


LOC/DME I-JHZ <b>111.35</b>	APP CRS <b>174°</b>	Rwy Idg <b>13401</b>
TDZE <b>567</b>		
Chan <b>50 (Y)</b>		Apt Elev <b>607</b>

# CONVERGING ILS RWY 17R

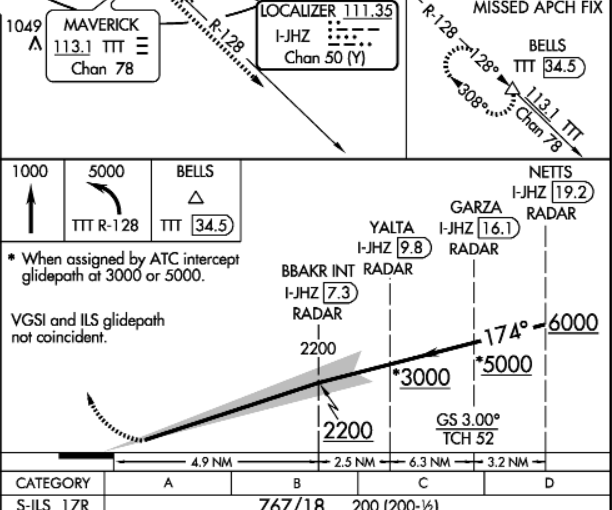
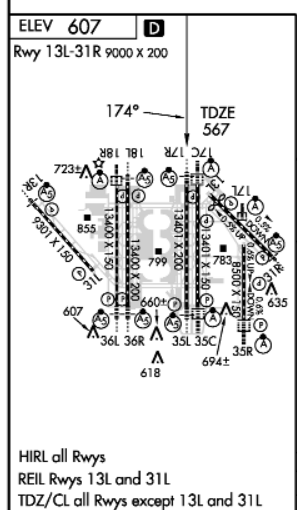
DALLAS-FORT WORTH INTL (DFW)

<p><b>DME or RADAR required. Simultaneous approach authorized with Rwy 13R, 18L/R.</b></p>		<p><b>MALS</b></p>	<p><b>MISSED APPROACH:</b> Climb to 1000 then climbing left turn to 5000 via TTT VOR/DME R-128 to BELLS INT/TTT 34.5 DME and hold.</p>	
<p>ATIS ARR <b>123.775</b> DEP <b>135.925</b></p>	<p>REGIONAL APP CON <b>127.075</b></p>	<p>DFW TOWER <b>126.55 127.5</b> EAST <b>124.15 134.9</b> WEST</p>	<p>GND CON <b>121.65 121.8</b> EAST <b>121.85</b> WEST</p>	<p>CLNC DEL <b>128.25</b></p>



SC-2, 24 SEP 2009 to 22 OCT 2009

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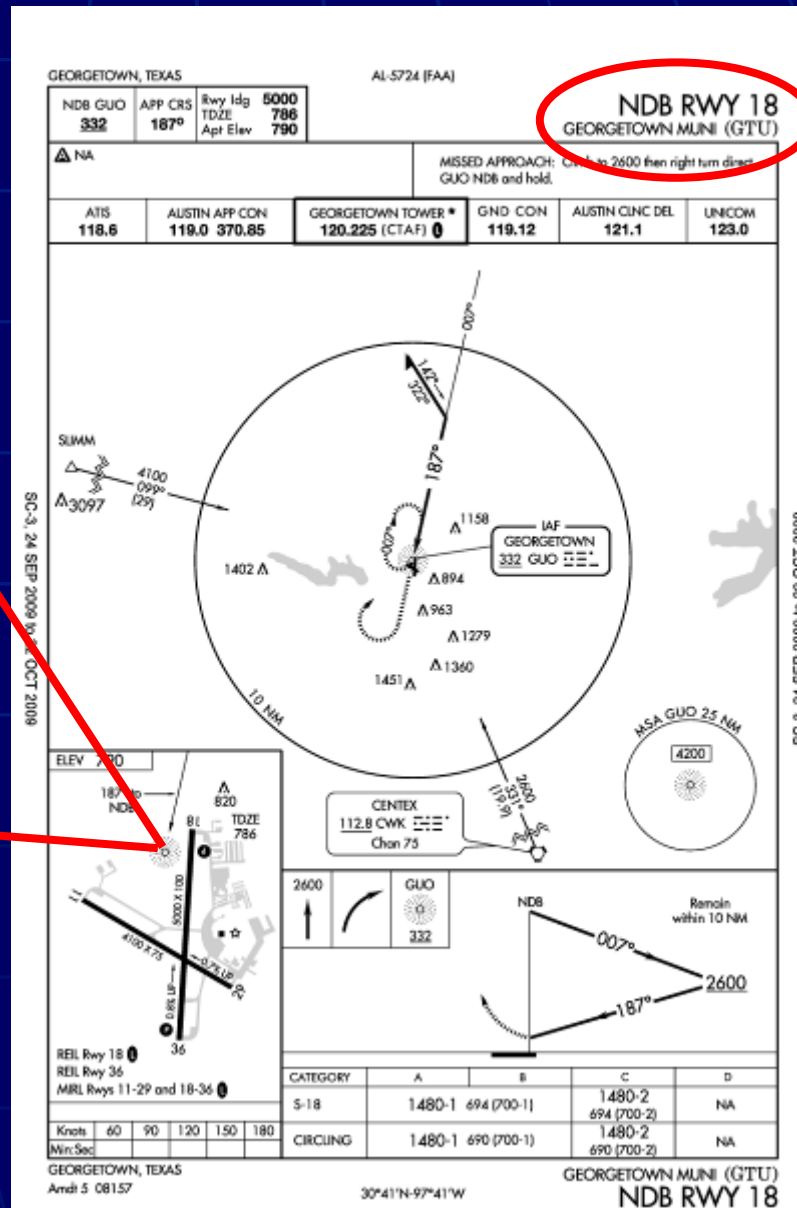


