# **Ensuring Airport Approach Safety**

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- 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 Caroline Pennsylvania

Tennessee Texas Wisconsin





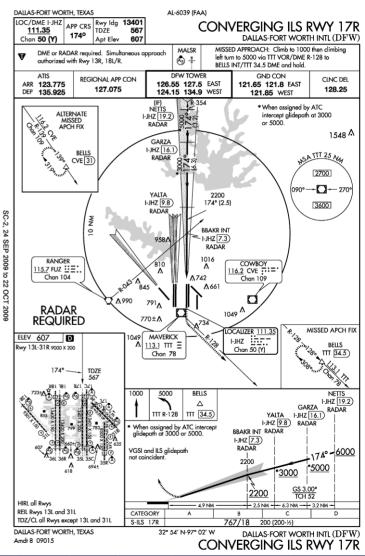
"There are around 7,000 aircraft in the air over the United States at any given time" (FAA.gov)

## Visual or Instrument?

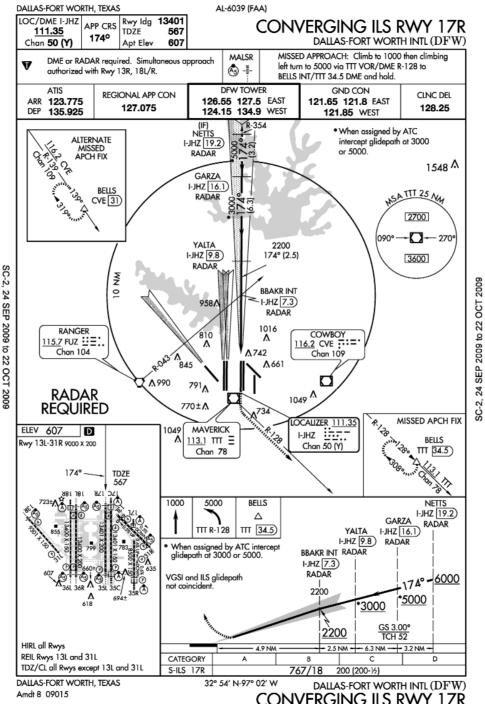
#### Visual Flight Rules (VFR) apply in Visual Meteorological Conditions (VMC)

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

### Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP)



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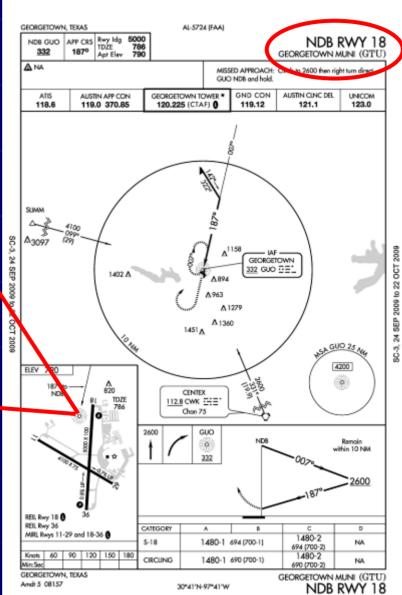


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### **Ground Based Navigation**



Non-Directional Beacon (NDB)

