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**Airline Dispatchers Federation  
“Leading the Way By  
Strategic Collaboration”**

**Orlando, FL  
October 11, 2012**



# **RTCA Membership**

## ***A Unique Public-Private Partnership***

**RTCA has 411 members:**

- **Academia**
- **Aircraft operators – airlines (pilots, dispatchers), general aviation, DoD**
- **Airports**
- **Airspace users**
- **Aviation service providers**
- **Controllers**
- **Government organizations**
- **Manufacturers**
- **R&D organizations**
- **Suppliers of automation, infrastructure and avionics**



# Purpose of RTCA Federal Advisory Committees

- **Provides consensus-based recommendations**
- **Expands marketplace of solutions**
- **Provides anti-trust protection for sharing info**





# **RTCA Established as a U.S. Federal Advisory Committee**

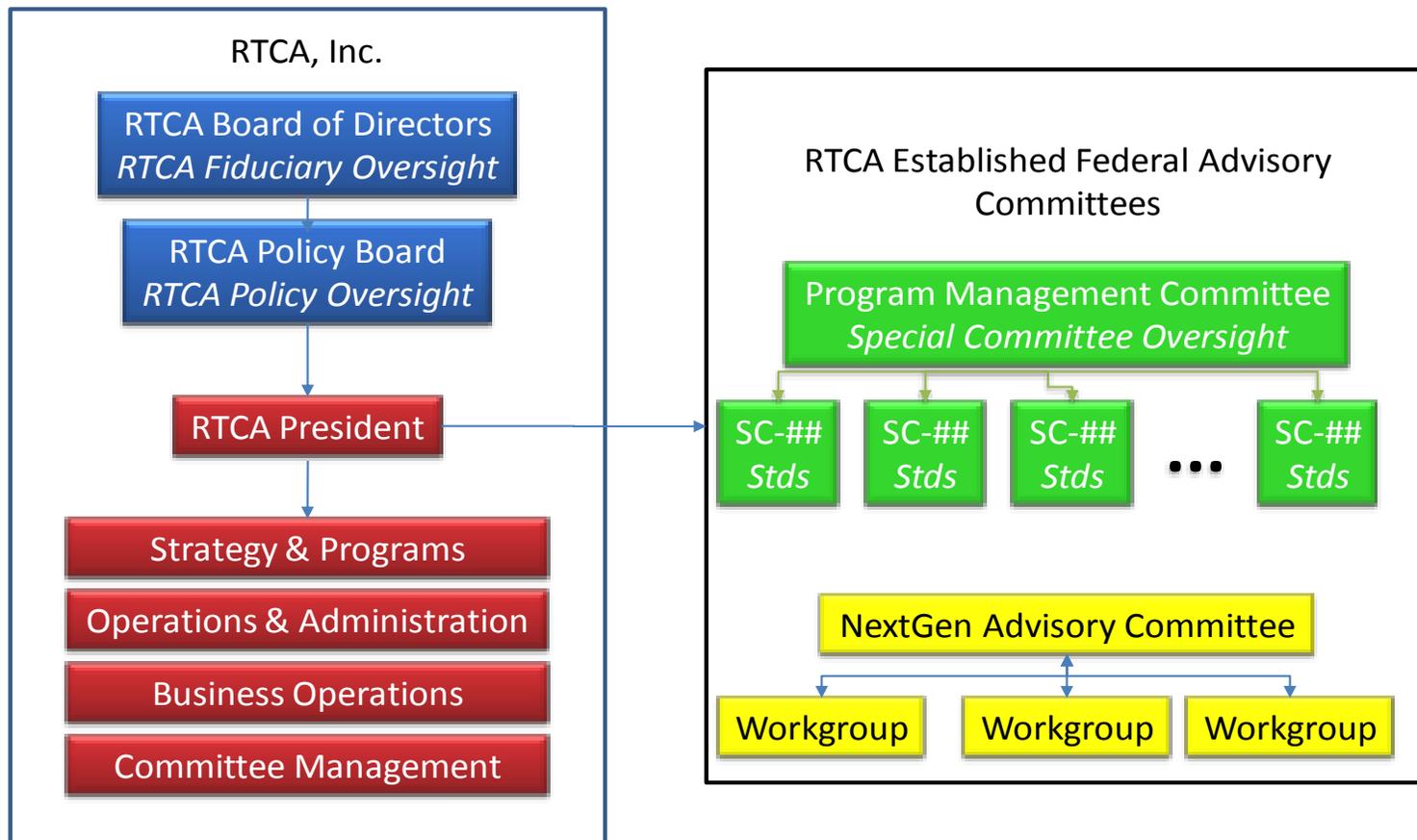
- **Public Law 92-463**
- **Chartered by the FAA**
- **Deliver objective & independent advice to FAA**
- **Membership balanced representation from community**
- **Promote openness, accountability & balance of viewpoints**