# Instrument Flight

## Ground Based Navigation

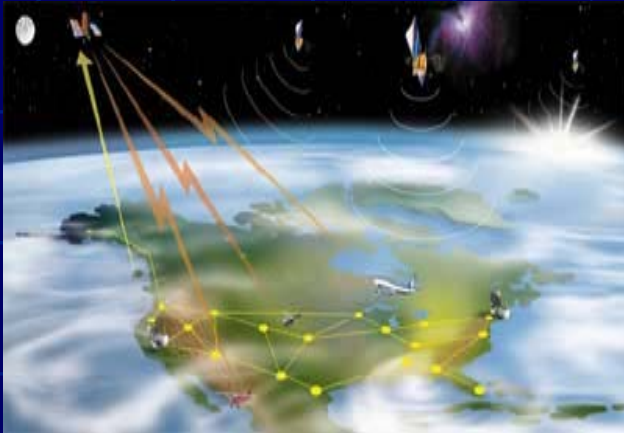


Non-Directional Beacon (NDB)

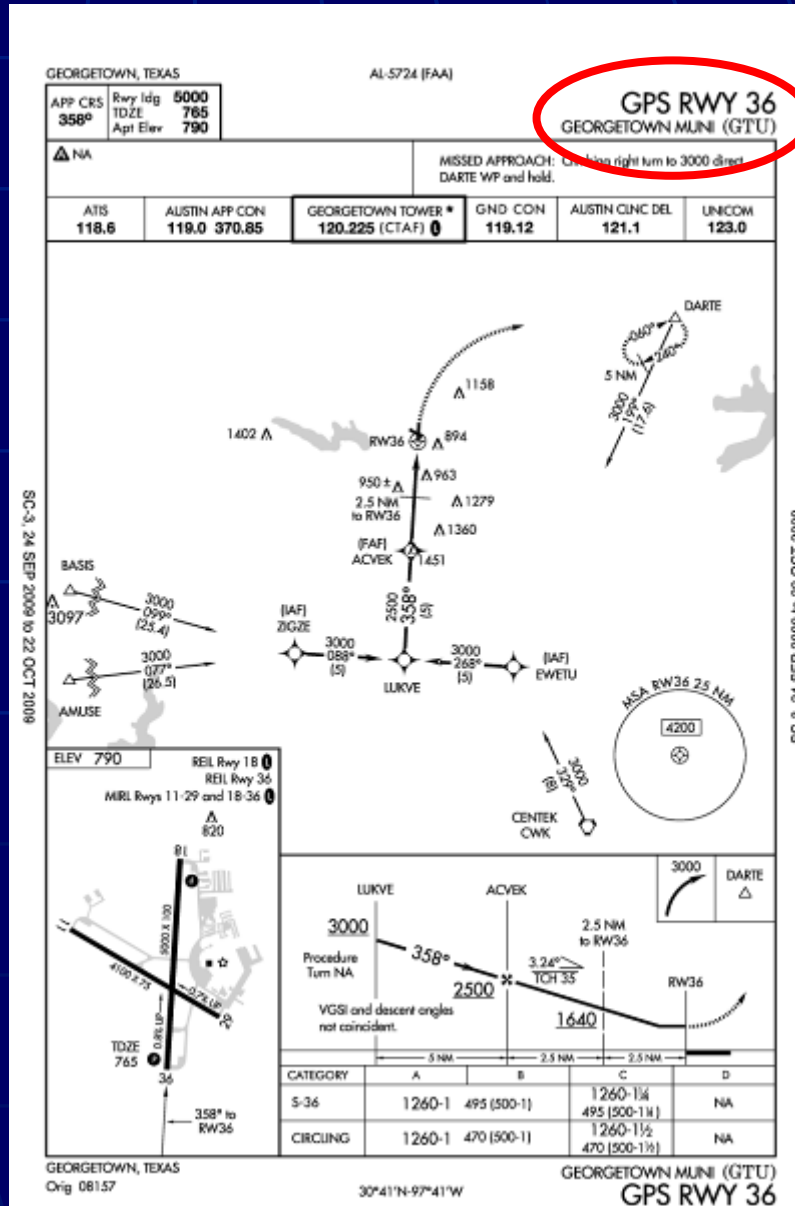


# Instrument Flight

## Space Based Navigation

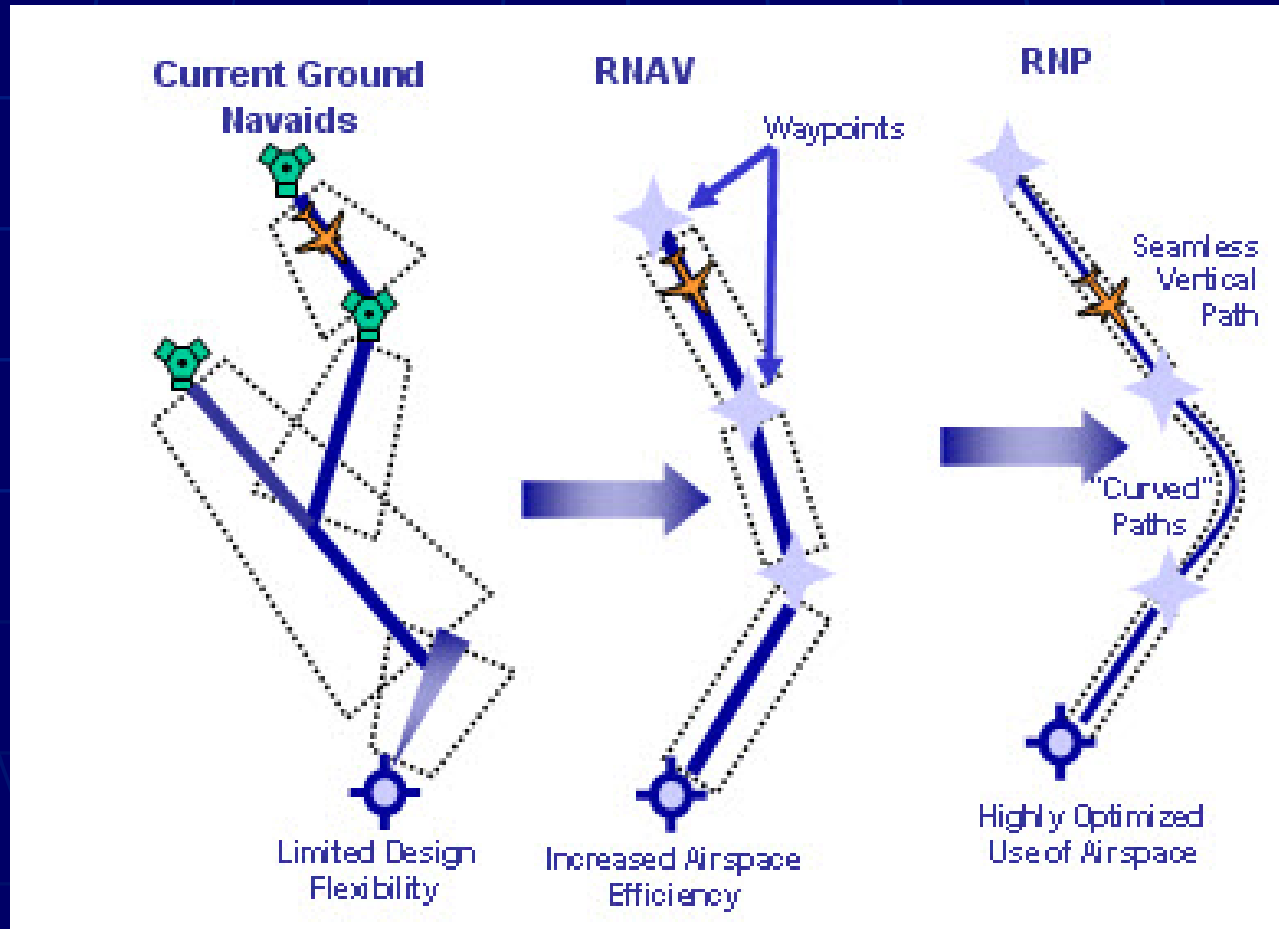


Global Positioning System (GPS)