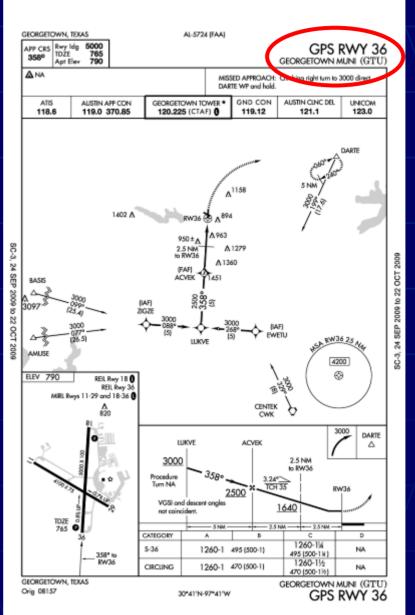


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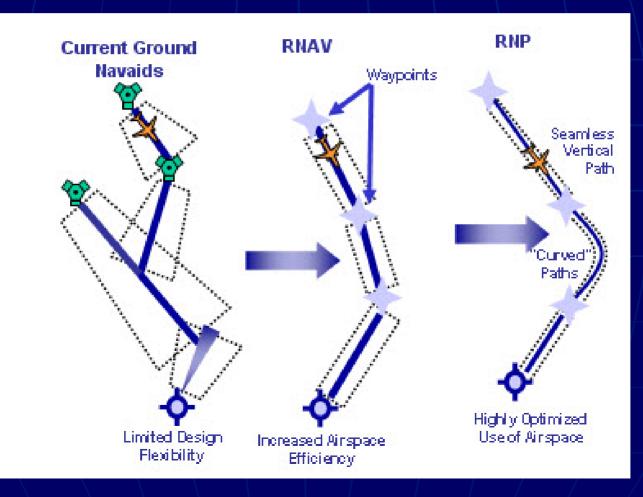
### Space Based Navigation



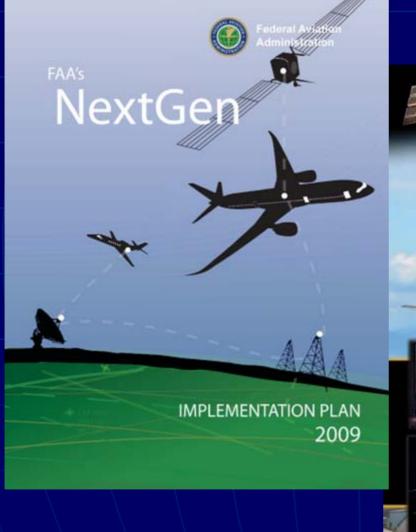
Global Positioning System (GPS)



### Shifting from Ground to Space Based Navigation



## **NEXTGEN (Next Generation)**





NextGen connects people, processes and technologies.

### 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"

U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration

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**2** Types of Survey Efforts **Obstruction Survey** Airport Layout Plan (ALP)

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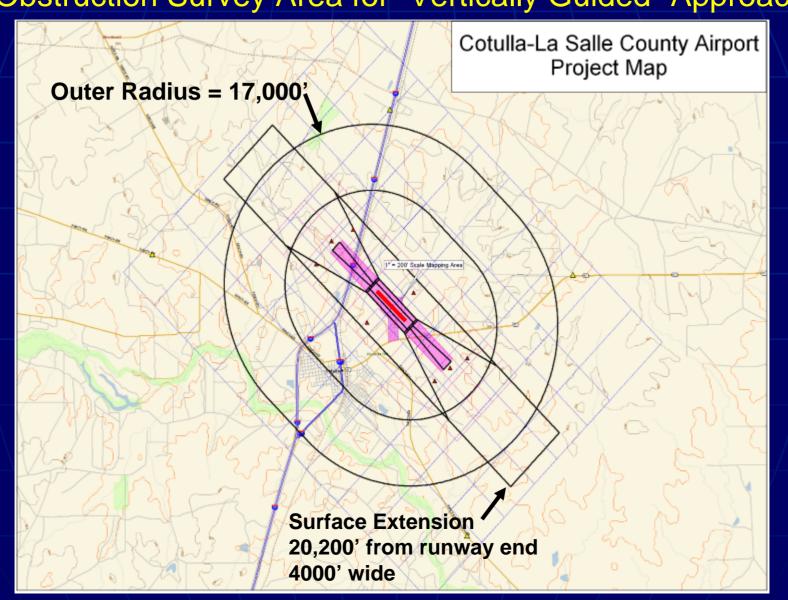
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### **FAA'S "Airports GIS"** Obstruction Survey Area for "Vertically Guided" Approach



