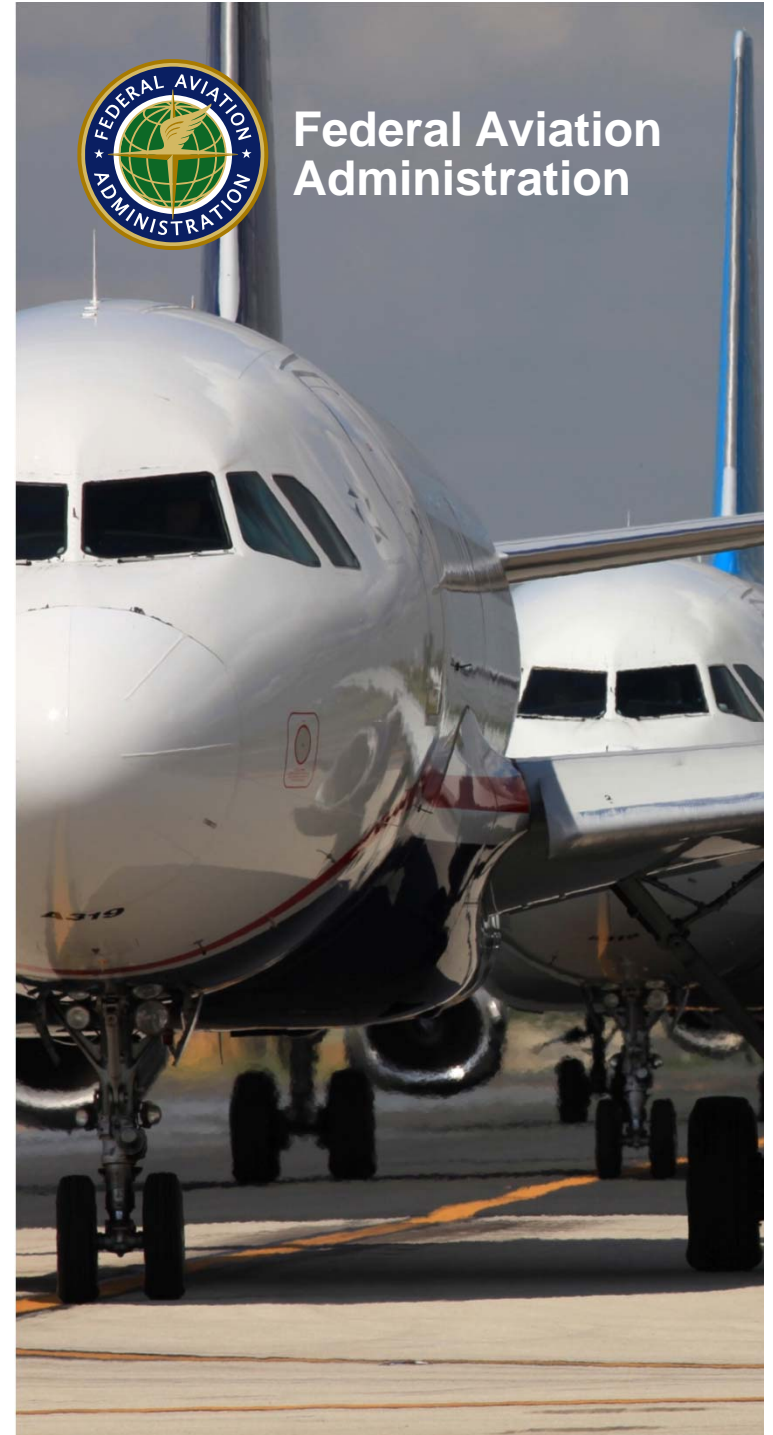


# Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) Update

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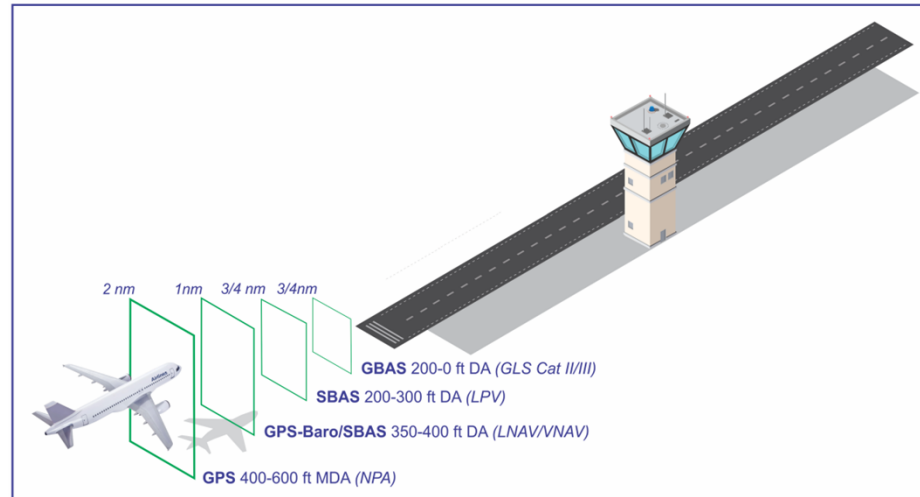


# Agenda

- **Overview**
- **Ground and Space Segments**
- **Performance and Future Upgrades**
- **Operational Implementation**
- **International Coordination**
- **GPS**



# Satellite Based Navigation



## GPS

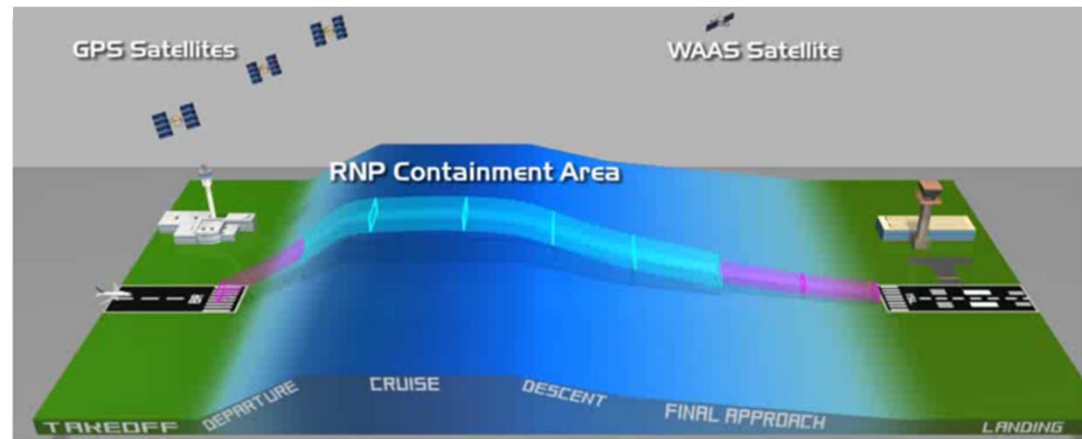
- Approved for Aviation use in 1993
- Established as global leader and gold standard for satellite navigation
- Extensive modernization efforts underway that will make available additional civil signals including L5
  - International leader in a growing community of future Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS)
  - Efforts directly support next phase of development for WAAS program