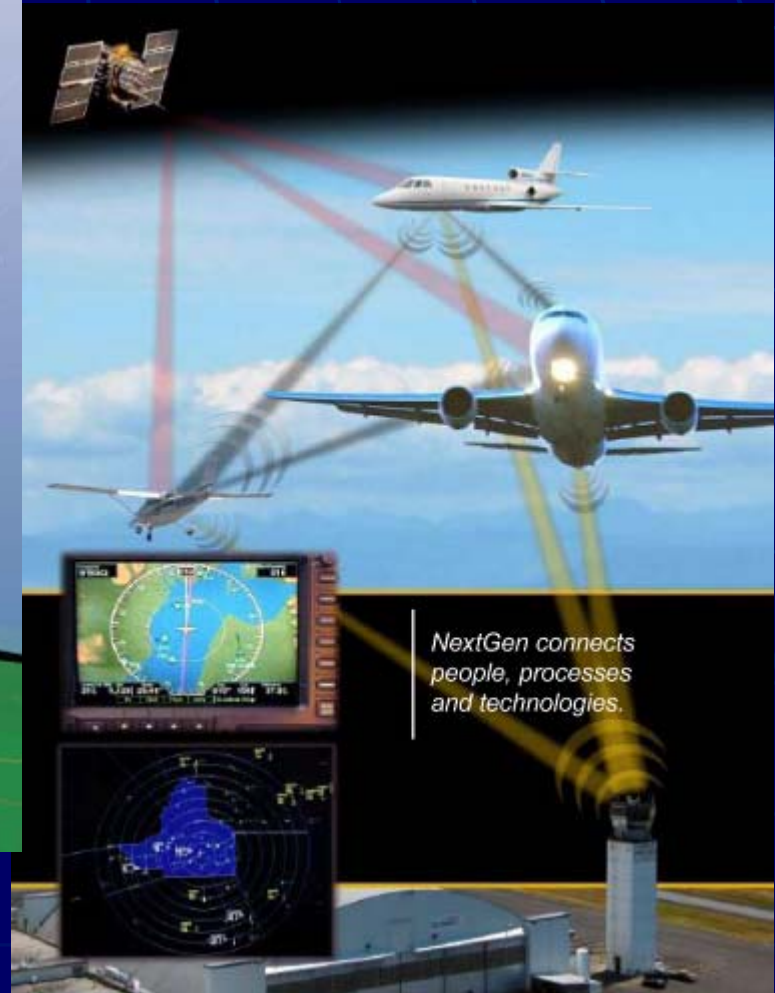
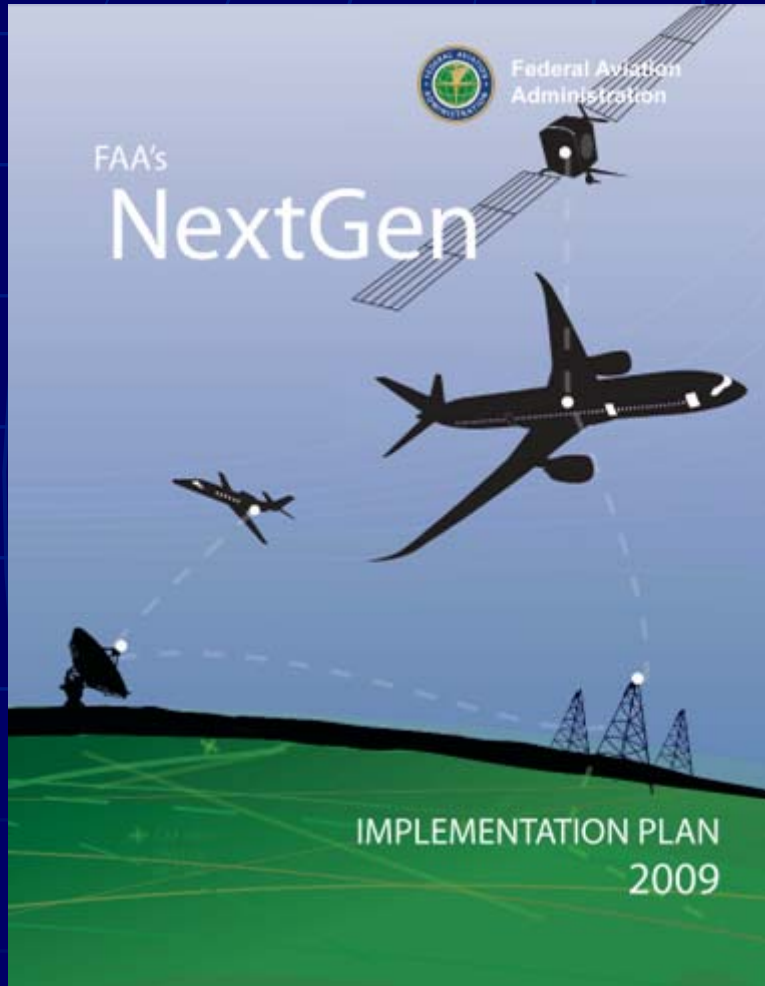


# ***Instrument Flight***

Shifting