# RTCA: Venue for Aviation Community Participation in Evolution to NextGen

## RTCA Organization





# RTCA Volunteers Produce



- **Policy & Investment Recommendations**
  - **Basis of joint Gov't & Industry commitments**
  - **Input to FAA implementation plans**
- **Technical Performance Standards**
  - **Basis for Certification**
  - **Assurance to meet the minimum operational, safety & performance requirements**



# Special Committees

***17 Active: 11 in Partnership with EUROCAE***

- ADS-B
- Aeronautical Information Systems
- Aeronautical System Security
- Air Traffic Data Communications
- Airport Security Access Control Systems
- Airport Surface Wireless Communications
- Audio Systems Equip
- Enhanced Flight Vision Systems
- Environmental Testing
- GPS
- Inmarsat
- Lithium Batteries
- Mode-S Transponders
- PBN
- TCAS
- Terrain and Airport Databases
- Unmanned Aerial Systems



# Congressional Interest in NextGen T&I Committee, Aviation Subcommittee



- August Roundtable - Process Emphasis
  - 5 NAC Members
  - IMC Members
  - Work of RTCA – Policy & Technical, tasked
  - Work of IMC – Over the horizon, unsolicited
- September Hearing – Status/Content
  - NG Progress
  - TF5
  - NAC Recommendations



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# **NextGen Advisory Committee**



# **NAC Terms of Reference:** ***“The Business of NextGen”***

**Purpose: Responding to FAA Taskings by providing guidance on policy-level issues facing the aviation community in implementing NextGen**