## WAAS

- Commissioned for service in 2003
- Sets standard for Global Satellite Based Augmentation System (SBAS) development (Japan, Europe, India and now Russia)
- Augments the GPS L1 signal providing improved accuracy and integrity
- **WAAS modernization efforts tied directly to GPS modernization**
  - US WAAS plans to modernize using new GPS L5 signal

# Overview

- **WAAS provides precise navigation and landing guidance covering the entire National Airspace System (NAS)**
- **Combination of ground-based and space-based assets**
- **Augments the Global Positioning System (GPS) Standard Positioning Service (SPS)**
- **Enables Operators to fly Required Navigation Performance (RNP) 0.1**
- **Provides both safety and capacity improvements in the NAS and has been operational since 2003**



# Current WAAS Components



# Benefits of WAAS

- **Augments GPS**

- Real-time GPS Corrections and Integrity Information
  - Greater Position Accuracy
  - High Confidence in Computed Position

- **Enhances navigation in all phases of flight**

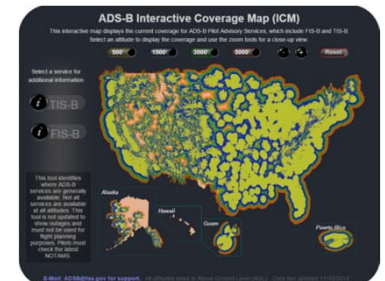
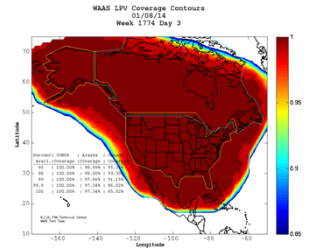
- Enroute, Arrival, and Departure:
  - Provides 100% Availability Of GNSS For Even The Most Critical RNP or RNAV Operations
  - Provides Coverage At All Altitudes Up to 100,000 Feet
  - Provides Navigation Services To Areas Not Served by Any Navigation Aid before WAAS Existed
- Approach:
  - Enhances Safety By Providing Vertical Guidance To Every Runway End In the Coverage Area
  - No Ground Hardware Required At Airport
  - Allows IFR Operations To All Qualified Airports
  - Supports Closely Spaced Parallel Operations (CSPO)

- **Enabling technology for NextGen programs**

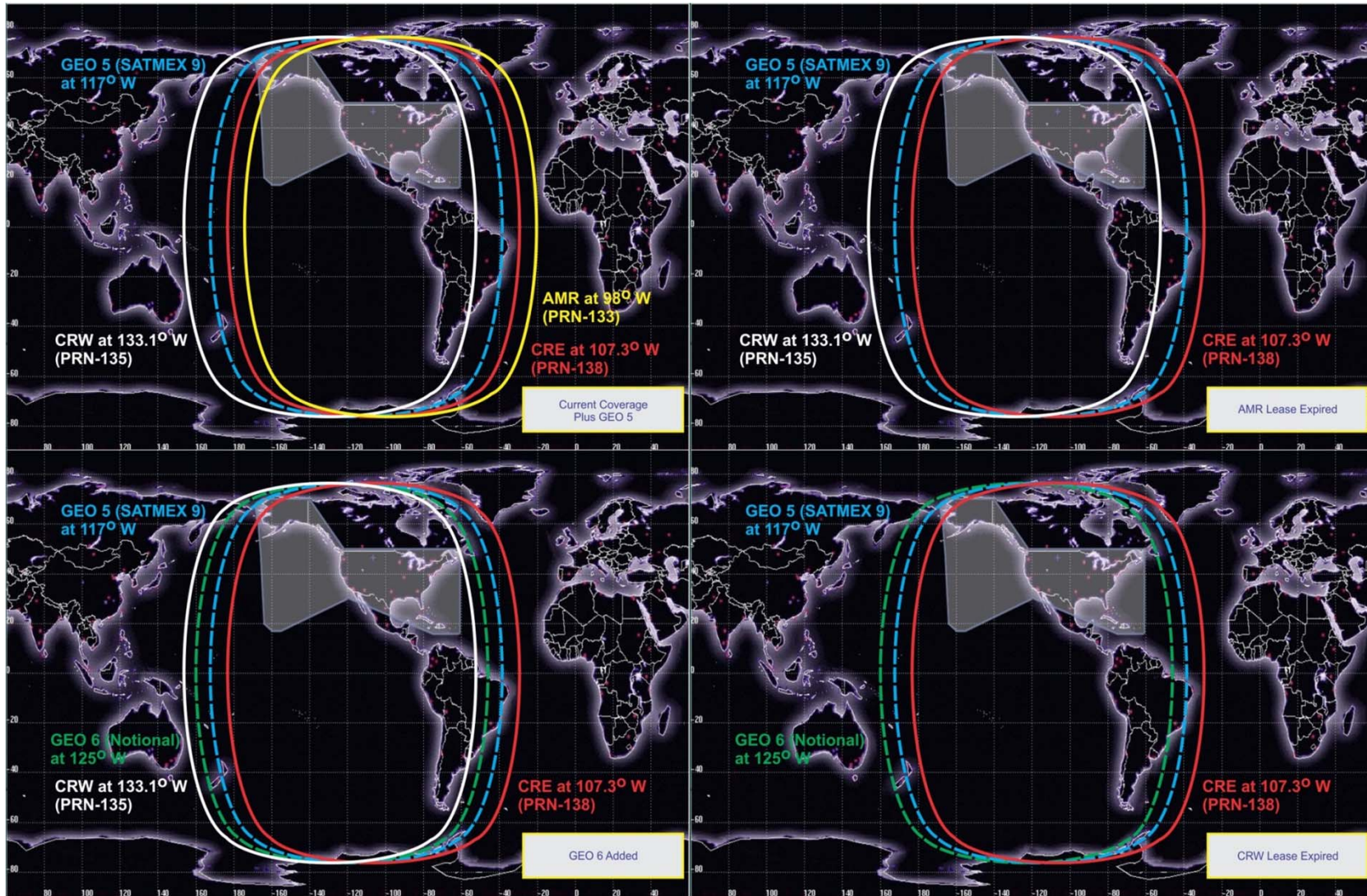
- Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADS-B)
- Performance Based Navigation (PBN)
  - Ex. Area Navigation (RNAV), Required Navigation Performance (RNP), and Point in Space (PinS) procedures