from Ground to Space Based Navigation



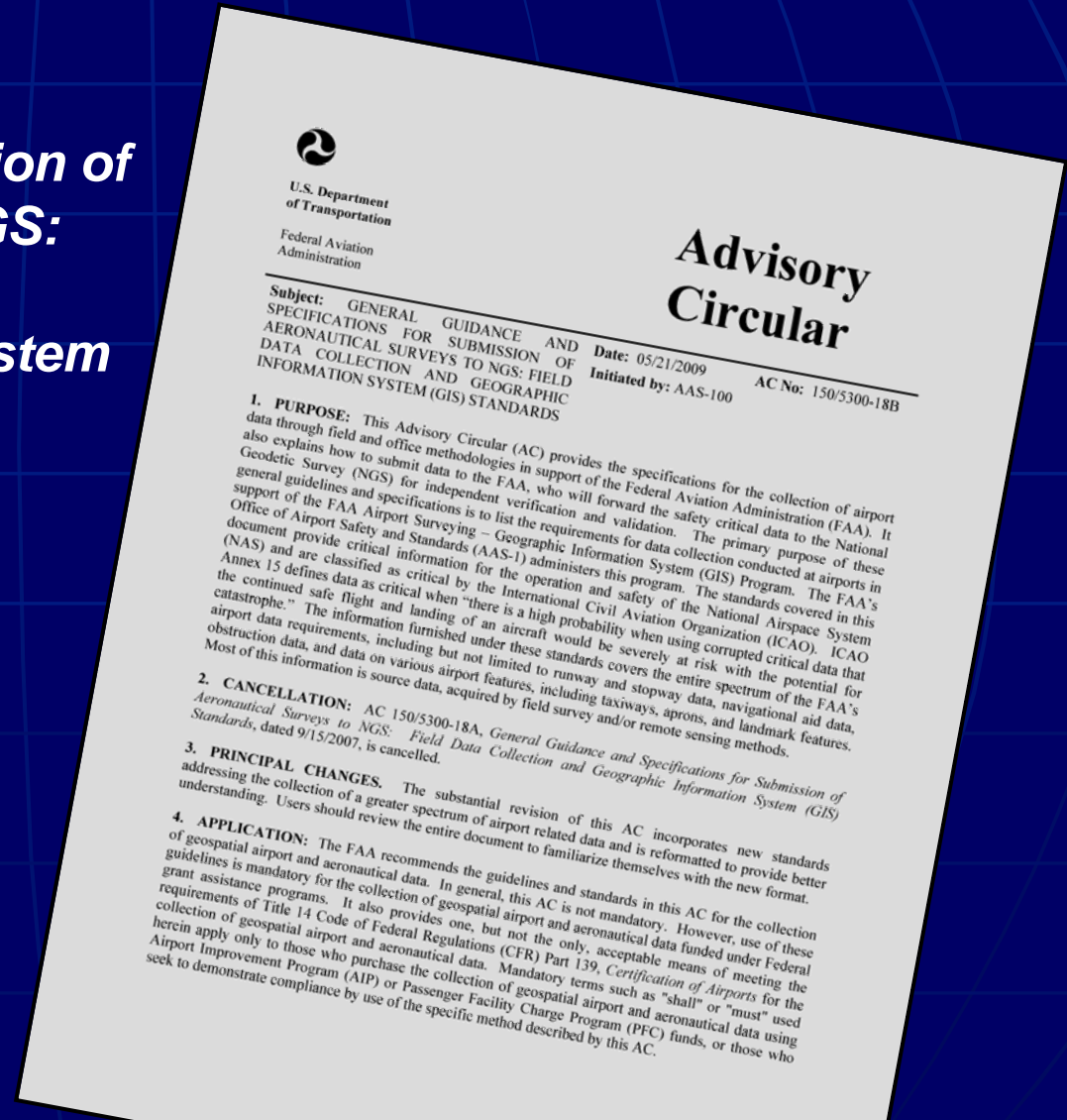
# NEXTGEN (Next Generation)