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#### 5.4.4. Airfield Light

Definition: Any lighting						ance for airborne
and ground maneuvering	<u>; of air</u>	craft [Source: AIM,	AC 150/5345 Ser	ries of AC	[s]	
Feature Group		Airfield				
Feature Class Name		AirfieldLight				
Feature Type		Point				
CADD Standard Requi	iremen	ats				
Layer/Level		Description	Layer/Le	vel	D	Description
E-LITE-APPR-	Appr	roach lights	V-LITE-RUNW	N-	Runwa	y lights
	Dista	ance and arresting				
E-LITE-DIST-	gear	markers and lights	V-LITE-TAXI-		Taxiwa	ay lights
	How	erlane, taxilane,				
E-LITE-LANE-	and I	helipad lights	V-LITE-THRS	-	Thresh	old lights
			V-LITE-RUNW	N-	Runwa	y Touchdown
E-LITE-OBST-	Obst	truction lights	TDZN		Zone li	
	Taxi	way centerline	E-LITE-RUNW	V-	Runwa	y Centerline
E-LITE-TAXI-CNTL	lights	.S	CNTR		lights	
			E-LITE-RUNW	V-	Runwa	y Distance to go
E-LITE-THRS-	Thre	shold lights	DTGS1		lights	
V-LITE-APPR-		roach lights	E-LITE-TAXI-		Taxiwa	ny edge lights
	Hove	erlane, taxilane,	E-LITE-RNWY	<i>I</i> -		
V-LITE-LANE-	and I	helipad lights	GARD		Runwa	y guard lights
V-LITE-OBST-	Obst	truction lights				
		Color	Linetype	Line V	Veight	Symbol
AutoDesk Standards		3	- Point	1 M	1M	User Defined
MicroStation Standard	s	2	Form	7	7	User Dermed
Information Assurance		Restricted				
Level						
		AIXM	LightElementEx	xtension_		Extension
Equivalent Standards		FGDC	AirfieldLight			Extension
		SDSFIE	airfield_light_p	oint		
Documentation and		None				
Submission Requirement	nts	None				
Related Features						
Data Capture Rules: (	<i>Tollect</i>	a point in the cente	$\overline{r \ of}$ the object at	the high	est point.	Other lights on

**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.

Monumentation	No monumentation required.		
Survey Point Location	Horizontal	Ver	tical
Survey Fount Location	N/A	N	/A
A	Horizontal	Ver	tical
Accuracy Requirements (in	Horizoittai	Orthometric	Ellipsoidal
feet)	± 3 ft	± 5 ft	N/A
Resolution	Geographic Coordinates	Distances an	d Elevations
Resolution	Hundredth of arc second	Neare	st foot

#### **Airport Data Feature Definitions:**

Group	
Class	
Description	
Capture Rul	les
Feature Attr	ributes

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	A description of the lighting system. Lighting system
(Enumeration:	classifications are Approach; Airport; Runway; Taxiway; and
codeLightingConfigurationType)	Obstruction
color	The color of the airfield light.
(Enumeration: codeColor)	
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

5.15.9

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	etc.
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color	The color of the airfield light.
(Enumeration: codeColor)	
Ituninescence (Integer)	The luminescence of the airfield light specified in
	(cd).

. 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)

## FAA's "Airports GIS"

Identify from:
Field       Value         Field       Value         FID       88         Shape       Point ZM         NAME       runwayEdgeLight         DESC       runwayEdgeLight         LIGHTING       MIRL         COLOR       WHITE         LUMINESC       0         STATUS       OPERATIONAL         ALTERNATIV       0         X       -123.496954         Y       48.118741         Z       0
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## FAA's "Airports GIS"



### 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 <u>original.wmv</u>
- Building and Vegetation surface <u>build-veg.wmv</u>



### **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 - <u>conventional.wmv</u>
- 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:**