- **Future reductions of ground-based navigation aids**

- ILS rationalization decision closely tied to the implementation and sustainment of WAAS
- 2011 Federal Register Notice (FRN) identified all future Category I approaches to be supported by LPV



# WAAS GEO Activities



# GEO Sustainment (GEOs 5/6/7)

- **GEO 5/6 Satellite Acquisition**

- GEO 5

- Successful launch June 2016
  - Initial launch date affected by Space X Falcon 9 launch failure June 2015
- Signal in Space Testing in to begin early CY2017
- Expected operational in 2018

- GEO 6

- Critical Design Review (CDR) completed February 2016
- Expected Operational in 2019

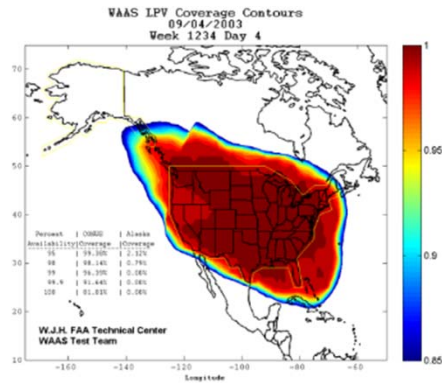
- **GEO 7 Satellite acquisition**

- Targeting 2019 for a contract award

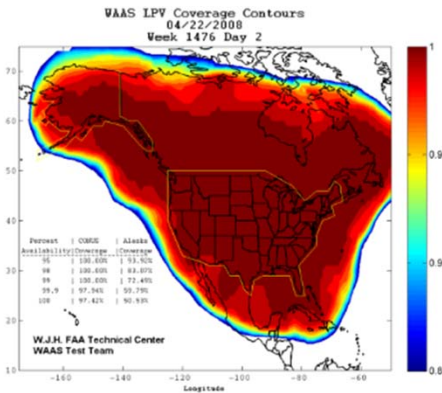


GEO 5 (Eutelsat 117WB)