# FAA's "Airports GIS"

## FAA Advisory Circular 150/5300-18B

### "General Guidance and Specifications for Submission of Aeronautical Surveys to NGS: Field Data Collection and Geographic Information System (GIS) Standards"



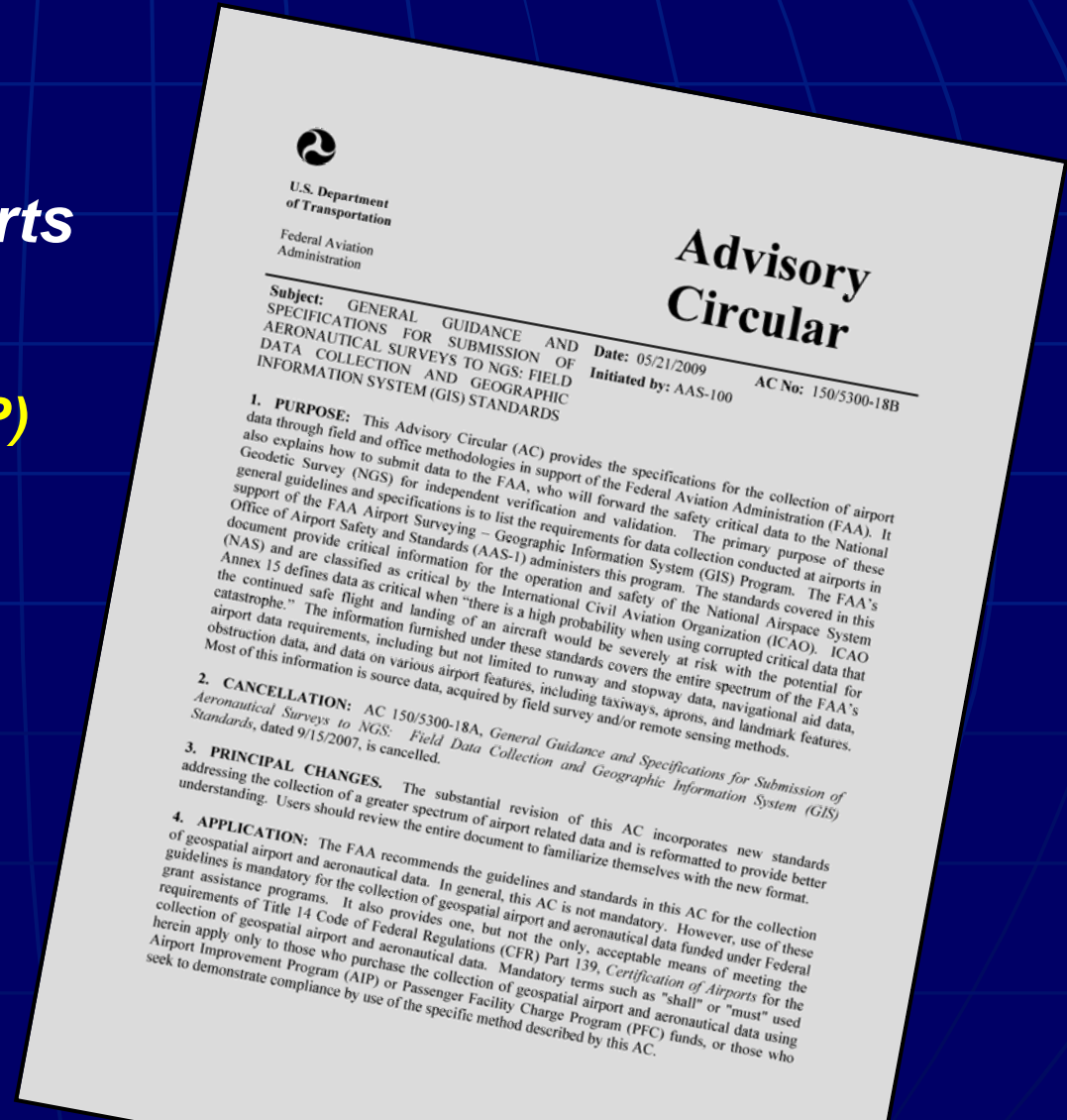
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### 2 Types of Survey Efforts

