

Ensuring Airport Approach Safety



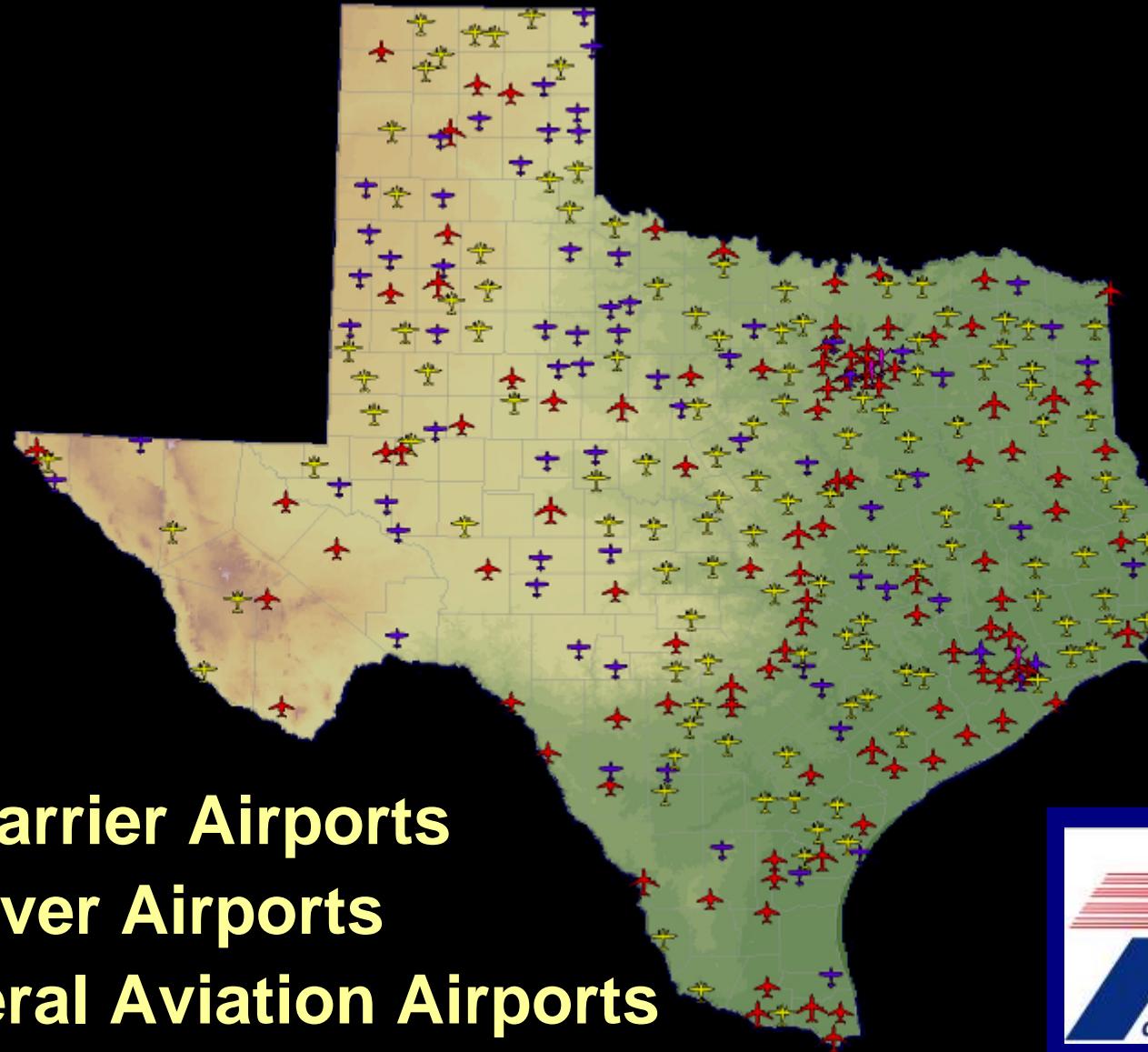
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Ensuring Airport Approach Safety

