Analytical Approach for Quantifying Noise from Advanced Operational Procedures

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RNAV Track Concentration





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Alternative Metrics to Capture RNAV Concentration Impacts

- RNAV concentration issue outside of Annual Average DNL 65dB contour
- Analysis performed by this research team at BOS, MSP, CLT, and LHR indicates that N₆₀ on a Peak Day with 50 overflights represents the noise threshold for complaints





BOS N₆₀ Count Thresholds

N₆₀ on a peak day with 50 overflights appears to capture complaint threshold in dispersion analysis

4L/R Arrivals Peak Day N₆₀

Bosto

Somerville

Brookline

Waltham

lesley

Newton

Westwood

4.6 nm

Norwoo

Dedhan

33L Departures Peak Day N₆₀



Peak Day N ₆₀	Complaints Captured
25x	87.3%
50x	80.9%
100x	59.4%
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N Above 60dB LAmax Day, 50dB LAmax Night

ASDEX Flight Tracks

ove Contours







LHR N₆₀ Count Thresholds

 N₆₀ on a peak day with 50 overflights appears to capture complaint threshold in dispersion analysis

09 Departures Peak Day N₆₀



27 Arrivals Peak Day N_{60}

Peak Day N ₆₀	Complaints Captured
25x	91.0%
50x	82.6%
100x	61.4%

Peak Day N ₆₀	Complaints Captured
25x	93.2%
50x	84.9%
100x	80.2%

2017 Data

MSP N₆₀ Count Thresholds



 N₆₀ on a peak day with 50 overflights appears to capture complaint threshold in dispersion analysis



CLT N₆₀ Count Thresholds

- N₆₀ on a peak day with 50 overflights appears to capture complaint threshold in dispersion analysis
- Communities around CLT appear to have increased sensitivity



2017 Data

Massport/FAA MOU MIT Technical Approach



- Collect Data and Evaluate Baseline Conditions
 - Pre and Post RNAV
 - Community Input (Meetings and MCAC)
- Identify Candidate Procedure Modifications
 - Block 1
 - Clear noise benefit, no equity issues, limited operational/technical barriers
 - Block 2
 - More complex due to potential operational/technical barriers or equity issues
- Model Noise Impact
 - Standard and Supplemental Metrics
- Evaluate Implementation Barriers
 - Aircraft Performance
 - Navigation and Flight Management (FMS)
 - Flight Crew Workload
 - Safety
 - Procedure Design
 - Air Traffic Control Workload
- Recommend Procedural Modifications to Massport and FAA
- Repeat for Block 2

Noise Modeling Framework







Need for Community Decision Process for Procedures with Noise Redistribution



Analysis Thresholds

Single event metrics: $L_{A,max}$ = 60dB during the day, 50dB during the night 11Integrated metrics: N_{60} greater than 50 events per peak day



Block 1 Example: Clear noise benefit, no equity issues, limited operational/technical barriers

Block 1 Final Recommendations





"Block 1 Procedure Recommendations for Logan Airport Community Noise Reduction"

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FAA 7100.41 Working Group

- Performance Based Navigation Implementation Process
- Purpose: To vet procedures with industry and facilities including airlines, ATC, and FAA
- Following FAA 7100.41 working group, procedures will be reviewed by flight standards

Lessons learned:

- Stakeholders may have flyability concerns despite • a procedure design being within TERPS criteria
 - RNP SIDS are being further analyzed for situations where RNAV SIDS do not meet the desired objectives
- Designing RNAV and RNP procedures that are similar enough to be used simultaneously relieves ATC of workload burdens and allows for slight additional noise benefits in the RNP procedure



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Air Traffic Organization Policy

ORDER 7100.41

Effective Date: April 3, 2014

SUBJ: Performance Based Navigation Implementation Process

This order provides a standardized five-phase implementation process related to Performance-Based Navigation (PBN) routes and procedures, referred to as the "Performance Based Navigation Implementation Process," which has been deemed compliant by the Office of Safety and meets the requirements set forth by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Air Traffic Organization's (ATO) Safety Management System (SMS).

This order applies to the development and implementation of PBN procedures and routes; specifically, Area Navigation (RNAV)/Required Navigation Performance (RNP) Standard Instrument Departures (SID), RNAV/RNP Standard Terminal Arrivals (STAR), and RNP Authorization Required (AR) Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAP), Q, Tango or "T," and TK (helicopter) Routes, and RNAV/RNP transitions to SIAPs.