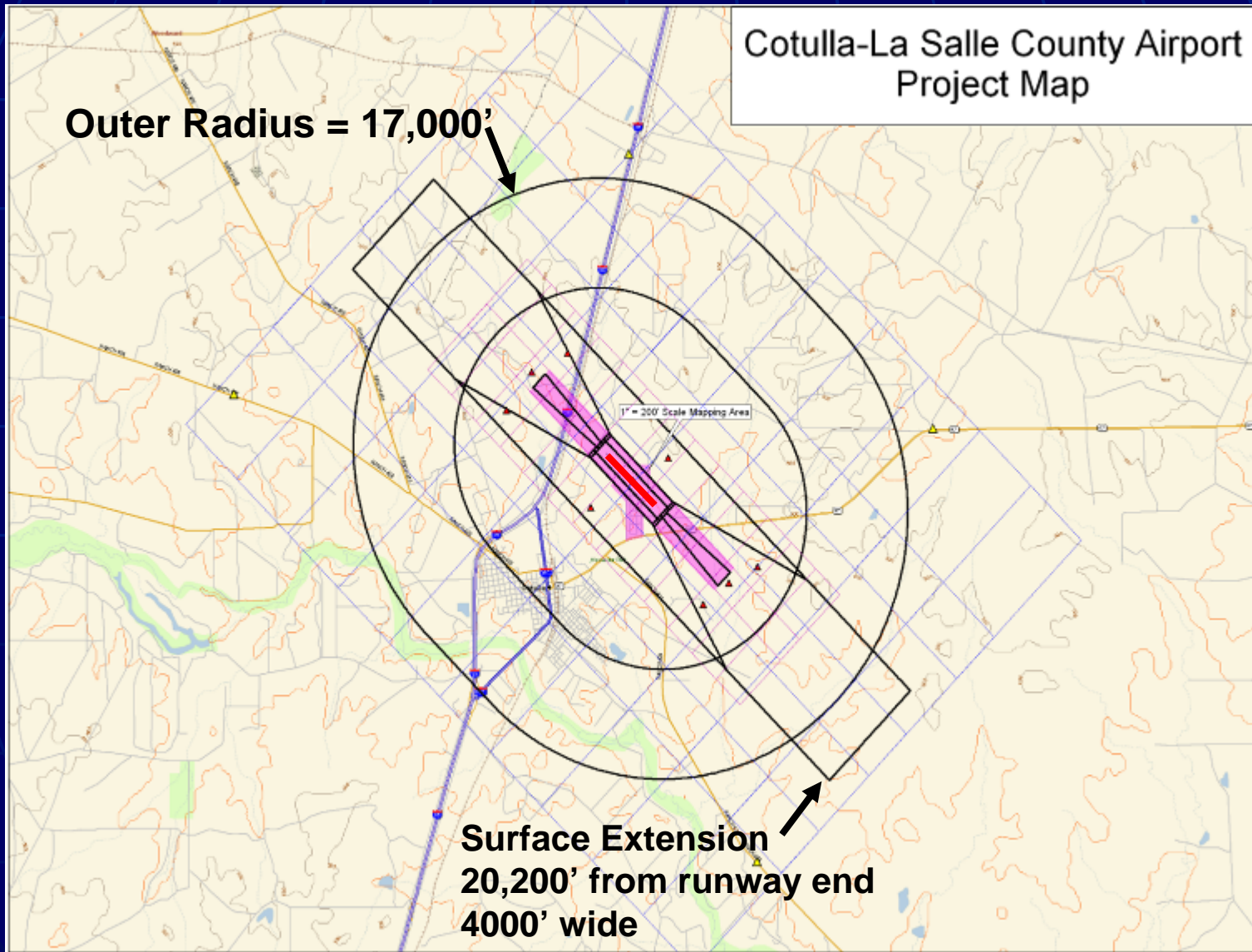
**Obstruction Survey**

**Airport Layout Plan (ALP)**



# FAA's "Airports GIS"

## Obstruction Survey Area for "Vertically Guided" Approach



# FAA's "Airports GIS"

## FAA Advisory Circular 150/5300-18B

### 5.4.4. Airfield Light

**Definition:** Any lighting located within or near an airport boundary that provides guidance for airborne and ground maneuvering of aircraft [Source: AIM, AC 150/5345 Series of ACs]

<b>Feature Group</b>	Airfield
<b>Feature Class Name</b>	AirfieldLight
<b>Feature Type</b>	Point

#### CADD Standard Requirements

Layer/Level	Description	Layer/Level	Description
E-LITE-APPR-	Approach lights	V-LITE-RUNW-	Runway lights
E-LITE-DIST-	Distance and arresting gear markers and lights	V-LITE-TAXI-	Taxiway lights
E-LITE-LANE-	Hoverlane, taxilane, and helipad lights	V-LITE-THRS-	Threshold lights
E-LITE-OBST-	Obstruction lights	V-LITE-RUNW-TDZN	Runway Touchdown Zone lights
E-LITE-TAXI-CNTL	Taxiway centerline lights	E-LITE-RUNW-CNTR	Runway Centerline lights
E-LITE-THRS-	Threshold lights	E-LITE-RUNW-DTGS1	Runway Distance to go lights
V-LITE-APPR-	Approach lights	E-LITE-TAXI-EDGE	Taxiway edge lights
V-LITE-LANE-	Hoverlane, taxilane, and helipad lights	E-LITE-RUNW-GARD	Runway guard lights
V-LITE-OBST-	Obstruction lights		

