

PASS Article 13 / SME Program Report

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Program Name: Performance-Based Navigation (PBN) NAS Strategy.

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Current Program Status: During the months of November 2015 through January 2016, The FAA PBN NAS Navigation Strategy team and aviation industry representatives met several times via telephone conference for approximately 3 hours each. The main agenda items for all phone conferences were to discuss any final inputs/comments any FAA or non-FAA stakeholder had to incorporate into the final strategy draft. Most of the subjects were focused on the phase-in of required aircraft avionics to align with the strategy, and document “wordsmithing” to ensure all FAA and industry stakeholders shared a full understanding of the document verbiage. This was completed just before the December holidays. On January 14th, 2016, the final draft document was forwarded to the Performance-Based Operations Aviation Rulemaking Committee (PARC) held in Washington DC for review and comment. The committee endorsed the strategy at that level, taking into consideration a non-concurrence by the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) and Department of Defense (DoD). The non-concurrence related to avionics upgrades required at strategy milestones (mostly funding issues). That subject is under further review. Here are the next steps in the document approval process:

- Distribute the document broadly across the FAA to solicit any final, internal comments/concerns.
- Submit to the NextGen Advisory Committee (NAC) in February 2016 to brief PARC output (30 days at NAC).
- Final document scrub for editing errors and ensure illustrations fully incorporated.
- Forwarded to FAA Administrator for final briefing and signature.

Following final approval of the document, the next major step will be to develop the required work plan to realize the strategy. In the interim, we will begin socializing the strategy throughout the FAA and industry. The final document is titled “Performance-Based Navigation (PBN) NAS Navigation Strategy – 2016” and will circulate soon.

Issues Affecting PASS: None.

Program Issues: None.

Identify Support Needs: NA.

Other: N/A

Documentation Attached: NA.