Development and implementation of RNAV (GPS, GLS, LPV, etc.) and conventional (ILS, VOR, NDB etc.) SIAPs, routes, position, and airspace modifications are not covered by this order. This order does not eliminate the SMS process required to decommission existing navigation stations.

This order is to be used in conjunction with and does not supersede other FAA orders and directives related to procedure development and implementation.

Vice President, Mission Support Services

Block 1 Final Recommendations





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Advanced by .41 group



RUNWAY 15R RNAV WAYPOINT RELOCATION (1-D2)

Runway 15 Departures: 2010-2015





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FAA 7100.41 Working Group Procedure Design



(1-D2) Modify RNAV SID from Runway 15R to move tracks further to the north away from populated areas.

Primary Benefit: Departure flight paths moved north away from Hull

Design recommended by MIT

Notional design by Full Work Group as of October 4, 2018







1-D2 15R SID Modification FAA 7100.41 Group Final Status: Procedure design supported by FAA 7100.41 Group



1,023

B737-800 60dB L_{A,max} Noise Exposure



B101-000			
Population Exposure (L _{A,MAX})			
	60dB		
Current RNAV	5,838		
41 RNAV	4 815		

Current RNAV - .41 RNAV

B737-800

Modify RNAV SID from Runway 15R to move tracks further to the north away from populated areas.



BLOCK 1: RUNWAY 33L RNAV APPROACH AND RNP APPROACH

Runway 33L Arrivals: 2010-2015





33L RNAV and RNP Approach



- RNAV design criteria not able to fully meet noise objectives, so RNP designed to fully meet noise objectives
- RNAV and RNP designed similarly enough and with same feeder fix to allow for simultaneous use by ATC



FAA 7100.41 TARGETS file

RNAV Approach in green RNP Approach in blue

1-A1a 33L RNAV GPS Approach FAA 7100.41 Group Final Status: Procedure design supported by FAA 7100.41 Group



B737-800 60dB L_{A,max} Noise Exposure



B737-800 60dB L_{A,max} Population Exposure

	60dB
Straight In	2,954
.41 RNAV GPS	396
Difference (Straight In– .41 RNAV GPS)	2,558

Implement an overwater RNAV approach procedure to Runway 33L that follows the ground track of the jetBlue RNAV Visual procedure as closely as possible.

1-A1a 33L RNP Approach FAA 7100.41 Group Final Status: Procedure design supported by FAA 7100.41 Group



B737-800 60dB L_{A,max} Noise Exposure



B737-800 60dB L_{A,max} Population Exposure

	60dB
Straight In	2,954
RNP	0
Difference (Straight In– RNP)	2,954

Implement an overwater RNP approach procedure to Runway 33L that follows the ground track of the jetBlue RNAV Visual procedure as closely as possible.

1-A1b: RNAV Visual procedures are distributed through the Lead Carrier who developed the procedure



Block 2 Examples:

More complex due to potential operational/technical barriers or equity issues





RNAV/RNP LATERAL MODIFICATIONS TO 22L APPROACH PROCEDURE

22L Low-Noise Offset RNAV Approach with RNP Overlay



Overlaying arrival corridor on existing 4R RNAV SID for 22L arrivals

Notes:

- Intended to comply with design criteria for vertical-guidance RNAV
- Overflies midpoint of Nahant causeway at same location as 4R SID departure crossings



22L Arrival RNAV with RNP Overlay vs Straight In Boston Data B737-800 Profile 3000ft Level Off B737-800





Population Exposure (L_{A,MAX})



Altitude, speed, and thrust profiles are based on flight profile data from Boston

Procedure within RNAV criteria.
Initial .41 review found no major obstacles

Analysis current 19 April 2019

22L Arrival RNAV with RNP Overlay vs Straight In Boston Data A320 Profile 3000ft Level Off





Population Exposure (L_{A,MAX})



Altitude, speed, and thrust profiles are based on flight profile data from Boston

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Analysis current 19 April 2019



DELAYED DECELERATION APPROACHES

Delayed Deceleration Approaches

Velocity Radar Data for B737-800 4000ft Level Offs into 4R



10000 Aircraft Altitude (feet) 2000 0 250 Airspeed (knots) 120 120 flaps Indicated flaps laps flaps laps lans 30 X Gear 100 100 % Maximum Thrust 50



- Reduce noise by delaying extension of flaps
 - Potential concerns from ATC and pilots regarding different deceleration rates and managing traffic
- Must decelerate early enough to assure stable approach criteria

Example Noise Component Breakdown Under the Flight Track



0

-30

-25

-20

-15

Ground-Track Distance (nmi)

-10

-5

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DDA vs Nominal Approach from South with 4000 ft Level Off, B737-800







5,786

152

Preliminary example to evaluate methodology only. Should not be considered representative case.