- 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



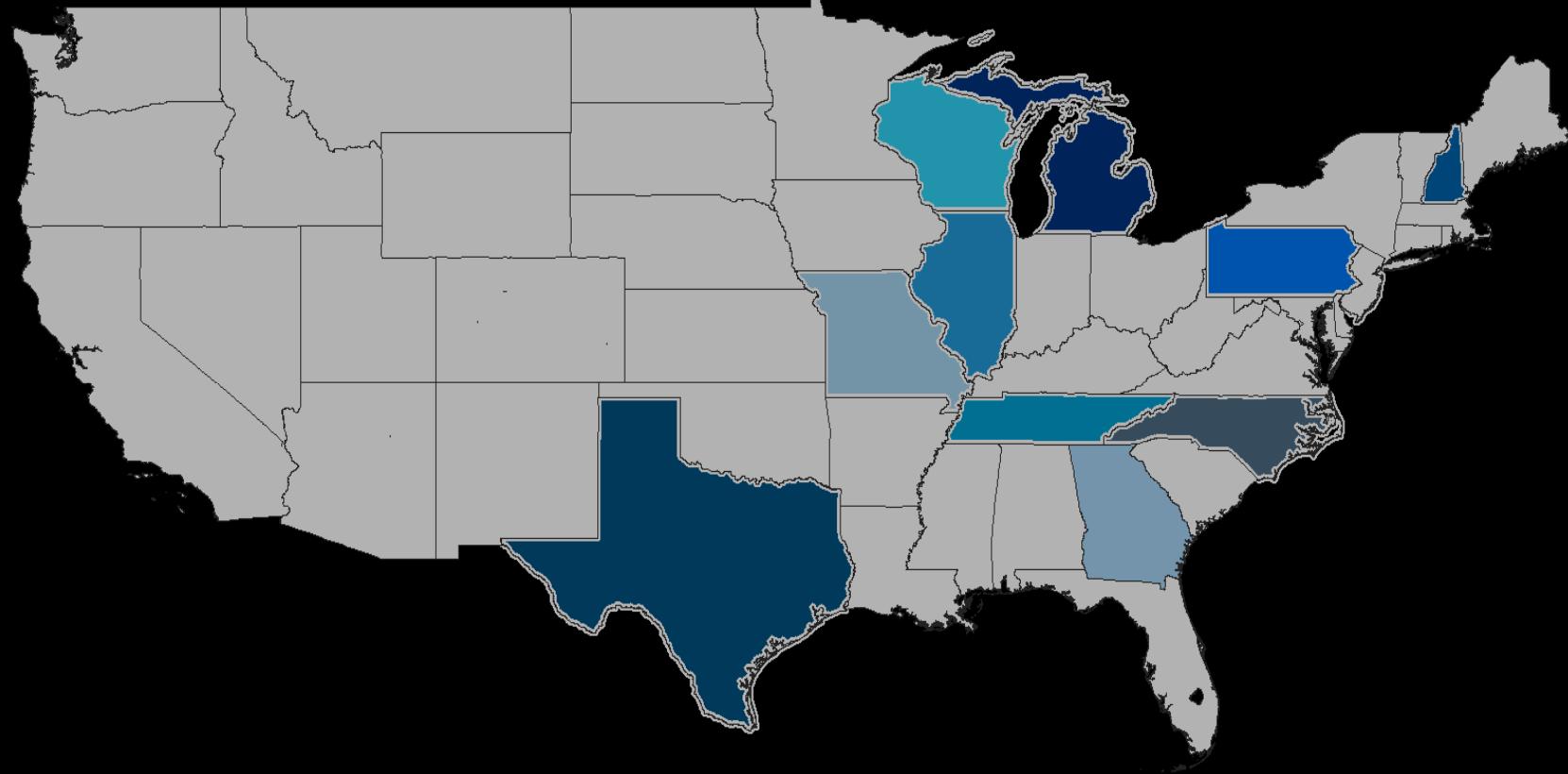
26 Air Carrier Airports

21 Reliever Airports

257 General Aviation Airports



State Block Grant Program

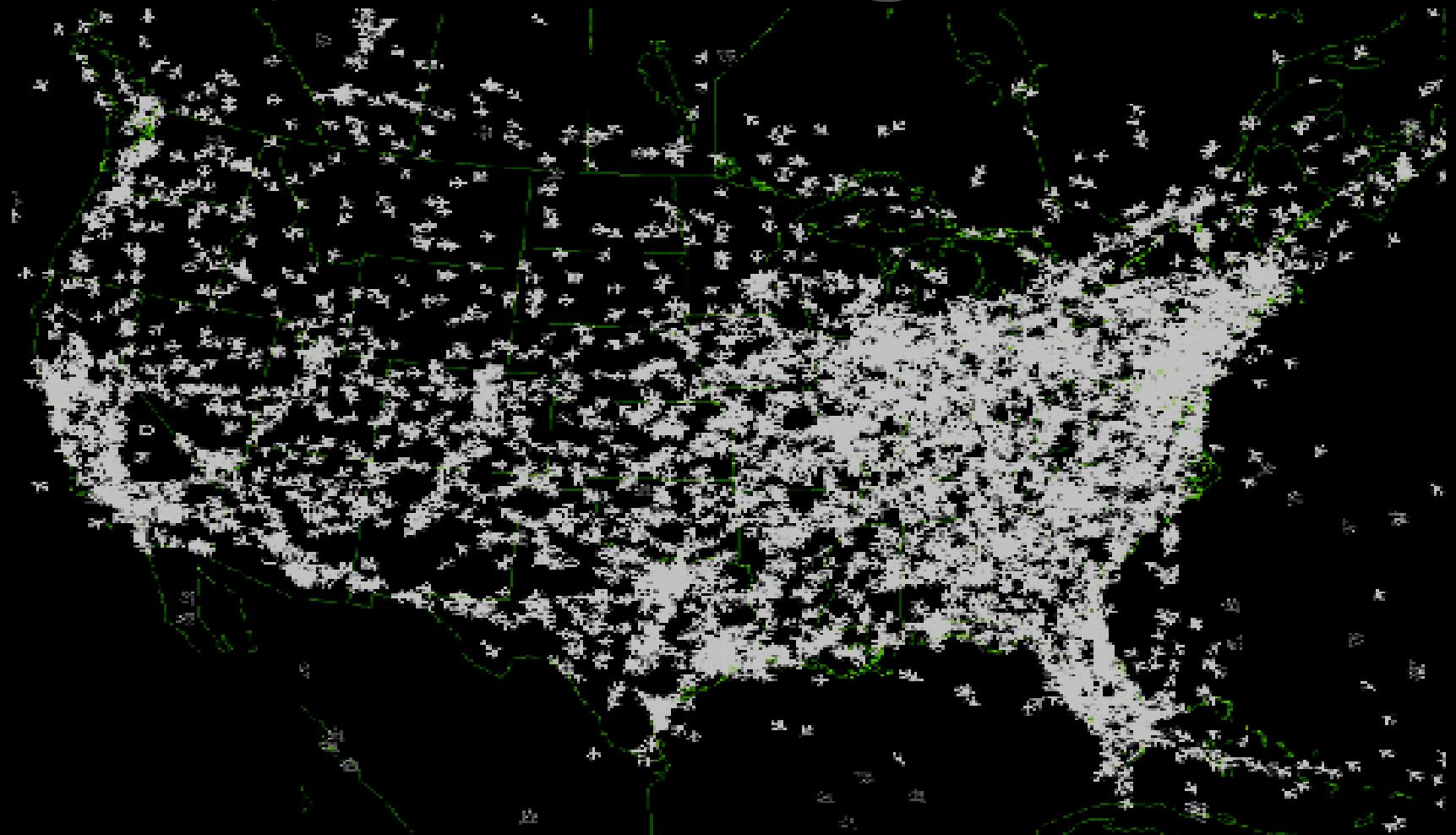


Georgia
Illinois
Michigan

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)