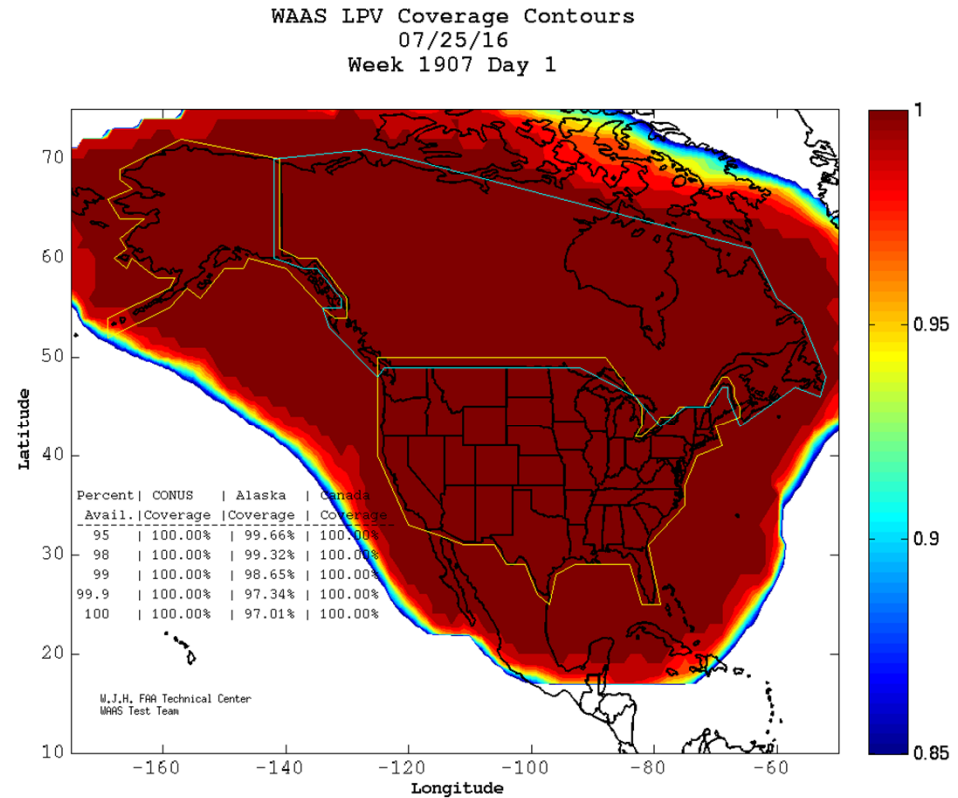
# LPV/LPV-200 Service Coverage



2003 IOC – LPV Coverage in lower 48 states only



2008 Coverage - LPV 200 Coverage in CONUS (2 Satellites)

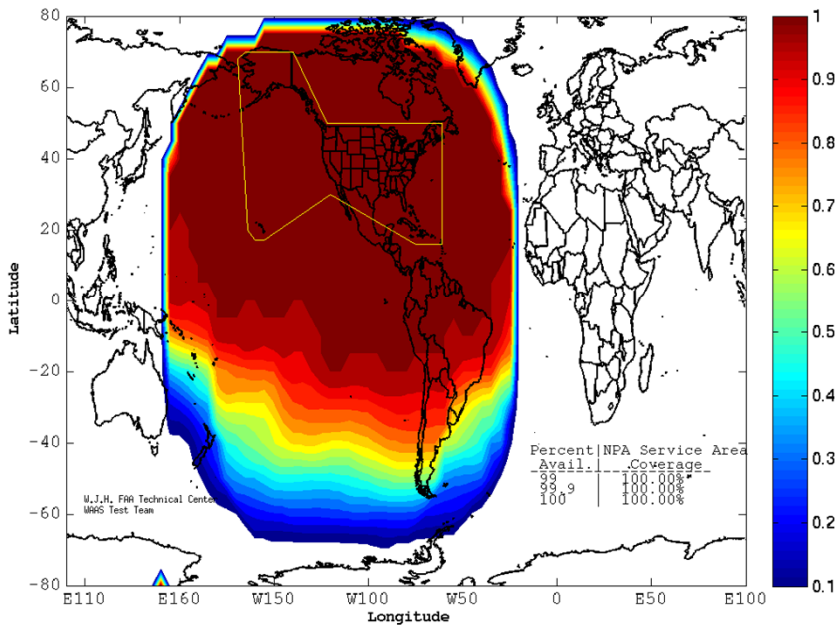


2012 Coverage - Full LPV 200 Coverage in CONUS (3 Satellites)

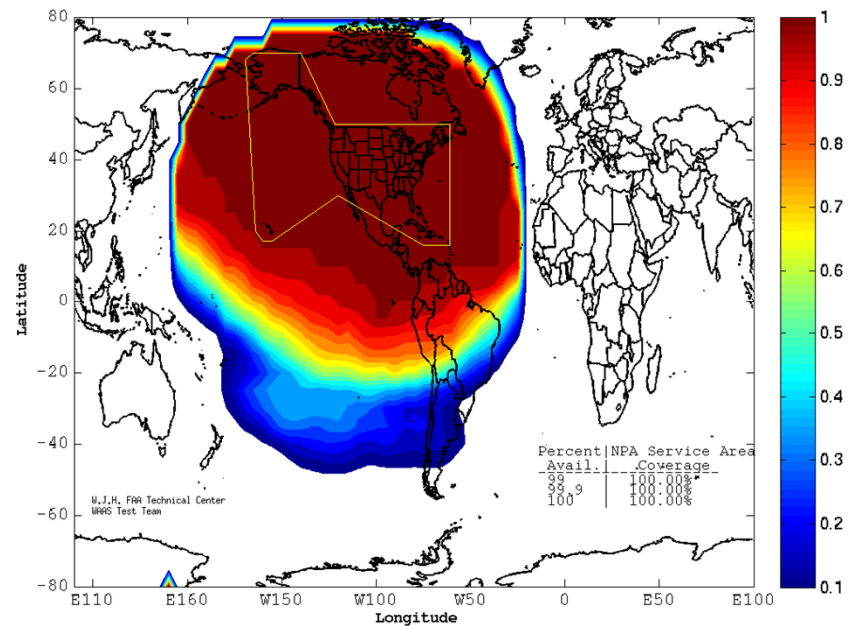
LPV (Localizer Performance with Vertical guidance) - Vertically-guided landing approaches as low as 200 feet

# WAAS RNP 0.3 and RNP 0.1 Coverage

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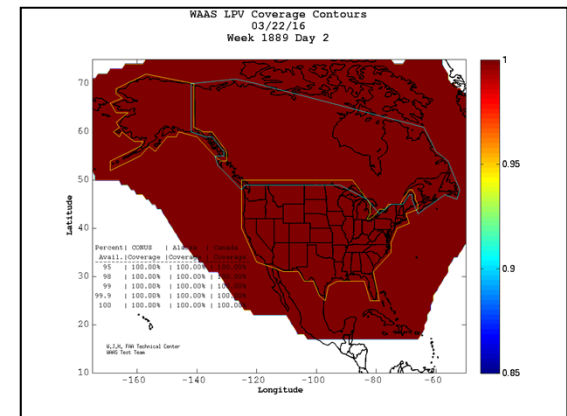
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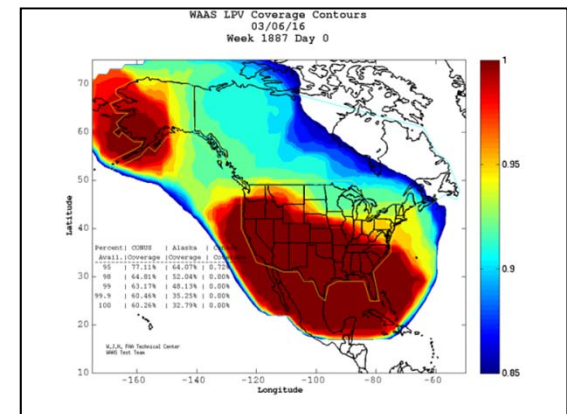
# Actions to ensure high availability of WAAS

- **Current WAAS provides high availability service to aviation users in North America**
- **There are times when WAAS vertical service availability is reduced in North America, typically during ionospheric disturbances**
  - Disturbances affect WAAS by reducing availability while preserving integrity
- **To continue high availability of WAAS vertical service during ionospheric disturbances, FAA is:**
  - Preparing WAAS to take advantage of dual frequency service that will be provided by GPS
- **To prepare for dual frequency service the FAA is:**
  - Upgrading WAAS reference station GPS/WAAS receivers
  - Upgrading the internal WAAS message data structure to include dual frequency data
  - Addressing obsolescence of WAAS assets by replacing aging hardware
  - Planning for future enhancements to WAAS algorithms through prototyping

Current WAAS LPV Coverage



WAAS LPV Coverage March 6, 2016 Iono event



# WAAS Development Phases

- **Phase I: IOC (July 2003) Completed**
  - Provided LNAV/VNAV/Limited LPV Capability
- **Phase II: Full LPV (FLP) (2003 – 2008) Completed**
  - Improved LPV availability in CONUS and Alaska
  - Expanded WAAS coverage to Mexico and Canada
  - Provided improved approach minimums (LPV-200)
- **Phase III: Full LPV-200 Performance (2009 – 2014) Completed**
  - Improve performance during moderate ionospheric activity
  - Preparation for GPS L5 transition
  - Expanded LPV-200 availability
- **Phase IV: Dual Frequency (L1,L5) Operations (2014 – 2044)**
  - Sustain WAAS GEOs
  - Technology refresh to address equipment obsolescence
  - Infrastructure modifications to support future L1/L5 user capability
  - Transition from use of L2 P(Y) to L5 in WAAS and provide dual-frequency service
    - Planning to transition within 2 years of GPS L5-signal Full Operational Capability (FOC)



