

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) continues to move forward with the Denver Metroplex project, which proposes to use streamlined satellite navigation to move air traffic more safely and efficiently through the Metro Area.

The FAA plans to publish the project's Draft Environmental Assessment in the spring of 2018. At this time, the agency will hold additional public workshops where the proposed procedures will be presented for public review. A public comment period is included in the environmental review process and the FAA will respond to all comments in the Final Environmental Assessment.

Under the project, existing air routes may be modified with new satellite-based routes. The FAA is redesigning airspace and addressing inefficiencies, introducing new Performance Based Navigation (PBN) procedures and making use of Time Based Flow Management (TBFM) to make the Denver Metroplex airspace more efficient and improve access to its airports.

Satellite technology enables the FAA to create more direct air routes as well as routes that are automatically separated from one another. Satellite technology also enables the FAA to build highly efficient climbs and descents into departure and arrival routes, which has yielded significant environmental benefits in a number of locations throughout the country.

The Denver Metroplex project focuses on a number of airports including Denver International Airport, Centennial Airport, Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport, Buckley Air Force Base, Northern Colorado Regional Airport, Front Range Airport and Greeley-Weld County Airport. Denver Metroplex is one of 12 Metroplex projects nationwide.

The Denver Metroplex Project team hosted twelve public workshops in the greater Denver Metropolitan area between April 3, 2017 and May 4, 2017 as part of the community engagement process. The purpose of these workshops was to give the public a better understanding of the FAA's preliminary Metroplex procedure designs and to obtain public comments. The FAA accepted comments at the workshops and during a 30-day online comment period after the last public workshop. Although the FAA will not provide responses to the individual comments, the Denver Metroplex team has carefully considered them during development of the proposed procedures. These proposed procedures should be completed by August 31, 2017. The FAA Environmental Team will use them to continue preparation of the draft environmental assessment.

The FAA thanks all who attended the design phase meetings and submitted comments. More information on the FAA's Environmental Assessment can be found on the FAA Denver Metroplex Environmental Assessment Website at [http://metroplexenvironmental.com/denver\\_metroplex/denver\\_introduction.html](http://metroplexenvironmental.com/denver_metroplex/denver_introduction.html).