Difference

DDA vs Nominal Approach from North with 3000 ft Level Off, B737-800





Distance to Touchdown (nmi)



30.925

2.302

13,687

761

3,741

228

Preliminary example to evaluate methodology only. Should not be considered representative case.

DDA

Difference



CONTINUOUS DESCENT APPROACHES

Continuous Descent Approaches



- Reduce noise by removing leveloff segment
 - Reduces thrust

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- Aircraft at a higher altitude for more of the procedure
- Continuous descent approaches could be achieved through RNAV procedures or RNP procedures



Continuous Descent Approaches (CDA)



- Difficult for vectored procedures where distance to go is ambiguous e.g. trombone downwind.
 - Potential ATC workload for merging procedures

Baseline: 2017 Arrivals to Runway 4R





Notes:

- 39,615 Arrivals to Rwy 4R in 2017 (jet & prop):
- Figure shows 10% of all 2017 arrivals selected at random
- Data Source: Flight Tracks, Massport Noise and Operations Management System (NOMS)
- 51% of Rwy4R arrivals came from south on a 2017 peak day

Altitude Profiles	Arrivals from South	Arrivals from North
% Continuous Descent Profiles	38	6
% Non-Continuous Descent (level-off) Profiles	62	94
Median level-off altitude (Non-Continuous Descent Profiles)	4,000 ft	3,000 ft
Continuous Descent Approaches (CDAs)



Continuous Descent Approaches (CDAs) from the North





Population Exposure

L _{A,max}	60 dB	65 dB	70 dB
Nominal	33,227	14,448	3,969
DDA	32,231	14,233	3,912
Difference	996	215	57

Preliminary example to evaluate methodology only. Should not be considered representative case.



Continuous Descent Approaches (CDAs) from the South





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BLOCK 2: RUNWAY 33L AND 27 DEPARTURES – INTRODUCE DISPERSION

Dispersion Concepts

- Altitude-based dispersion
 - Direct routing to transition waypoint upon reaching specific altitude
- Controller-based dispersion
 - Dispersion arising from radar vectoring
 - 2010 flight track data normalized for comparison with 2017 data
 - Comparison between pre-RNAV and RNAV flight tracks
- Divergent heading dispersion
 - 15° divergent headings then direct routing to transition waypoint upon reaching 3000ft
- RNAV Waypoint Relocation
 - Moving the waypoint at which the RNAV tracks branch off could allow for population exposure reduction



Dispersion Concepts





3000ft

4000ft

RNAV Waypoint Relocation

Preliminary examples to evaluate methodology only. Should not be considered representative case.

33L Departures Altitude-Based Dispersion at 3000ft Change in N_{60} Compared to 2017





Analysis based on peak day operations; only includes 33L departures



 Controller concerns about variability in flight path length

N₆₀ Thresholds: 60dB L_{A.max} Day, 50dB L_{A.max} Night

33L Departures Divergent Headings Dispersion Change in N₆₀ Compared to 2017



Analysis based on peak day operations; only includes 33L departures





 Divergent headings help to maintain aircraft separation criteria

 N_{60} Thresholds: 60dB $L_{A,max}$ Day, 50dB $L_{A,max}$ Night

27 Departures RNAV Waypoint Relocation Change in N₆₀ Compared to 2017





Analysis based on peak day operations; only includes 27 departures



 N_{60} Thresholds: 60dB $L_{A,max}$ Day, 50dB $L_{A,max}$ Night



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33L DEPARTURES DISPERSION ANALYSIS

33L Departures Altitude-Based Dispersion at 3000ft Change in N₆₀ Compared to 2017





Analysis based on peak day operations; only includes 33L departures



Controller concerns about variability in flight path length

N₆₀

33L Departures Altitude-Based Dispersion at 4000ft Change in N₆₀ Compared to 2017









Controller concerns about variability in flight path length Conflicts with airspace at Hanscom Airport

N₆₀

33L Departures Controller-Based Dispersion Change in N₆₀ Compared to 2017



Analysis based on peak day operations; only includes 33L departures





Controller concerns about variability in flight path length

N₆₀

33L Departures Divergent Headings Dispersion Change in N₆₀ Compared to 2017



Analysis based on peak day operations; only includes 33L departures





Divergent headings aircraft separation criteria

33L Departures RNAV Waypoint Relocation



Waypoint moved:

Brookline

2.7 nmi



Preliminary examples to evaluate methodology only. Should not be considered representative case.