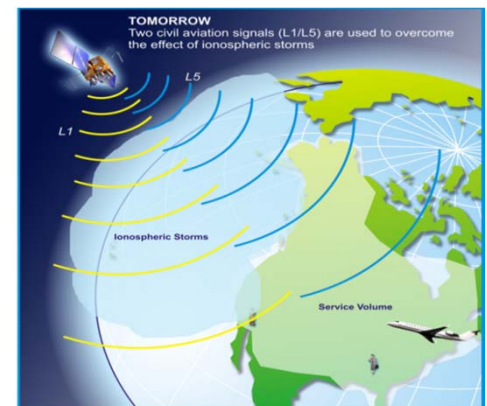
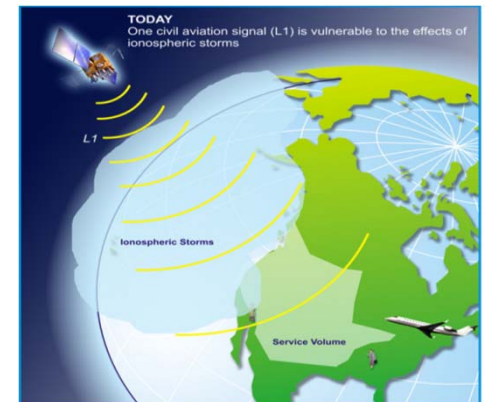
# Why Dual Frequency Operations?

- **DoD planned ‘Sunset’ of L2 P(Y) semi-codeless will require transition to use of GPS L5 signal**
  - Current expected transition date: 2026
  - Requires GPS L5 to reach full operational capability
- **Current Single Frequency WAAS impacted by ionospheric disturbances**
  - Future Dual-frequency avionics will support high availability of LPV operations even under extreme ionospheric conditions

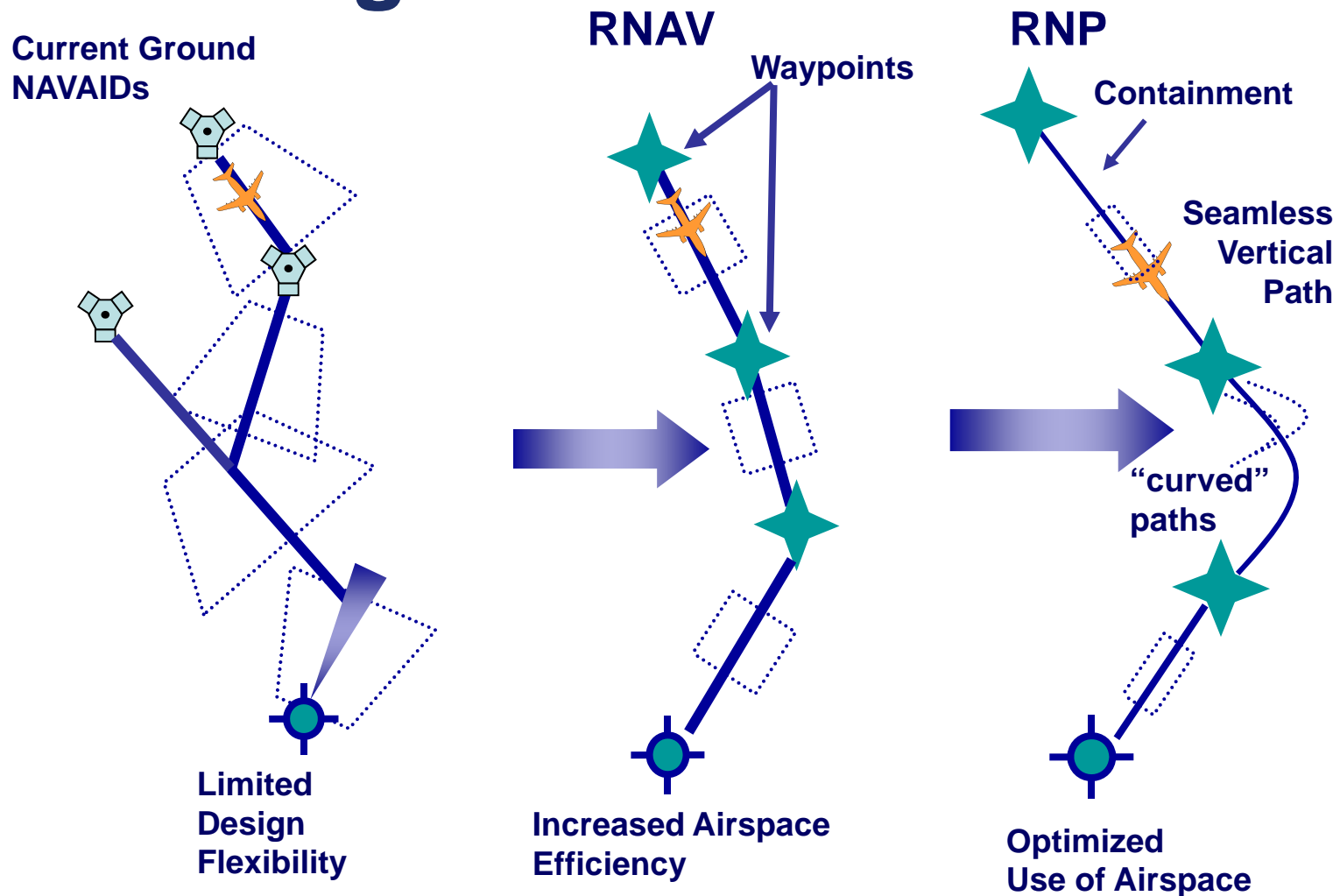


# WAAS Phase IV - Dual Frequency Operations (2014-2044)

- **Final Investment Decision for Phase IV Segment 1 (2014-2019) Dual Frequency Operations (DFO) approved**
  - Segment 1 (2014-2019) - Develop infrastructure improvements to support L5 & Tech Refresh
  - Segment 2 (2019+) - Implementation of L1/L5 (dual frequency) user capability
- **GEO sustainment will occur during both segments**
- **Future considerations**
  - Dual-Frequency Multi-constellation Capability
    - International Focus is on taking advantage of other GPS like constellations
  - User Equipment Standards for Dual-Frequency Operations
    - FAA working with Interoperability Working Group (IWG) on definition document that provides the basis for interface design and MOPS development for L1/L5 and multi-constellation
  - Advanced RAIM (ARAIM)
    - Avionics-centric approach to dual-frequency multi-constellation