	Color	Linetype	Line Weight	Symbol
<b>AutoDesk Standards</b>	3	Point	1 MM	User Defined
<b>MicroStation Standards</b>	2		7	
<b>Information Assurance Level</b>	Restricted			
<b>Equivalent Standards</b>	<b>AIXM</b>	<i>LightElementExtension</i>	Extension	
	<b>FGDC</b>	<i>AirfieldLight</i>	Extension	
	<b>SDSFIE</b>	<i>airfield_light_point</i>		
<b>Documentation and Submission Requirements</b>	None			
<b>Related Features</b>				

**Data Capture Rules:** Collect a point in the center of the object at the highest point. Other lights on the airfield such as apron lights, roof mounted lights etc. used for general illumination should be captured using the feature type *UtilityPoint* and delineated using the attribute *codeUtilityType*.

<b>Monumentation</b>	No monumentation required.		
<b>Survey Point Location</b>	<b>Horizontal</b>		<b>Vertical</b>
	N/A		N/A
<b>Accuracy Requirements (in feet)</b>	<b>Horizontal</b>		<b>Vertical</b>
	± 3 ft	<b>Orthometric</b>	<b>Ellipsoidal</b>
		± 5 ft	N/A
<b>Resolution</b>	<b>Geographic Coordinates</b>		<b>Distances and Elevations</b>
	Hundredth of arc second		Nearest foot

### Airport Data Feature Definitions:

Group

Class

Description

Capture Rules

Feature Attributes

Feature Attributes	
Attribute (Datatype)	Description
name (VARCHAR2(50))	Use this attribute to identify the use of the light such as Runway Edge Light, Taxiway Edge Light, Taxiway Centerline Light, etc.
description (String 255)	Description of the feature
status (Enumeration: codeStatus)	A temporal description of the operational status of the feature. This attribute is used to describe real-time status.
lightingType (Enumeration: codeLightingConfigurationType)	A description of the lighting system. Lighting system classifications are Approach; Airport; Runway; Taxiway; and Obstruction
color (Enumeration: codeColor)	The color of the airfield light.
luminescence (Integer)	The luminescence of the airfield light specified in candellas (cd).



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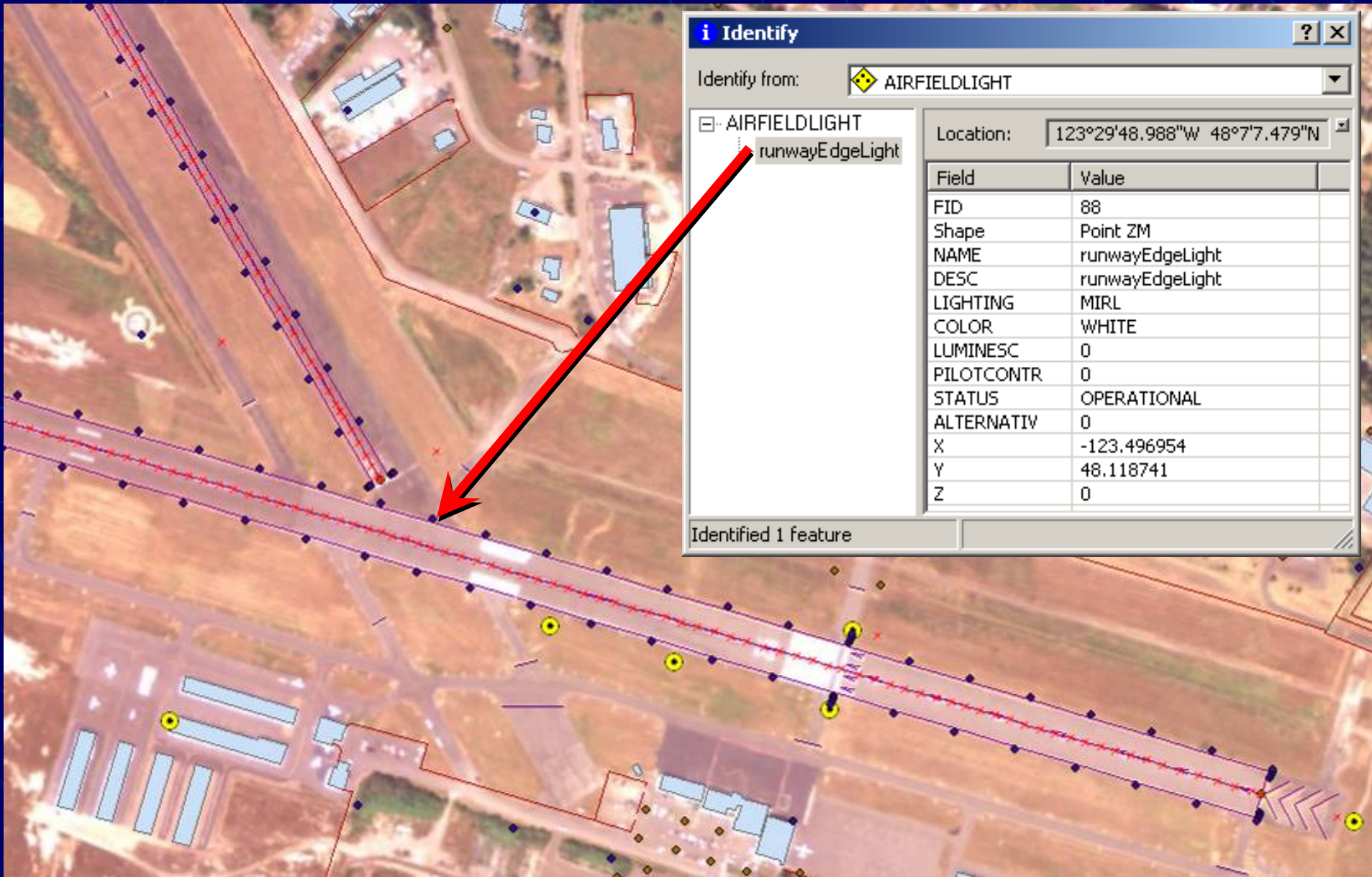
Attribute Enumeration Tables: Valid Values for Populating Attribute Tags for Features