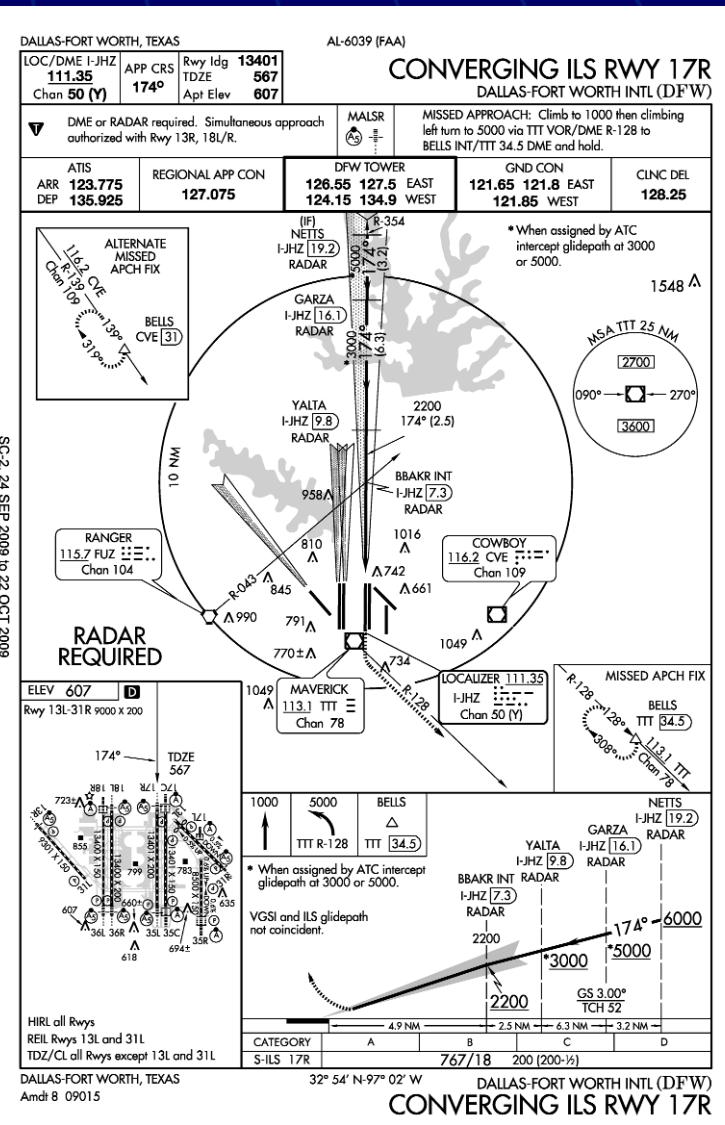


Instrument Flight Rules (IFR)
apply in
Instrument Meteorological Conditions (IMC)

Instrument Flight

Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP)

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LOC/DME I-JHZ 111.35 Chan 50 (Y)	APP CRS 174°	Rwy Idg 13401 TDZE 567 Apt Elev 607
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CONVERGING ILS RWY 17R

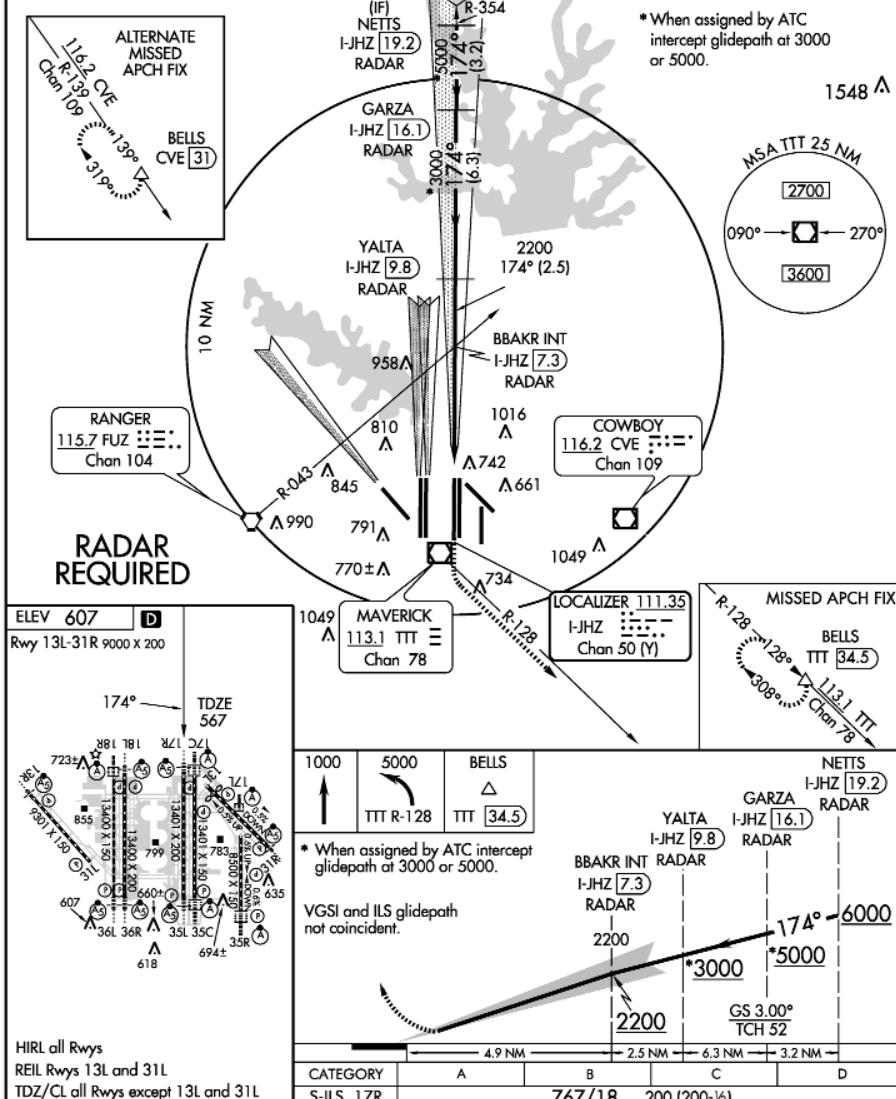
DALLAS-FORT WORTH INTL (DFW)

▼ DME or RADAR required. Simultaneous approach authorized with Rwy 13R, 18L/R.



