



FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY UPDATE

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2014 MID-TERM ELECTIONS

- November, 4, 2014 Elections
- **House:** All 435 voting seats in the United States House of Representatives were up for election. The Republican party won 244 seats (a net gain of 12 seats) and the Democratic Party, 186 seats (5 races were still undecided as of November 13, 2014).
- **Senate :** Of the 36 Senate races, the Republican Party won 23 (a net gain of 8 seats) and the Democratic Party won 12. The race in Louisiana is headed to a run off in December 2014.



AVIATION COMMITTEES OF JURISDICTION

- **Leadership for the Aviation Subcommittee of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will likely remain the same.**
 - **Chair, Frank A. LoBiondo, New Jersey**
 - **Ranking, Rick Larsen, Washington**
- **Leadership for the Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security Subcommittee of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will change.**
 - **Possible Chair: Kelly Ayotte, New Hampshire**
 - **Possible Ranking, Maria Cantwell, Washington State**



FAA REAUTHORIZATION

- On February 6th, 2012, Congress passed the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, a four-year renewal of federal aviation programs, advancing a reauthorization to the president's desk for the first time in nearly a decade.
- The bill authorizes \$15.9 billion annually for federal aviation programs.
- It also authorizes \$13.4 billion in total for the Airport Improvement Program. The Airport Improvement Program (AIP) provides grants to public agencies for the planning and development of public-use airports. This fund is also used for noise mitigation tools such as insulation and land use planning.
- **As the last authorization bill was nearly a decade late, it is unclear if a new bill could be passed before the current legislation expires in September 2015.** However, both the House and Senate Committees have begun the reauthorization process which includes conducting field hearings and hearings on issues that need to be addressed in the bill.
- N.O.I.S.E. has engaged with both subcommittees to share their priorities. We will be working with Community Stakeholders over the next several months to push these priorities as well as formally request hearings, field hearings and legislative language.



FAA REAUTHORIZATION

- **Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen)** is a wide ranging transformation of the entire national air transportation system to be implemented between 2012-2025. NextGen moves away from ground based technologies to satellite based technology.
- In 2003, Congress established the **Joint Planning and Development Office (JPDO)** to plan and coordinate the development of NextGen. The JPDO is a multi-agency public/private initiative that includes: Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, Department of Defense, Department of Commerce, Department of Homeland Security, NASA and the White House Office of Science and Tech Policy.
- According to the FAA, NextGen aims to create a more efficient, reliable, safer, and environmentally-friendly air transportation system using 21st Century technologies.
- PBN is a technology within the NextGen system that provides a framework for the design and implementation of automated flight paths. With PBN, pilots can navigate an aircraft without reliance on ground-based beacons.
- Instead, PBN allows aircraft to navigate based on built-in aircraft capabilities, like GPS.
- The two main components of PBN are **Area Navigation (RNAV)** and Required Navigation Performance (RNP).



N.O.I.S.E. LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES (Adopted March, 2014)

- PBN Community Involvement (reverse of CATEx2)
- Heath Impacts Funding
- PGL Impact Awareness



QUIET SKIES CAUCUS

- **Members:**
 - Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY), Joe Crowley (D-NY), Gregory Meeks (D-NY), Tim Bishop (D-NY), Adam Schiff (D-CA), Anna Eshoo (D-CA), Mike Quigley (D-IL), Alan Grayson (D-FL), Keith Ellison (D-MN), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Mike Capuano (D-MA), Katherine Clark (D-MA)
- **Priorities:**
 - DNL letter
 - *CATEX 2*
- **Engagement and New Members**



Blueprint for Success to Implementing Performance Based Navigation

Tasking:

“The FAA would like to ask that the NextGen Advisory Committee (NAC) with...analyzing lessons learned from prior PBN implementations and developing a blueprint or checklist for future success in PBN implementations”

Members:

Commercial and Cargo Carriers, Industry Stakeholders, Airports, Community (N.O.I.S.E.)
FAA Subject Matter Experts

Non-Technical Stakeholders

- Public
- Community Groups and NGOs
- Airport Authorities
- Airport Advisory Boards
- Local State and Federal Officials

Outreach Strategies for Non-Technical Stakeholders

- Education
- Engagement
- Advocacy