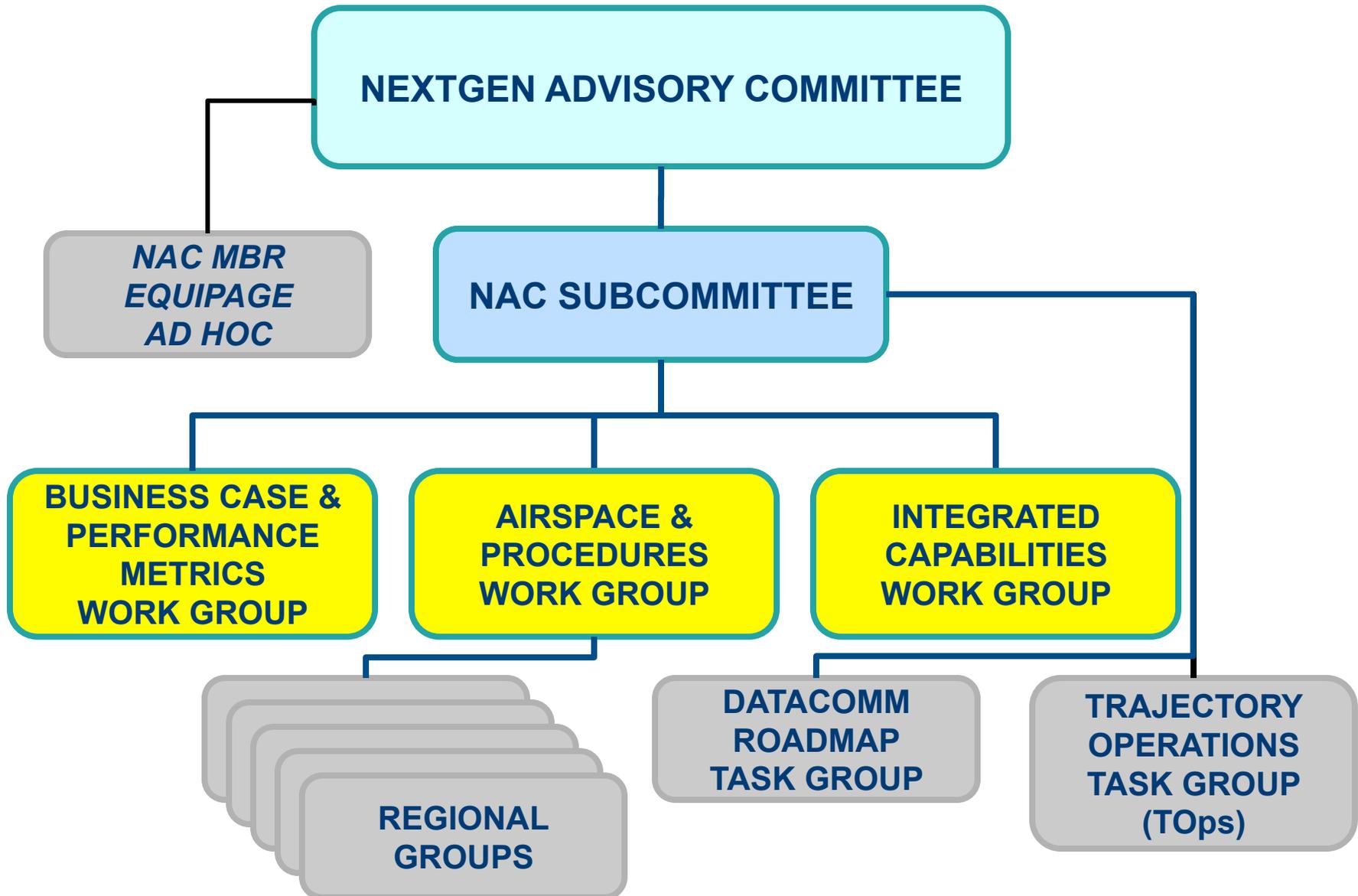
- 28-member Federal Advisory Committee
- Formed in 2010 at the request of the FAA
- Top level executives
- Complex policy issues
- Committing their organization to the consensus recommendations