MISSIED APPROACH: Climb to 1000 then climbing left turn to 5000 via TTT VOR/DME R-128 to BELLS INT/TTT 34.5 DME and hold.

ATIS ARR 123.775 DEP 135.925	REGIONAL APP CON 127.075	DFW TOWER 126.55 127.5 EAST 124.15 134.9 WEST	GND CON 121.65 121.8 EAST 121.85 121.85 WEST	CLNC DEL 128.25
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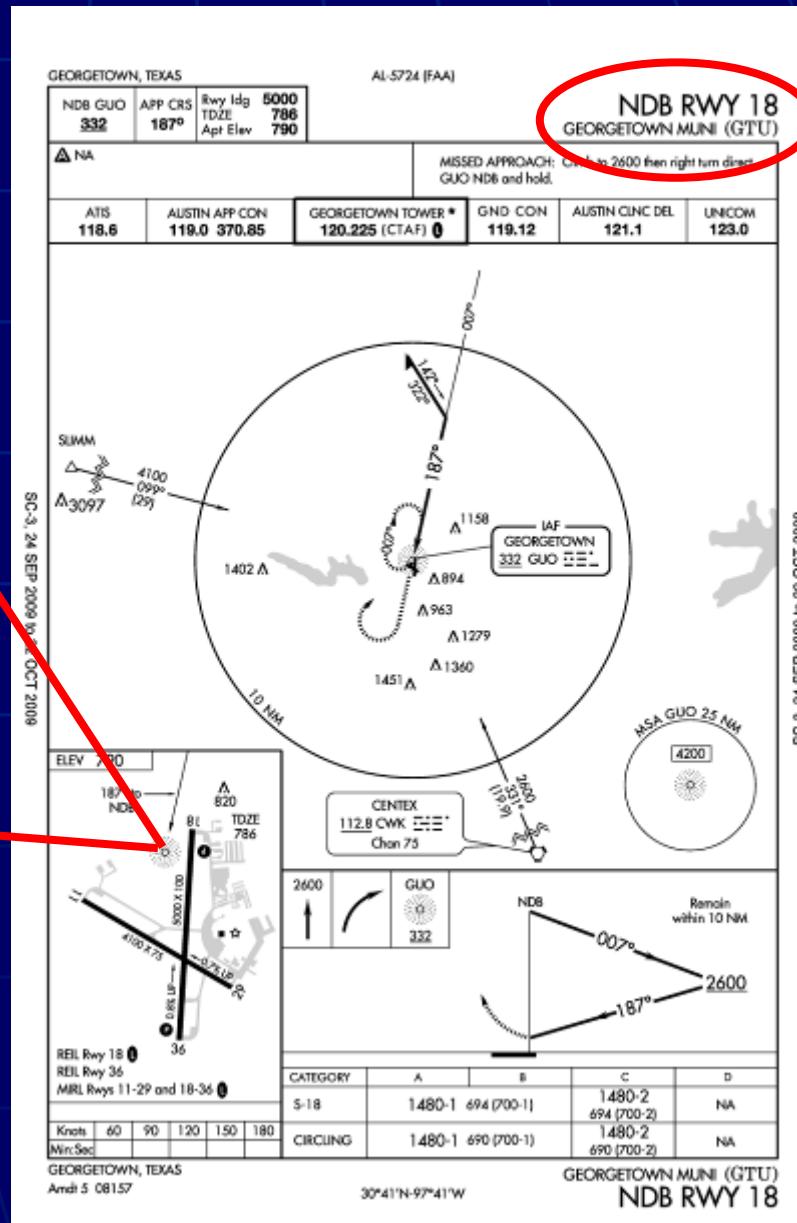


Instrument Flight

Ground Based Navigation

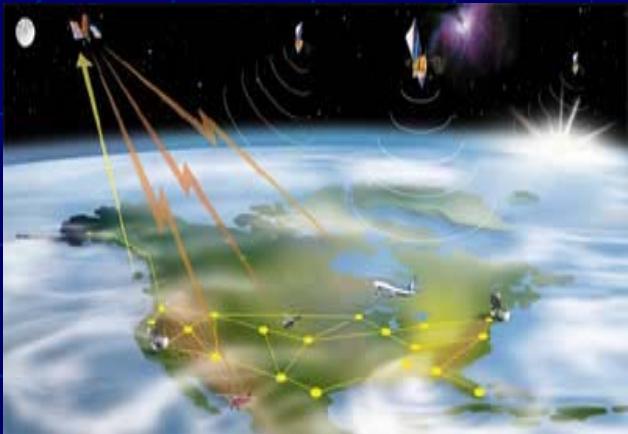


Non-Directional Beacon (NDB)