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Attribute (Datatype)	Description
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### 5.15.9. CodeColor

Value	Description
AMBER	Amber [U.S. CADD]
BLACK	Black [U.S. CADD]
BLUE	Blue [U.S. CADD]
BROWN	Brown [U.S. CADD]
GREEN	Green [U.S. CADD]
GREEN-GREEN	Bidirectional (Source AC 150/5345-46C)
GREEN-RED	Bidirectional (Source AC 150/5345-46C)
GREEN-YELLOW	Bidirectional (Source AC 150/5345-46C)
GREY	Grey [U.S. CADD]
LIGHTGREY	LightGrey [U.S. CADD]
MAGENTA	Magenta [U.S. CADD]
ORANGE	Orange [U.S. CADD]
OTHER	Other [U.S. CADD]
PINK	Pink [U.S. CADD]
PURPLE	Purple [AIXM]
RED	Red [U.S. CADD]
RED-GREEN	Bidirectional (Source AC 150/5345-46C)
RED-RED	Bidirectional (Source AC 150/5345-46C)
TBD	To be determined
VIOLET	Violet [U.S. CADD]
WHITE	White [U.S. CADD]
WHITE-RED	Bidirectional (Source AC 150/5345-46C)
WHITE-WHITE	Bidirectional (Source AC 150/5345-46C)
WHITE-YELLOW	Bidirectional (Source AC 150/5345-46C)
YELLOW	Yellow [U.S. CADD]
YELLOW-GREEN	Bidirectional (Source AC 150/5345-46C)
YELLOW-RED	Bidirectional (Source AC 150/5345-46C)
YELLOW-YELLOW	Bidirectional (Source AC 150/5345-46C)

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# Lago Vista – Rusty Allen Airport Lago Vista, Texas Obstruction Analysis Process



# Agenda:

## *Airport Obstruction Evaluation*

- Obtaining the existing conditions
- Creating Imaginary surfaces per FAA regulations
- Using conventional methods to review extruding features in the flight path zones
- Using Lidar methods to supplement & confirm extruding features

# ***Obtaining the Existing Conditions***

- **Collect top of feature points for ground trees, buildings, towers, and any other feature that extrudes into the air**
- **Collect data with the following methods:**
  - **Ground Survey**
    - **Total Station**
    - **Static and Kinematic GPS**
  - **Photogrammetric Data**
  - **Aerial Imagery**
  - **Existing Plans**
    - **Create CAD drawings in real world coordinates**
  - **Lidar data (optional)**
    - **Ground Based**
    - **Mobile**
    - **Aerial**

# *Creating Surfaces from Existing conditions*

- Existing ground surface – [original.wmv](#)
- Building and Vegetation surface – [build-veg.wmv](#)

# Creating Imaginary surfaces

- **Threshold Siting Surface (TSS) - [TSS.wmv](#)**
  - Begins 200-ft past end of runway pavement
  - Elevation starts at the runway endpoint elevation
  - Slopes 20:1 for 10,000-ft
  - Initial width, centered on runway, is 400-ft
  - End width, centered on runway, is 3800-ft
  
- **Object Free Area (OFA) - [OFA.wmv](#)**
  - Begins 240-ft past end of runway pavement
  - Elevation starts at the runway endpoint elevation
  - Surface is rectangular
  - Extends horizontally from runway centerline
  - Width, centered on runway, is 400-ft
  - Elevation coincides with runway centerline elevation



# *Using conventional methods to review extruding features in the flight path zones*

- Create bare earth ground surface
- Create TSS and OFA surfaces based on runway geometry and grading requirements
- Create a differences surface between build-veg surface and the TSS surface - [conventional.wmv](#)
- Report and Annotate Extrusion surface - [reports2.wmv](#)

# *Using Lidar solutions to supplement & confirm extruding features relative to the imaginary surfaces*

- Do all of the conventional methods
- Merge the Lidar data, including non-bare earth data, to create a surface model
- Drape the imagery on the Lidar surface for visual extrusion detection
- Generate a 3D Geotiff that combines the Lidar data with imagery, creating a Geotiff that has x/y and z values. Use this to also evaluate and confirm visual extrusions - [Lidar.wmv](#)

# Questions:

# Thank You:

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