# NAC Members -- Cross Section of Aviation Community Execs





# Current NAC Structure





# NextGen Advisory Committee

**Dave Barger,**  
President & CEO,  
JetBlue *Chairman*

**Michael Huerta,**  
Acting FAA Administrator  
*Designated Federal Official*

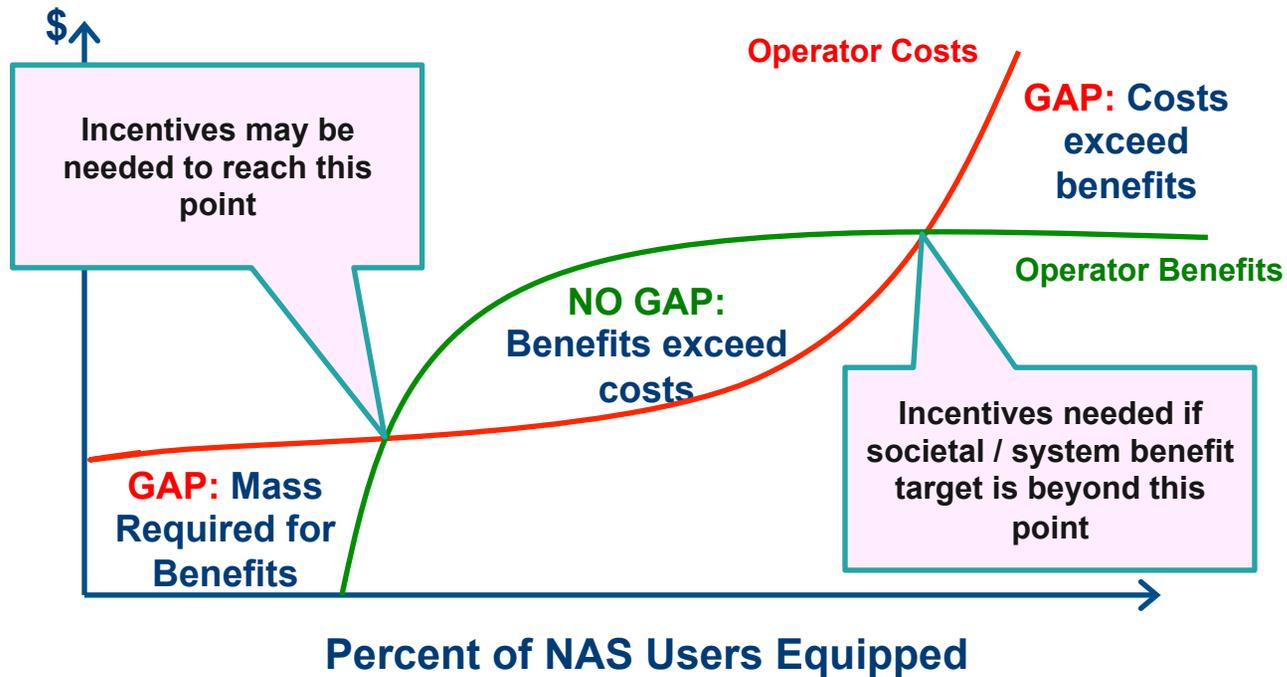


## 18 Recommendations Resolving Issues Critical to NextGen Implementation

- Operational capabilities
  - Policies (incentives; airspace; best-equipped, best-served)
  - Performance metrics and business case
  - Investment methods and priorities
  - Deployment approach and timing
- Bridging the confidence gap
  - Holding all parties accountable



# Business Case Gaps



*A combination of financial and operational incentives should be made available for aircraft that are the first to equip*

# Headquarters U.S. Air Force

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*Integrity - Service - Excellence*

## Oct 4<sup>th</sup> NAC Meeting Wright-Patterson AFB



**U.S. AIR FORCE**

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# Key Agenda Items

- NextGen Implementation Metrics
  - Executive-level metrics - NextGen implementation
  - Key city pairs for NextGen metrics
  - Data Sources for Measuring NextGen Fuel Impact
- New Taskings – PBN & Environmental
- Non-Technical Barriers to NextGen Implementation
- Environmental Issues Impacting NextGen implementation
- Next Meeting – Feb 6/7, 2013, Salt Lake City, Utah



# Metrics Tasking

Original FAA tasking letter (October 2010):

“...provide consensus recommendations on a suite for operational performance measures, to ensure NextGen implementation is producing desired results.”



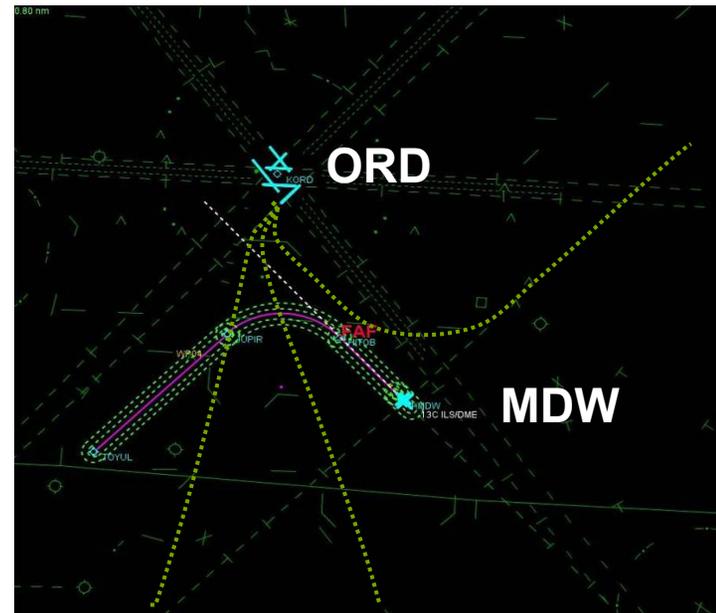
# NAC High Level Metrics Suite

<b>Performance Area</b>	<b>NextGen High-Level Outcome Metric</b>	<b>Where Measured</b>
<b>Flight Safety</b>	<b>Change in Airborne/Ground Separation Alert Rate</b>	<b>NAS-Wide</b>
<b>Operational Efficiency</b>	<b>Mean Aircraft Operation Time</b>	<b>Key City Pairs</b>
<b>Fuel Efficiency</b>	<b>Fuel Efficiency Normalized by Weight and Distance</b>	<b>Key City Pairs</b>
<b>ATC Cost Efficiency</b>	<b>ATC Cost per IFR hour</b>	<b>NAS-Wide</b>
<b>Metroplex Capacity</b>	<b>Metroplex Peak Allowable Throughput</b>	<b>OAPM Metroplexes</b>
<b>Metroplex Access</b>	<b>Metroplex Achieved Utilization</b>	<b>OAPM Metroplexes</b>