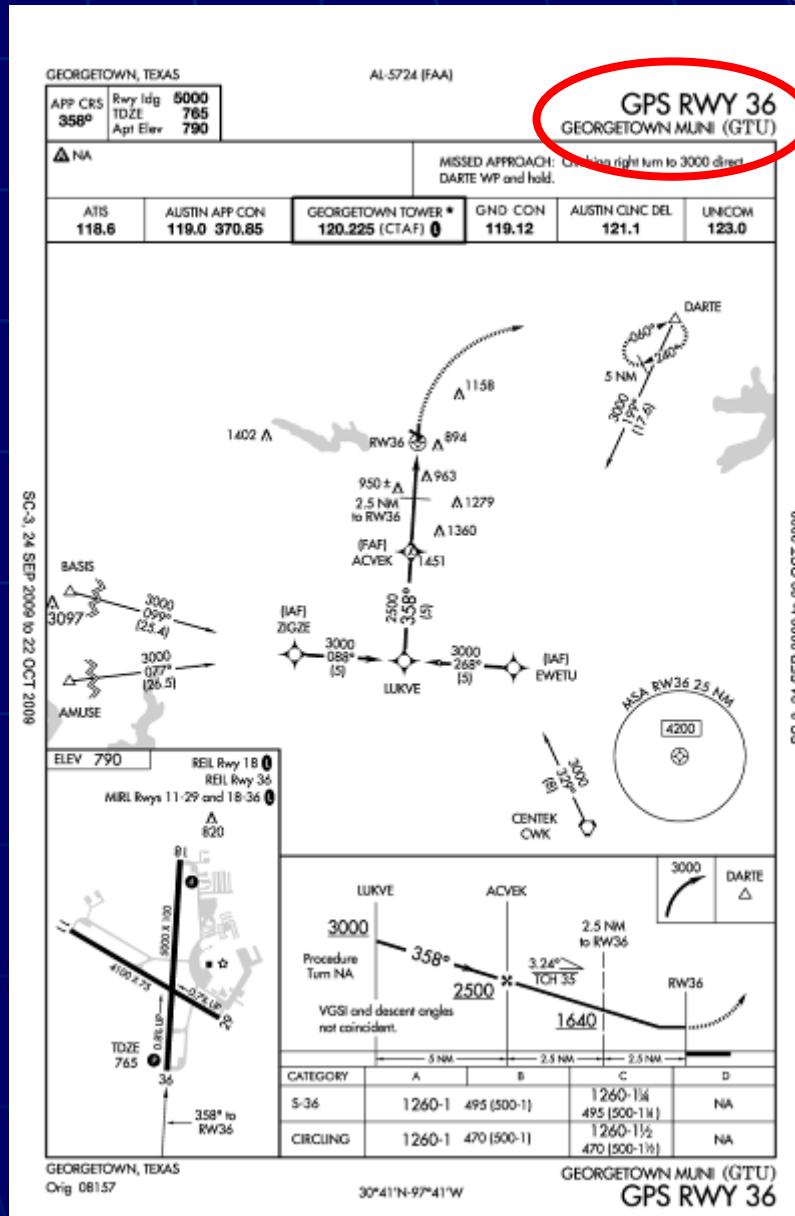


Instrument Flight

Space Based Navigation

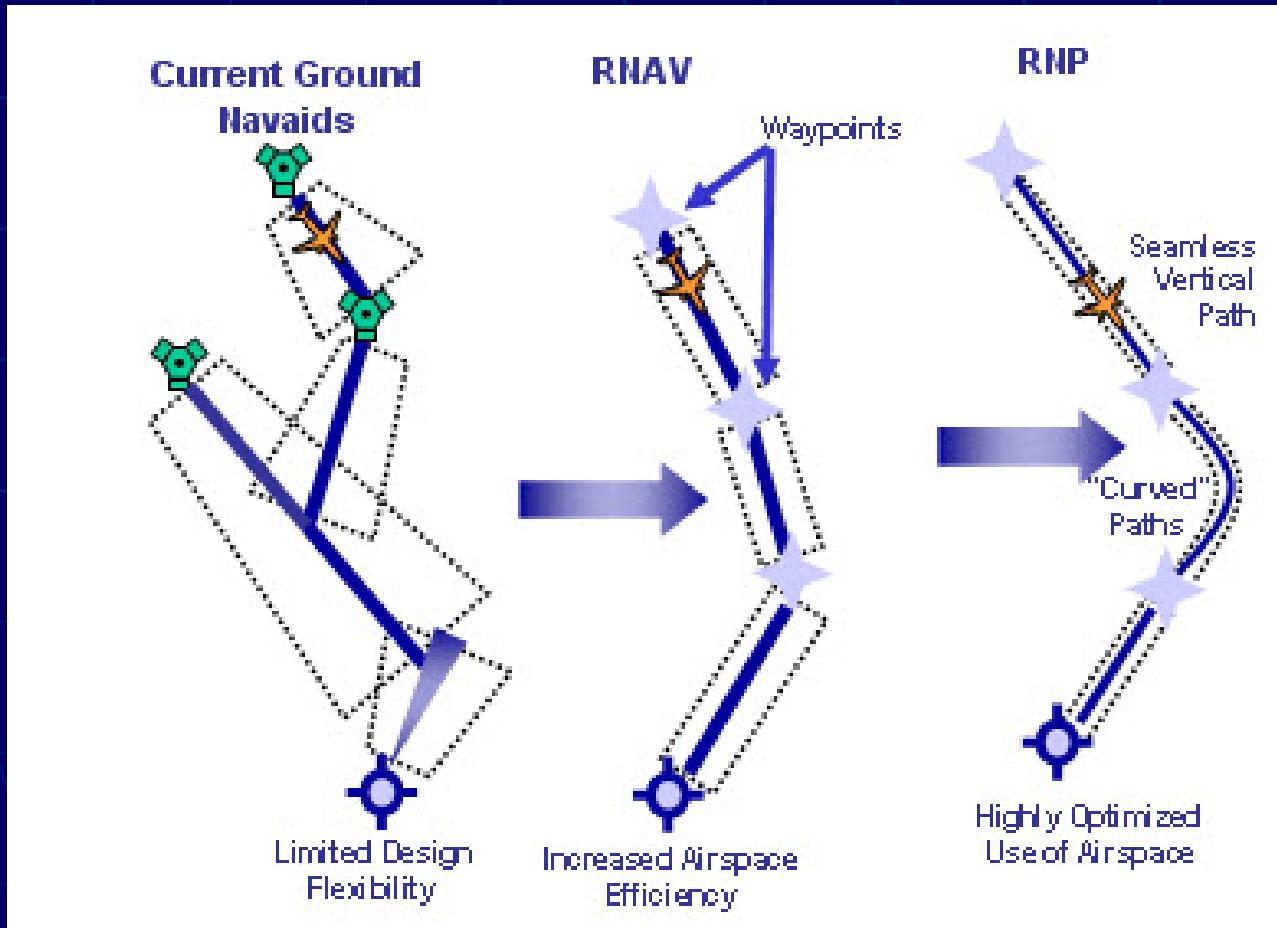


Global Positioning System (GPS)

