

Alaskan Performance Based Area Navigation Route Development User's Meeting Notes

October 30, 2007

Purpose: To furnish the user group with detailed information about ZAN's proposed route structure.

This is a continuing summary of meetings covering the development of Alaskan RNAV airway route structure, as commissioned by ATO-E with the FAA Administrator's 2007 Flight Plan Goal to implement an RNAV route infrastructure by September 30, 2009. At the May 3rd meeting the user group asked the FAA to provide a report outlining the six criteria established to provide an analysis tool to locate the RNAV route structure within the state. At the August 6th meeting the report was discussed addressing each of the six criteria described within the report. The meeting resulted in a request for more detailed medevac data. The September 6th meeting addressed this data and the user group requested ZAN's vision for the eventual route structure from which to help the users define their needs. The October 30th meeting addressed that request. The details of this meeting follow. The information from ZAN is provided at attachment 1 and the medevac graphics are provided at attachment 2. The attendees are listed at the end of this document at attachment 3.

Gary Rolf (AMTI) facilitated the meeting. ZAN's presentation was presented via the web where the information is currently located on a public notice web site. At the request of users at the last meeting, this information was placed on the web and an emailing with close to 300 names/businesses from around the state was made soliciting feedback. This was accomplished on September 4th. Only one comment from the North Slope Borough Search and Rescue department has been received. They had asked to ensure that a T Route structure connecting the North Slope communities. ZAN has taken that information and proposed linking this structure with the existing routing near Nome and Point Hope. The routing would simply be a continuation with the same name designation. Barter Island would be included with connections to Deadhorse and Fairbanks.

Lari Belisle (ZAN) provided a briefing on their route selection criteria and the public input received at the Aviation North Expo in Fairbanks. He updated the group on HQ initiatives to resolve the MSAW alert software, and separation standards issues. The MSAW issue will be resolved by the Spring of 2009, but that the programmers assert that it could be accomplished by the Fall of 2008. Separation standards will be resolved by June of 2008.

Dennis Parrish (Conoco Phillips) requested that the group inquire about creating a separate enroute chart containing only RNAV routing. Lari responded that this idea had been discussed, and that we should certainly discuss this with NACO, who produces the charting.

Carl Siebe (AASF) asked if ZAN could look into the merits of providing T routing between Bethel and Dillingham, Bethel and King Salmon, and Anchorage - Kenai –

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Homer. Lari stated that flights from Anchorage to Kenai wouldn't benefit from a route to Kenai, but that Kenai to Homer would have merit.

The question was raised as to whether there was a requirement for pilots to file a specific route in lieu of direct. Dan Perry (Flight Standards) stated that route filing requirements would have to be addressed at HQ AFS, and that Air Traffic and Flight Standards would have to sort this out.

Tom George (AOPA) asked that the FAA encourage public feedback by continuing the outreach process much like ZAN did at the recent meetings in Fairbanks. This user group should also help by pointing aviators to the web site to encourage participation.

Dan Perry followed by stating that the lack of public feedback might be the result of the public adopting a wait and see posture while the FAA sorts out the new technology.

It was mentioned that the user group organizations (AACA, AASF, AOPA) could also link their web sites to the FAA's to facilitate public participation. Tom George mentioned that he has a request in to AOPA to send this information out in an E Pilot notification. Gary Rolf stated that he would contact each of the user group organizations and request the web linking programming help.

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Attachments:

1. ZAN's RNAV Graphics containing suggested route structure (see <http://www.alaska.faa.gov/at> and select the Public Notices link.
2. Medevac Graphics (see the web site)
3. Attendee List (see below)

October 30th Meeting Attendees:

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