# Access Metric Recommendation

*Metroplex Achieved Utilization* measures the percentage of unconstrained capacity\*\* in the Metroplex that is used in periods of high demand



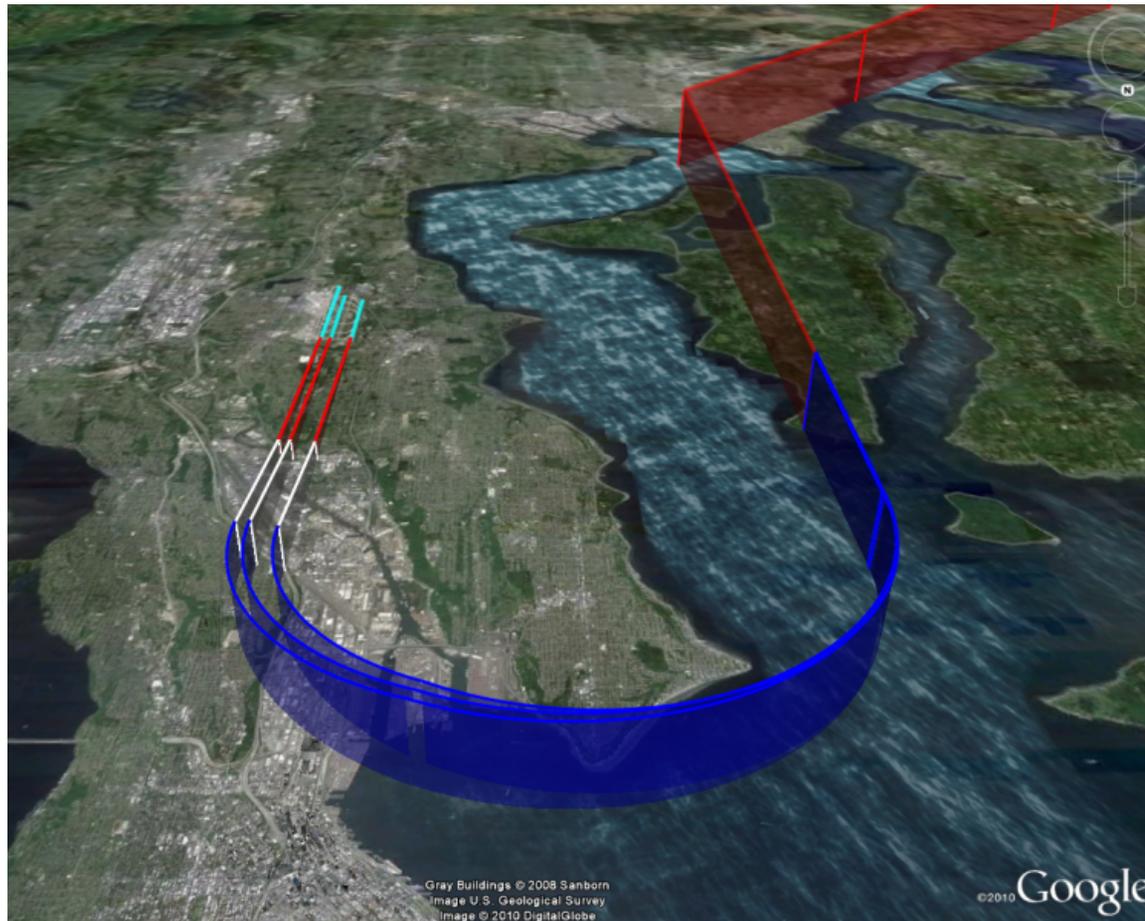
*Deconflicting airports and increasing IMC throughput improves Metroplex utilization*

\*\*Metroplex Maximum Capacity is the sum of the airport capacities, as defined in the FAA Airport Capacity Benchmark report, “optimum weather condition rate”.