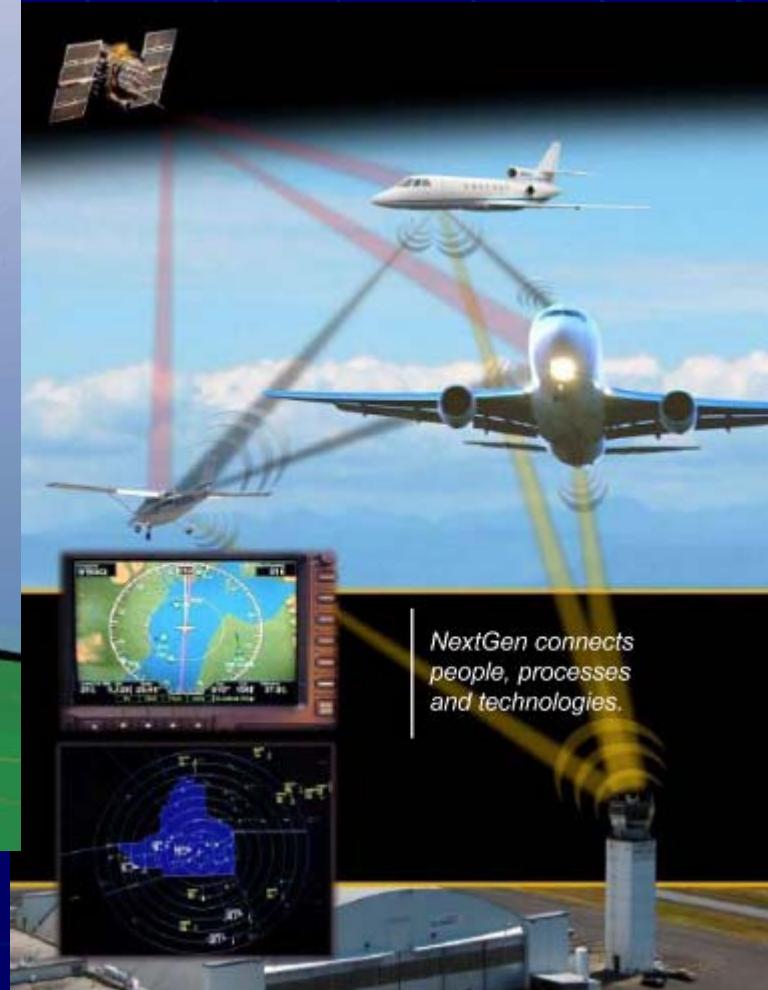
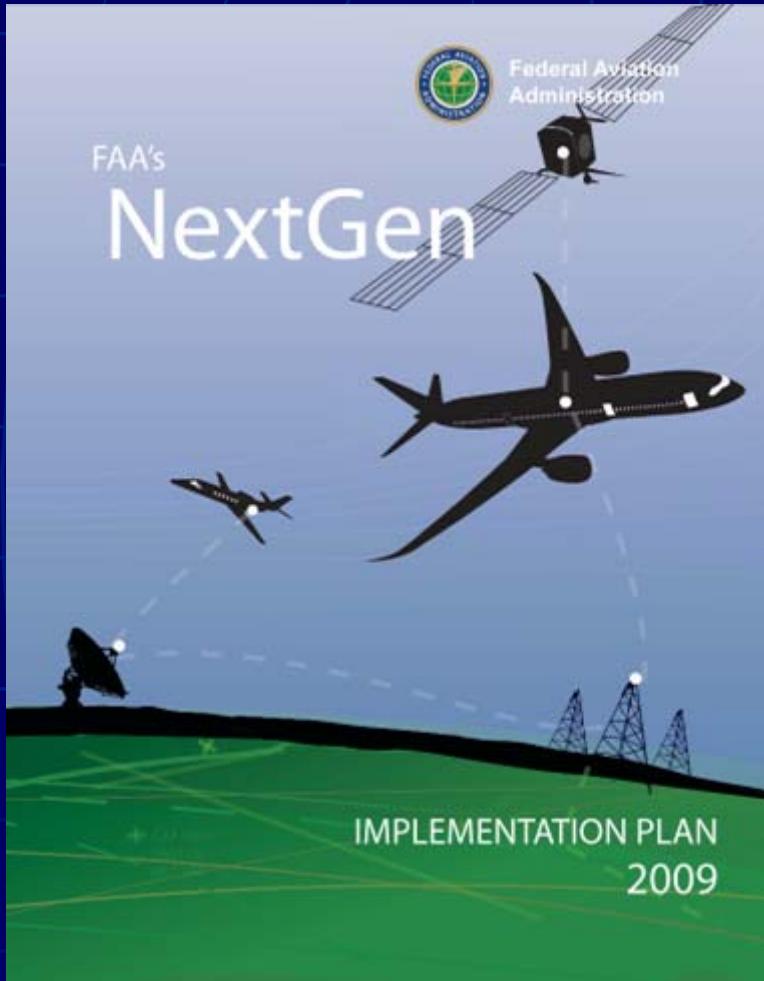