# Moving Towards Performance-based Navigation



# Key PBN Commitments by Timeframe

- **Approach/Terminal**
  - Continue to deploy RNAV (GPS) approaches with vertical guidance
  - Update criteria and policies for increased access
  - Replace conventional procedures with PBN
- **Enroute**
  - Replace Jet routes with PBN-based structure and point-to-point navigation
  - DME/DME redundancy in Class A
- **Oceanic**
  - Expand User Preferred Routes
  - Explore reduced RNP-based separation standards

Near-Term (2016-2020) <i>Increase Utilization</i>	Mid-Term (2021-2025) <i>Streamlining Service Delivery</i>	Far-Term (2026-2030) <i>A Streamlined NAS</i>
<p><b>Approach/Terminal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Implement RNAV (GPS) with LPV and LNAV/VNAV approaches at qualifying runways meeting current TERPS criteria</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Criteria to increase the number runways qualifying for vertically-guided approaches</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Expand use of Established on RNP (EoR) at first site</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Expand use of Equivalent Lateral Spacing Operations (ELSO) at first two sites</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Criteria for low visibility access with LPV</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use of PBN approaches with visual separation standards</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Expand development of PBN special helicopter approaches to hospitals</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Policy for Enhanced Flight Vision Systems (EFVS) operation to touchdown</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Policy for Synthetic Vision Guidance System (SVGS) to qualifying approaches</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrate A-RNP at first site</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Initiate expanded DME/DME coverage for Navigation Service Group 1 and 2 airports</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Continue replacing conventional approaches, SIDs, and STARs with PBN procedures</li> </ul> <p><b>Enroute</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Class A airspace is covered by DME/DME (IRU not required) redundancy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Shorten development and implementation time for new ATS routes by removing rulemaking requirement</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Initial transition to improved point-to-point navigation solution</li> </ul> <p><b>Oceanic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Expand User Preferred Routes (UPR) for navigation between North America and Asia.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Implement reduced separation climb/descend requirements for RNP-4 capable aircraft</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Transition from Minimum Navigation Performance Specification (MNPS) to PBN in the ICAO North Atlantic (NAT) Region</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Analyze further reduced RNP-based separation standards</li> </ul>	<p><b>Approach/Terminal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Implement Vertically-guided RNAV (GPS) approaches at runways meeting new TERPS criteria</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Expand use of RNAV (GPS) approaches (with LPV and LNAV/VNAV) with RF</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Expand use of EoR at sites supported by cost-benefit analysis</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Expand use of ELSO at sites supported by cost-benefit analysis</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Leverage A-RNP at key sites</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> DME/DME coverage expanded for Navigation Service Group 1 and 2 airports based on site-specific evaluations</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Continue replacing conventional approaches, SIDs, and STARs with PBN procedures</li> </ul> <p><b>Enroute</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> NRS grid, Jet routes, and most Victor Airways replaced by PBN routes where structure is needed and PBN-based point-to-point elsewhere</li> </ul> <p><b>Oceanic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Leverage reduced separation standards to further expand UPRs</li> </ul> <p><b>NAS Operations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Key airports transitioned to time/speed-based management</li> </ul>	<p><b>Approach/Terminal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Vertically-guided RNAV (GPS) approaches at qualifying airports with an IAP</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A-RNP procedures at sites supported by cost-benefit analysis</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Complete the transition to PBN procedures</li> </ul> <p><b>Oceanic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Transition to dynamic UPRs where supported by operator capability</li> </ul> <p><b>NAS Operations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> NAS transitioned to time/speed-based management</li> </ul>



# WAAS Enables Performance Based Navigation

		Performance Based Navigation (≥ 99.0% Availability)		Surveillance <sup>1</sup> (≥ 99.9% Availability)		
		Accuracy (95%)	Containment (10 <sup>-7</sup> /hr)	Separation	NACp (95%)	NIC (10 <sup>-7</sup> )
En Route	RNAV 10	10 nm	20 nm	5 nm	FAA: 8 (92.6m)	FAA: 7 (0.2 nm)
	RNAV 5	5 nm	10 nm			
	RNP 4	4 nm	8 nm			
	RNP 2	2 nm	4 nm			
Terminal (NPA)	RNAV 1 (2)	1 (2) nm	2 (4) nm	3 nm	FAA: 8 (92.6m)	FAA: 7 (0.2 nm)
	RNP APCH / LNAV	0.3 nm	0.6 nm			
	RNP APCH / LP	16 m	40 m			
Approach (APV)	LNAV/VNAV	0.3 nm	0.6 nm	2.5 nm DPA	TBD	FAA: 7 (0.2 nm)
	RNP AR	0.1 nm	0.1 nm <sup>2</sup>			
	LPV	16m/4m	40m/50m <sup>2</sup>			
	LPV-200	16m/4m	40m/35m <sup>2</sup>			
Precision Approach	CAT-I	16m/4m	40m/10-35m <sup>2</sup>	2.0 nm IPA	TBD	FAA: 7 (0.2 nm)
	Autoland <sup>3</sup>	16m/4m	40m/10-12m <sup>2</sup>			

1 – The surveillance requirements reflect the source of the requirements. The current table only includes the FAA requirements.