# Access: Greener Skies over Seattle

*Airlines estimate that industry would save over 2 million gallons a year, or \$6.8 million*







# **FAA Modernization & Reform Act of 2012**

## **PL 112-95**

### **SEC. 214. PERFORMANCE METRICS**

#### **Three of the Twelve Congressional Metrics Address Key City Pairs**

- fuel burned between key city pairs
- the average distance flown between key city pairs
- flown versus filed flight times for key city pairs



# Key City Pairs Recommendation

## What?

- 24 City Pairs (Metroplex Pairs)

## How to Measure?

- Must be done at airport level
- Selected top airport pairs contributing to 50% of the overall delay within the Metroplex
- 84 specific airport pairs that have the greatest potential based on the number of delays that were contained in the 24 City Pairs



# Key City Pairs Methodology

## Criteria:

- City pairs (or Metroplex pairs) should be within the contiguous US
- The Metroplex is expected to have a measurable NextGen impact between 2010 & 2015 (each Metroplex will include the associated airports)
- Consider the ICWG tier 1 Metroplexes (7)
- Consider sites from the FAA/Industry Optimization of Airspace and Procedures in the Metroplex (OAPM1) initiative that are scheduled to begin implementation of capabilities no later than FY2015
- Number of operations (traffic) between city pairs should be considered
- Demand between the city pairs should be considered. The Task Group used 'amount of delay' as an indicator of demand.