Instrument Flight

Shifting from Ground to Space Based Navigation



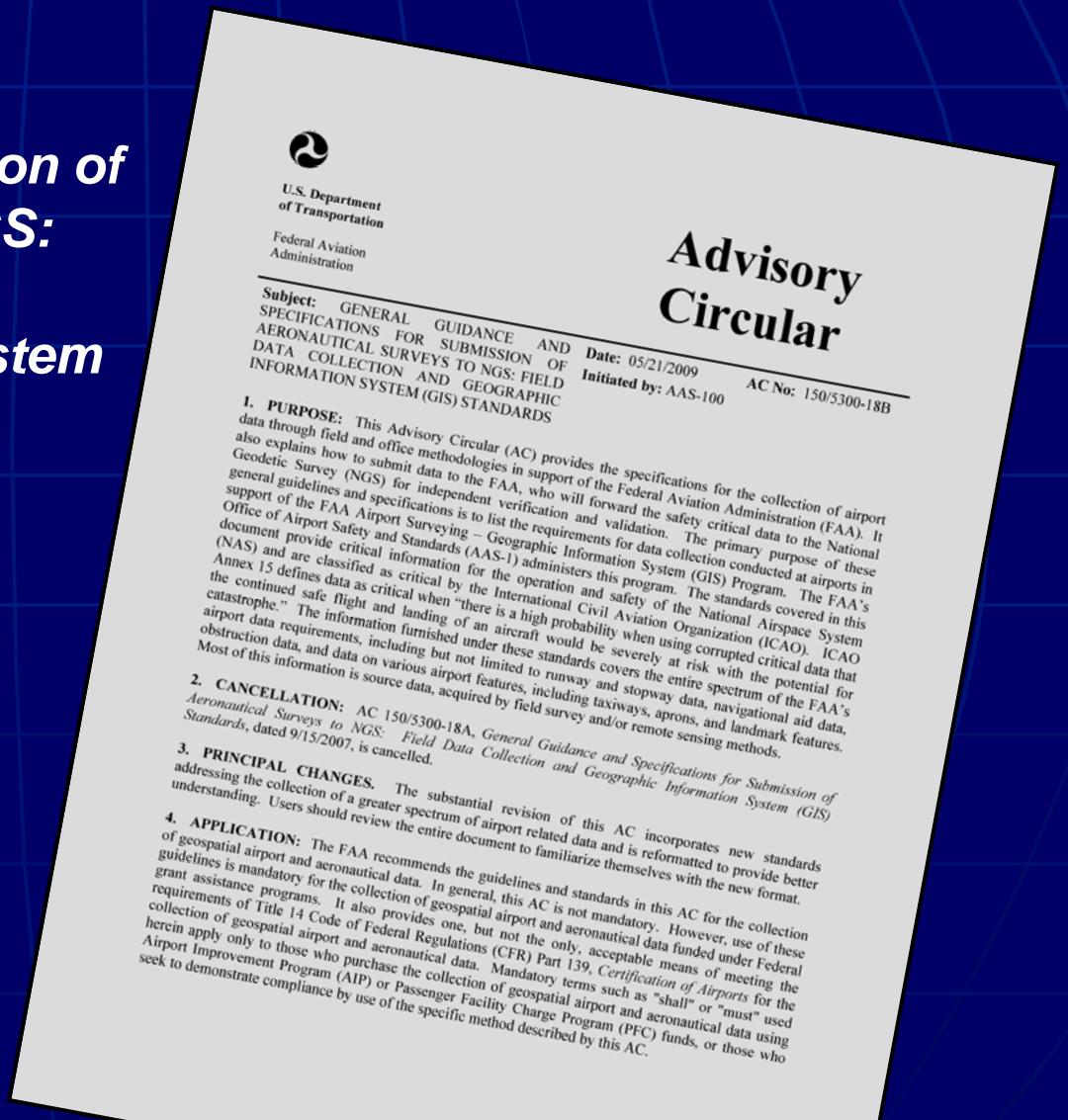
NEXTGEN (Next Generation)



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)

Advisory Circular

 U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Aviation Administration

Subject: GENERAL GUIDANCE AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF AERONAUTICAL SURVEYS TO NGS: FIELD DATA COLLECTION AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) STANDARDS **Date:** 05/21/2009 **Initiated by:** AAS-100 **AC No:** 150/5300-18B

1. PURPOSE: This Advisory Circular (AC) provides the specifications for the collection of airport data through field and office methodologies in support of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). It also explains how to submit data to the FAA, who will forward the safety critical data to the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) for independent verification and validation. The primary purpose of these general guidelines and specifications is to list the requirements for data collection conducted at airports in support of the FAA Airport Surveying – Geographic Information System (GIS) Program. The FAA's Office of Airport Safety and Standards (AAS-1) administers this program. The standards covered in this document provide critical information for the operation and safety of the National Airspace System (NAS) and are classified as critical by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). ICAO Annex 15 defines data as critical when "there is a high probability when using corrupted critical data that the continued safe flight and landing of an aircraft would be severely at risk with the potential for catastrophe." The information furnished under these standards covers the entire spectrum of the FAA's airport data requirements, including but not limited to runway and stopway data, navigational aid data, obstruction data, and data on various airport features, including taxiways, aprons, and landmark features. Most of this information is source data, acquired by field survey and/or remote sensing methods.