33L Departures RNAV Waypoint Relocation -1nmi Change in N₆₀ Compared to 2017



50x

336,643

380,478

-43.835



Analysis based on peak day operations; only includes 33L departures

33L Departures RNAV Waypoint Relocation -0.5nmi Change in N₆₀ Compared to 2017





Analysis based on peak day operations; only includes 33L departures

60dB L_{A.max} Day, 50dB L_{A.max} Night

33L Departures RNAV Waypoint Relocation +0.5nmi Change in N₆₀ Compared to 2017



50x



Analysis based on peak day operations; only includes 33L departures

60dB L_{A max} Day, 50dB L_{A max} Night

33L Departures RNAV Waypoint Relocation +1nmi Change in N₆₀ Compared to 2017





Analysis based on peak day operations; only includes 33L departures





27 DEPARTURES DISPERSION ANALYSIS

27 Departures Altitude-Based Dispersion at 3000ft Change in N₆₀ Compared to 2017



Population ExposureN₆₀50xBaseline
2017407,357Dispersion384,114Baseline -
Dispersion23,243

250

200

150

100

50

0

N₆₀

Change in ⁰⁵⁻

-150

-200

-250

Controller concerns about variability in flight path length Violates Record of Decision

Analysis based on peak day operations; only includes 27 departures



27 Departures Altitude-Based Dispersion at 4000ft Change in N₆₀ Compared to 2017





250

200

150

100

N₆₀

-150

-200

-250

Controller concerns about variability in flight path length

Analysis based on peak day operations; only includes 27 departures

27 Departures Controller-Based Dispersion Change in N₆₀ Compared to 2017





250

200

150

100

50

0

-150

-200

-250

N₆₀

Controller concerns about variability in flight path length

Analysis based on peak day operations; only includes 27 departures

27 Departures Divergent Headings Dispersion Change in N₆₀ Compared to 2017





Analysis based on peak day operations; only includes 27 departures

60dB L_{A,max} Day, 50dB L_{A,max} Night

27 Departures RNAV Waypoint Relocation Change in N₆₀ Compared to 2017









250

60dB L_{A,max} Day, 50dB L_{A,max} Night



COMPARISON BETWEEN 2010 AND 2017 FOR REFERENCE PER COMMUNITY REQUEST

Effect of RNAV Concentration on 33L Departures 2010 to 2017



65 Analysis based on peak day operations; only includes 33L departures



Population Exposure N₆₀ 50x Dispersion 356,960 **RNAV** 344,244 **RNAV Benefit** 12,716

250

200

150

100

50

0

N₆₀

Change in ⁰⁵⁻

-150

-200

250

Analysis updated Dec 4 2018 to correct for discretization differences

Effect of RNAV Concentration on 27 Departures 2010 to 2017



66 Analysis based on peak day operations; only includes 33L departures



Population Exposure N₆₀ 50x Dispersion 407,001 **RNAV** 407,357 **RNAV Benefit** -356 Analysis updated Dec 4 2018 to correct for discretization differences

250

200

150

100

50

0

N₆₀

Change in ^{05.}

-150

-200

-250



APPENDIX: DISPERSION HISTOGRAMS



33L Departures Altitude-Based Dispersion at 3000ft



33L Departures Altitude-Based Dispersion at 4000ft







33L Departures RNAV Waypoint Relocation -1nmi


33L Departures RNAV Waypoint Relocation -0.5nmi





33L Departures RNAV Waypoint Relocation +1nmi

27 Departures Altitude-Based Dispersion at 3000ft Change in N₆₀ Compared to 2017





27 Departures Altitude-Based Dispersion at 4000ft Change in N₆₀ Compared to 2017





27 Departures Controller-Based Dispersion Change in N₆₀ Compared to 2017





27 Departures Divergent Headings Dispersion Change in N₆₀ Compared to 2017





27 Departures RNAV Waypoint Relocation Change in N₆₀ Compared to 2017





Effect of RNAV Concentration on 33L Departures 2010 to 2017



Effect of RNAV Concentration on 27 Departures 2010 to 2017