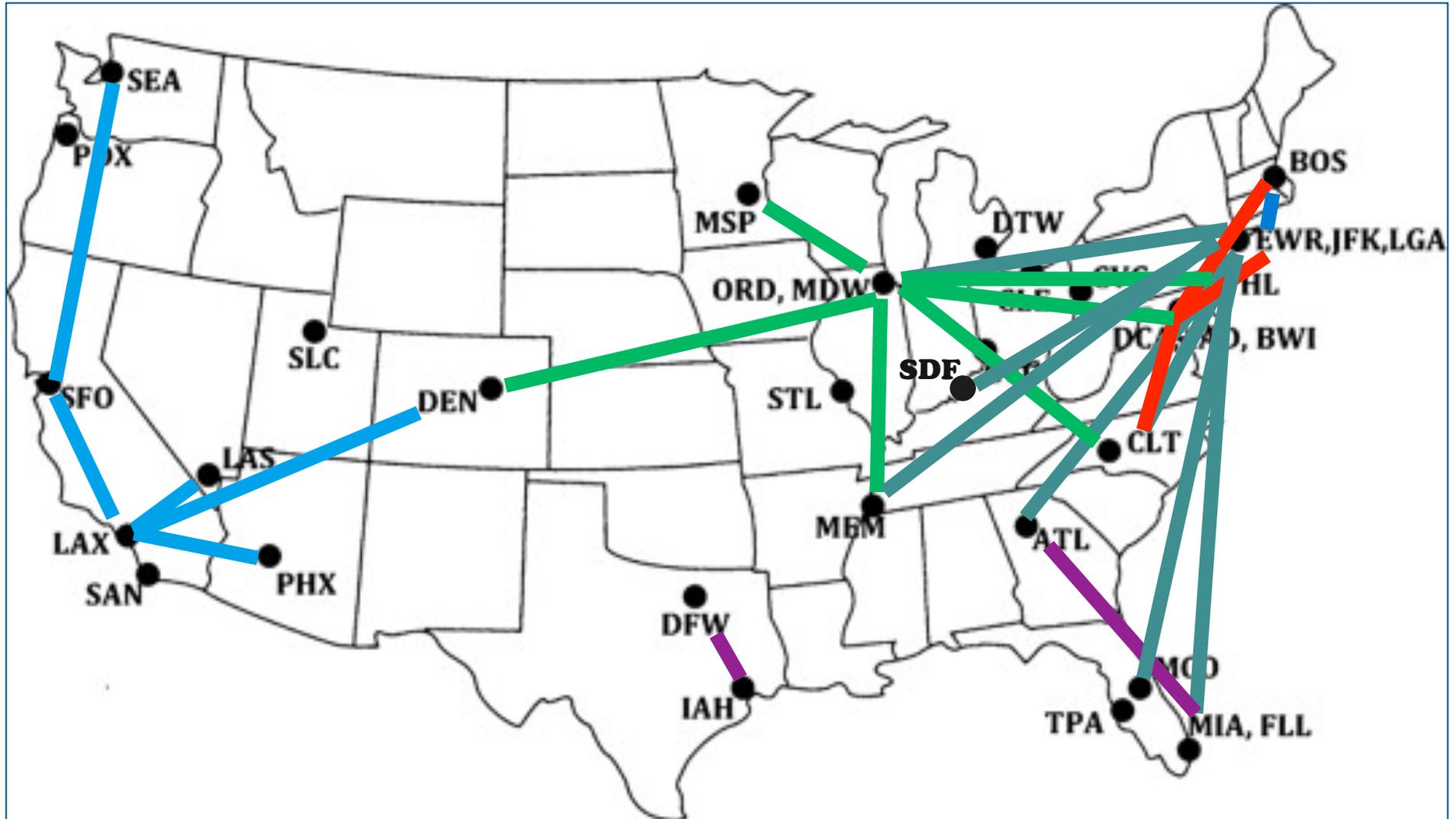
# Key City Pairs Methodology

## Other Considerations:

- Data availability
- Ease of reporting (i.e. data that is recorded in an automated and accessible format and a viable approach to reporting the performance can be developed)
- Diversity – as a final review, evaluate the key city pairs for diversity of operations/different stakeholders (e.g., cargo, GA, multiple air carriers)



# 24 Key City Pairs (Metropolitan Pairs)





# Key City Pairs Recommendation

Northern California - Southern  
California

New York - South Florida

Chicago - New York

Boston - Washington DC

New York - Orlando

Atlanta - New York

Charlotte - New York

New York - Washington DC

Las Vegas - Southern California

Boston - New York

Dallas - Houston

Charlotte - Chicago

Charlotte - Washington DC

Chicago - Washington DC

Phoenix - Southern California

Chicago - Philadelphia

Chicago - Denver

Atlanta - South Florida

Chicago - Minneapolis

Denver - Southern California

Northern California - Seattle

Chicago - Memphis

Memphis - New York

Louisville - New York



# One Example of Airports Identified to Measure Key City Pairs

## Five Airport Pairs = One City Pair

LAX SFO Northern California – Southern California

SAN SFO Northern California – Southern California

LAX OAK Northern California – Southern California

SFO SNA Northern California – Southern California

LAX SMF Northern California – Southern California



# Fuel Data Benefit

Many NextGen improvements have a direct impact on fuel use through more efficient procedures

- FAA Reauthorization Bill, section 214, specifies the reporting of fuel use between “key city pairs”
- FAA should report on weight and normalized distance fuel efficiency for key city pairs
- Key data elements needed are fuel use and aircraft weight on a flight-by-flight basis



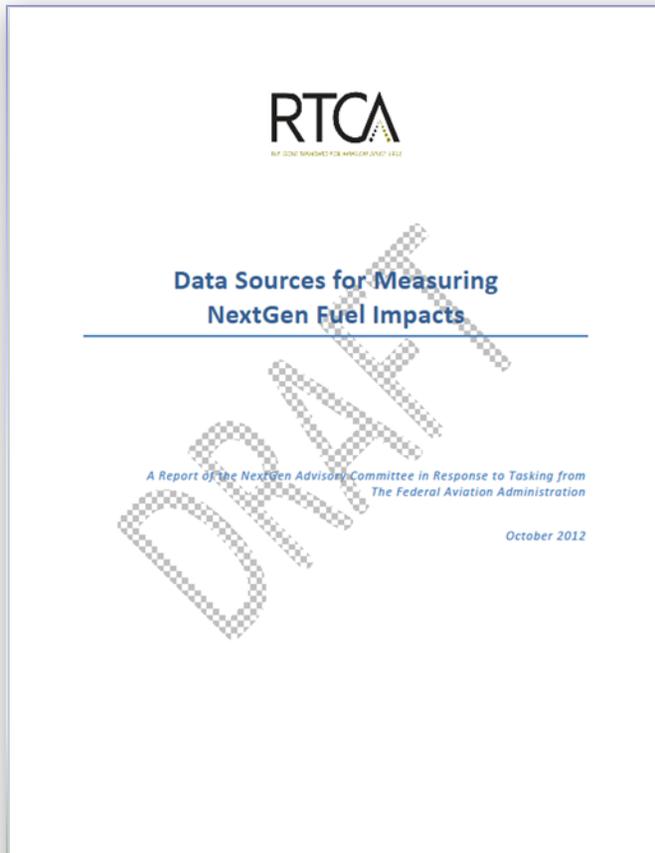
# Fuel Data Attributes

Insufficient data granularity is available for FAA to generate either high-level or diagnostic metrics