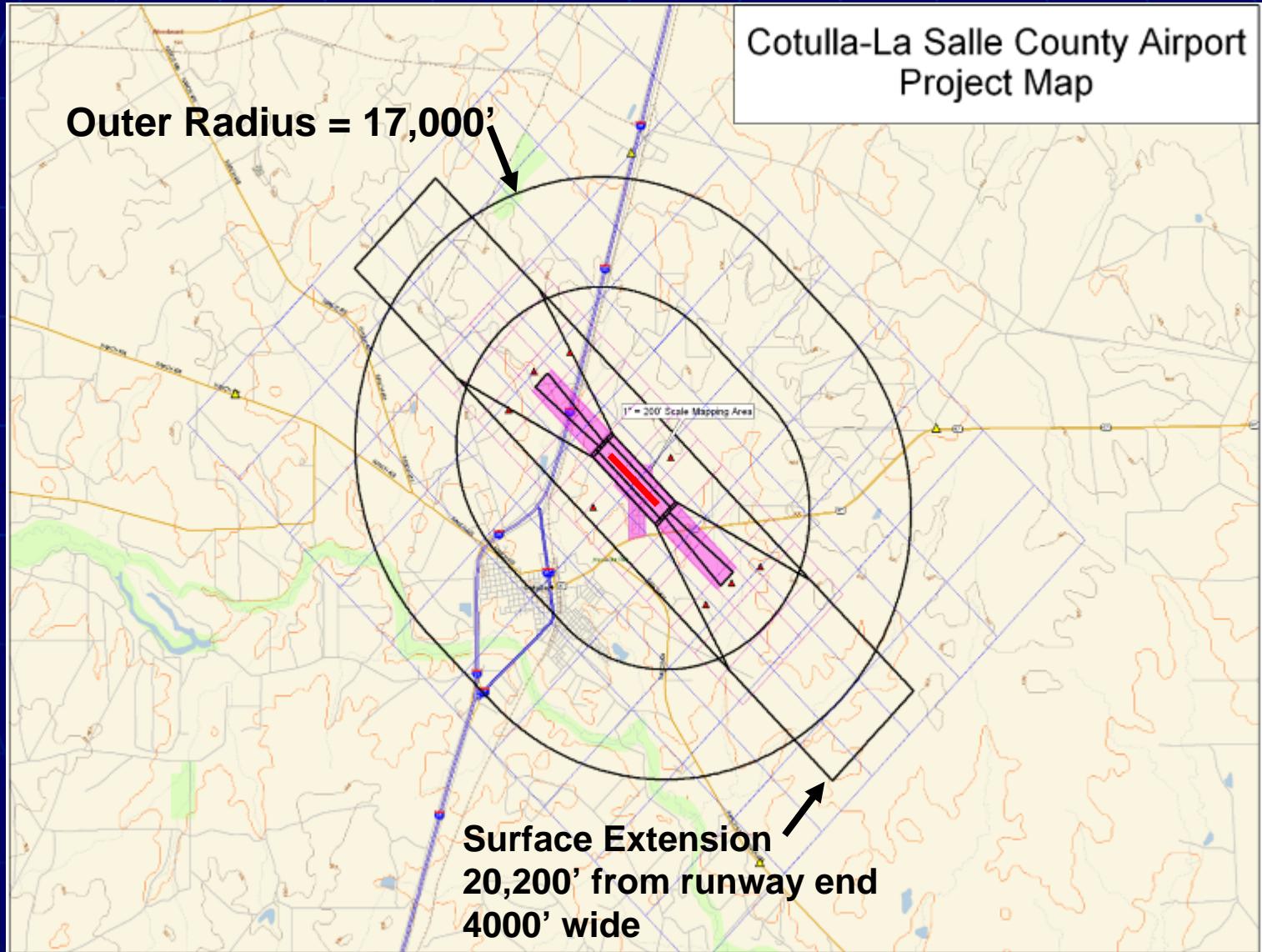
2. CANCELLATION: AC 150/5300-18A, *General Guidance and Specifications for Submission of Aeronautical Surveys to NGS: Field Data Collection and Geographic Information System (GIS) Standards*, dated 9/15/2007, is cancelled.

3. PRINCIPAL CHANGES. The substantial revision of this AC incorporates new standards addressing the collection of a greater spectrum of airport related data and is reformatted to provide better understanding. Users should review the entire document to familiarize themselves with the new format.

4. APPLICATION: The FAA recommends the guidelines and standards in this AC for the collection of geospatial airport and aeronautical data. In general, this AC is not mandatory. However, use of these guidelines is mandatory for the collection of geospatial airport and aeronautical data funded under Federal grant assistance programs. It also provides one, but not the only, acceptable means of meeting the requirements of Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 139, *Certification of Airports* for the collection of geospatial airport and aeronautical data. Mandatory terms such as "shall" or "must" used herein apply only to those who purchase the collection of geospatial airport and aeronautical data using Airport Improvement Program (AIP) or Passenger Facility Charge Program (PFC) funds, or those who seek to demonstrate compliance by use of the specific method described by this AC.

FAA's "Airports GIS"

Obstruction Survey Area for "Vertically Guided" Approach



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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]

Feature Group	Airfield
Feature Class Name	AirfieldLight
Feature Type	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-RNWY- GARD	Runway guard lights
V-LITE-OBST-	Obstruction lights		

	Color	Linetype	Line Weight	Symbol
AutoDesl Standards	3		1 MM	
MicroStation Standards	2	Point	7	User Defined

Information Assurance Level	Restricted
Equivalent Standards	AIXM FGDC SDSFIE

Documentation and Submission Requirements	None
Related Features	

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 N/A

Accuracy Requirements (in feet)	Horizontal	Vertical	
		Orthometric	Ellipsoidal
	± 3 ft	± 5 ft	N/A

Resolution	Geographic Coordinates	Distances and Elevations
	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

Feature Attributes	
Attribute (Datatype)	Description
name (VARCHAR2(50))	Use this attribute to identify the use of the light such as Edge Light, Taxiway Edge Light, Taxiway Centerline, 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; Threshold; Obstruction
color (Enumeration: codeColor)	The color of the airfield light.
luminescence (Integer)	The luminescence of the airfield light specified in luminescence (cd).

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)

FAA's "Airports GIS"

A screenshot of a GIS application showing an aerial view of an airport. A red arrow points from the runway edge light feature on the map to the 'Identify' dialog box. The dialog box displays the following information:

Identify from: AIRFIELDLIGHT

Identified 1 feature

Field	Value
FID	88
Shape	Point ZM
NAME	runwayEdgeLight
DESC	runwayEdgeLight
LIGHTING	MIRL
COLOR	WHITE
LUMINESC	0
PILOTCONTR	0
STATUS	OPERATIONAL
ALTERNATIV	0
X	-123.496954
Y	48.118741
Z	0

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 – [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:

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