- Airline data is collected at a national level of aggregation
- Data from other operators not routinely collected
- Even more data granularity needed for diagnostic analysis



# Data Sources for Measuring Fuel Use



1. Assemble a technical team to establish the technical requirements for airline fuel and aircraft weight reports in support of high-level fuel efficiency metrics
2. Explore use of the ASIAs infrastructure to support both high-level and diagnostic-level metrics



# **Sept 2012 NAC Taskings – PBN/OAPM**

## **Identify Obstacles to Performance Based Navigation Utilization – technical/non-technical**

- Review FAA internal analysis
- Identify additional issues
- Develop remedies and action steps

## **Develop Criteria for Prioritizing PBN Procedures**

- New PBN procedures
- Modifying existing
- Eliminating those not providing measurable benefits

## **Validating criteria for selection & prioritization of Optimization of Airspace & Procedures in Metroplexes (OAPM) Sites**

- Review/revalidate OAPM selection & prioritization criteria

# NAC Tasking: Implementation of Categorical Exclusion in FAA Reauthorization, Section 213(c)(2)



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# **Sept 2012 NAC Taskings – “CatEx 2”**

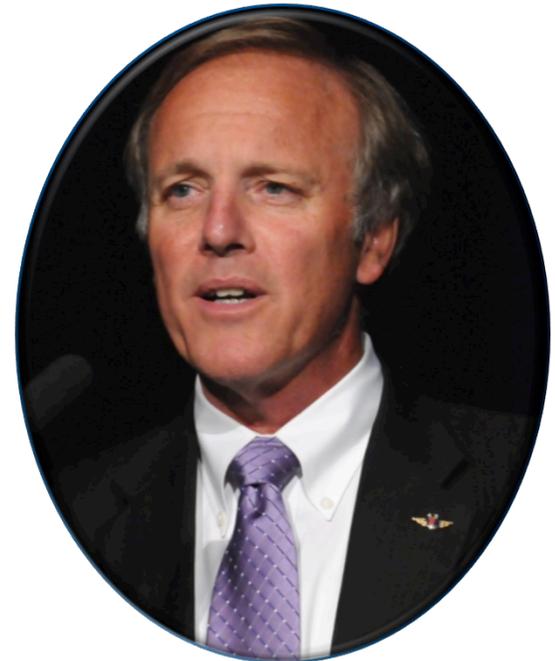
## **Explore how to implement Congressional authority for Categorical Exclusions under National Environmental Policy Act requirements (CatEx2)**

- Review FAA internal analysis
- Recommendations for per flight basis to measure impacts
- If CatEx2 doesn't have desired impact - offer practical/legislative recommendations for streamlining environmental reviews



# Changes in NAC Leadership

**Bill Ayer, Chairman, Alaska  
Air Group  
New Chair NextGen Advisory  
Committee**





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**Next Meeting**

**Wednesday/Thursday**

**February 6/7, 2013**

**Salt Lake City, UT**



# International Harmonization





# Tomorrow's Global Aviation System

- What is an Aviation **Block** Upgrade?
  - *Operational Improvement/Metric* to determine success
  - Necessary *Procedures* - Air and Ground
  - Necessary *Technology* - Air and Ground
  - Positive *Business Case* per Upgrade
  - *Regulatory Approval Plan* - Air and Ground
  - *Well understood* by a Global Demonstration Trial
    - All synchronized to allow initial implementation
    - Won't matter ***when or where*** implemented

Similar to Task Force 5 Approach and Recommendations



# **2013 Annual Symposium**

**Mark Your Calendars:**

**June 5 & 6, 2013**

**Wednesday - Thursday**

**Washington Convention Center**



# DISCUSSION