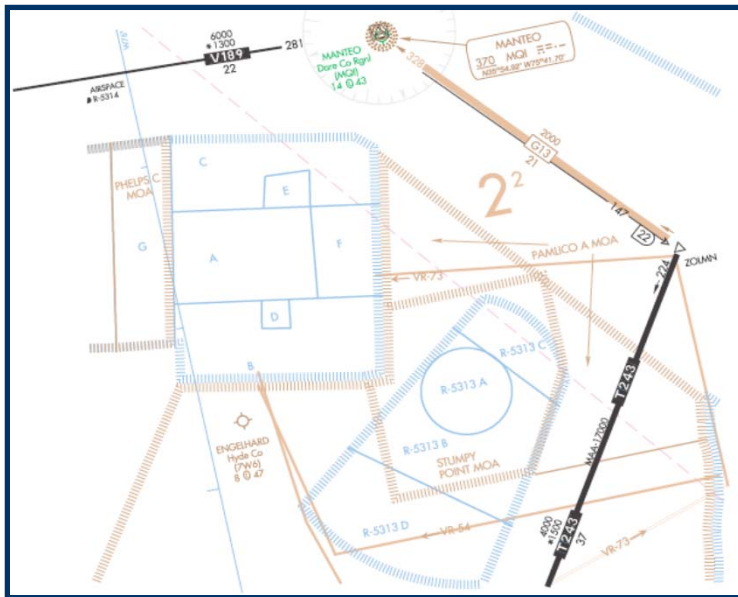
2 – Containment is 1-2x10<sup>-7</sup> per approach

3 – The feasibility of autoland with SBAS is under investigation. Requirements and criteria have not been validated. An additional safety assessment will be required to show suitability of VALs above 10.0 m. Weather minima may vary depending on system performance

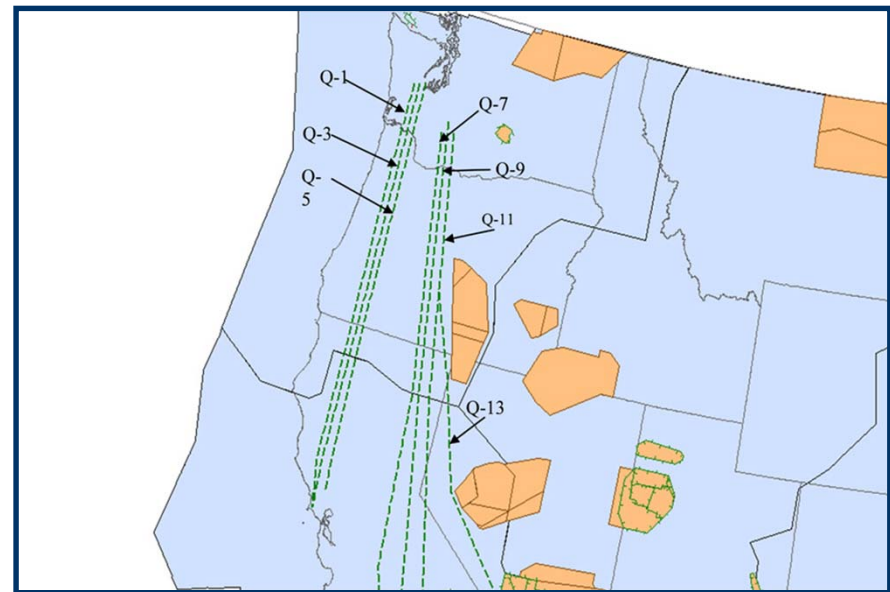


# WAAS and the En Route Environment

- WAAS supports the new airway routes
- “T” routes for airways below 18,000 feet
- “Q” routes for airways above Flight Level



T-Route



Q-Routes

# GPS/WAAS & ADS-B

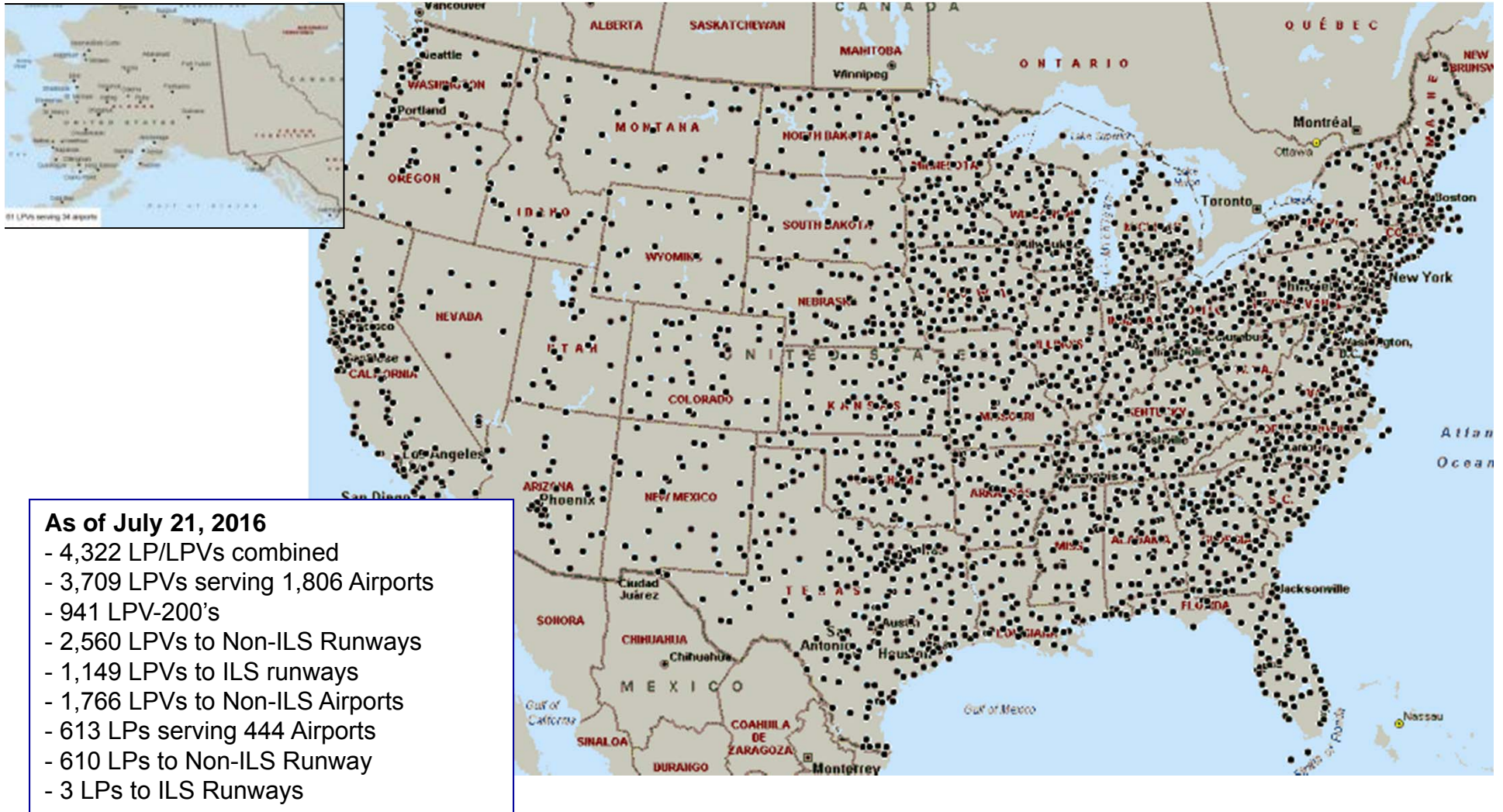
## Relationship between GPS/WAAS & ADS-B:

- GPS is the only known practical means of achieving ADS-B navigation accuracy from a cost effectiveness standpoint
- ADS-B navigation accuracy requirements essentially necessitates application of GPS or WAAS to meet the ADS-B criteria
- WAAS required to meet most stringent ADS-B performance criteria

## Operational implications:

- Class A airspace (above FL180) aircraft are required to equip with avionics certified to TSO-C166b. Applies to Transport Category aircraft.

# Airports with WAAS LPV-200/LPV/LP Instrument Approaches



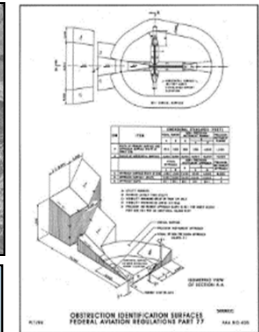
# WAAS Avionics Equipage Status

- **Over 91,000 WAAS equipped aircraft in the NAS**
  - WAAS receivers provided by companies such as:
    - Garmin, Universal, Rockwell Collins, Honeywell, Avidyne, Innovative Solutions & Support (IS&S), Thales and Genesys Aerosystem (Chelton)
- **Since 2006, aircraft equipage rates has increased each year**
- **All classes of aircraft are served in all phases of flight**
- **Enabling technology for NextGen programs**
  - Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADS-B)
  - Performance Based Navigation (PBN)



# NAS Implementation Activities

- **Procedure Design/Procedure Development**
  - Description of route or a terminal procedure
  - Charts are used by the pilots
- **Flight Inspection**
  - Provides airborne flight inspection of electronic signals-in-space for navigational aids in the National Airspace System
  - Flight procedures are evaluated for accuracy, aeronautical data, human factors fly-ability, and obstacle clearance
- **Government/Industry Partnerships**
  - Support Emergency Medical Helicopters
    - Establish Federal–State Agency partnership with the Maryland State Police Aviation Command (MSPAC) to prototype a low-level helicopter IFR infrastructure to support the FAA ATO top five list for safety hazards
  - Garmin Hand Flown RF Turn
    - Agreement established to collect hand flown RF Turn FTE data to support FAA approval
    - Garmin received FAA approval for STC Amendment March 2016
  - Other Transaction Agreements (OTAs) - Avionics Integration, Data Collection etc.
    - Provides aircraft operators with opportunity to implement and operate NextGen technologies without substantial investments



# Equipage Increase tied to NAS Implementation Activities

- **General Aviation**

- Avid users, Part 23 and Part 25 aircraft
- 88,000+ users

- **Regional Airlines and Cargo Carriers**

- Accelerating equipage due to competitive advantages gained
- Ex., Horizon Air, Cape Air, Northern Air Cargo, FedEx

- **Helicopters**

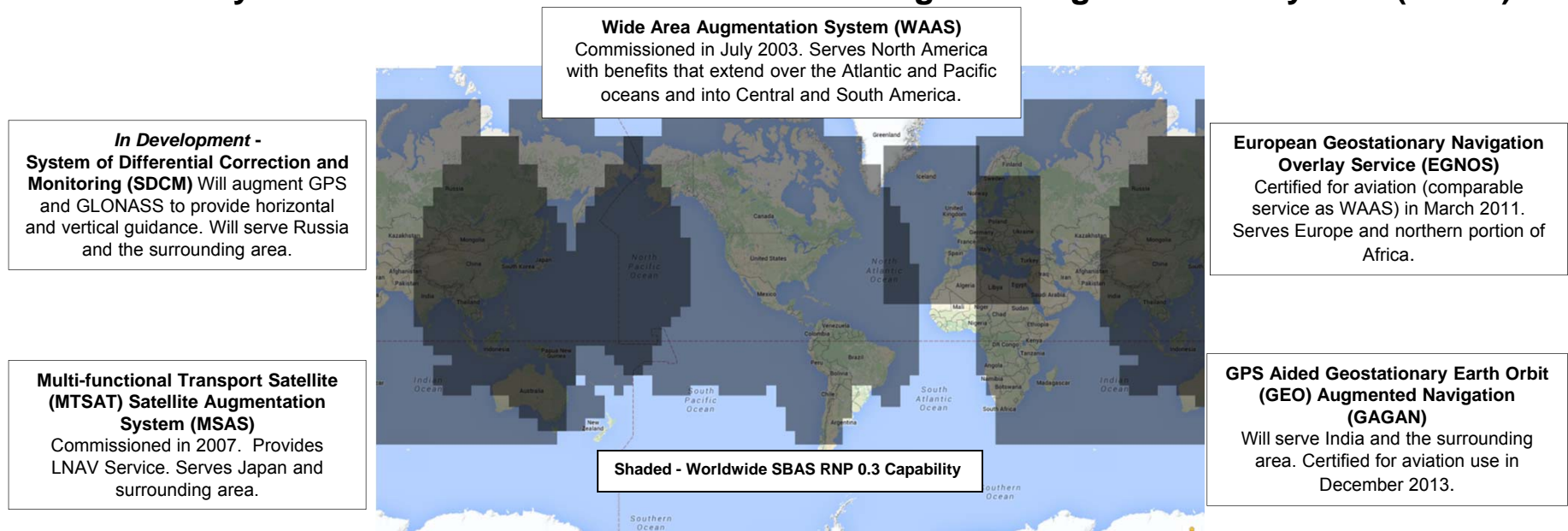
- Unique benefits for helicopters incentivizing equipage
- Ex., Low-level helicopter infrastructure, point in space (PinS) approach procedures

- **Major Air Carriers**

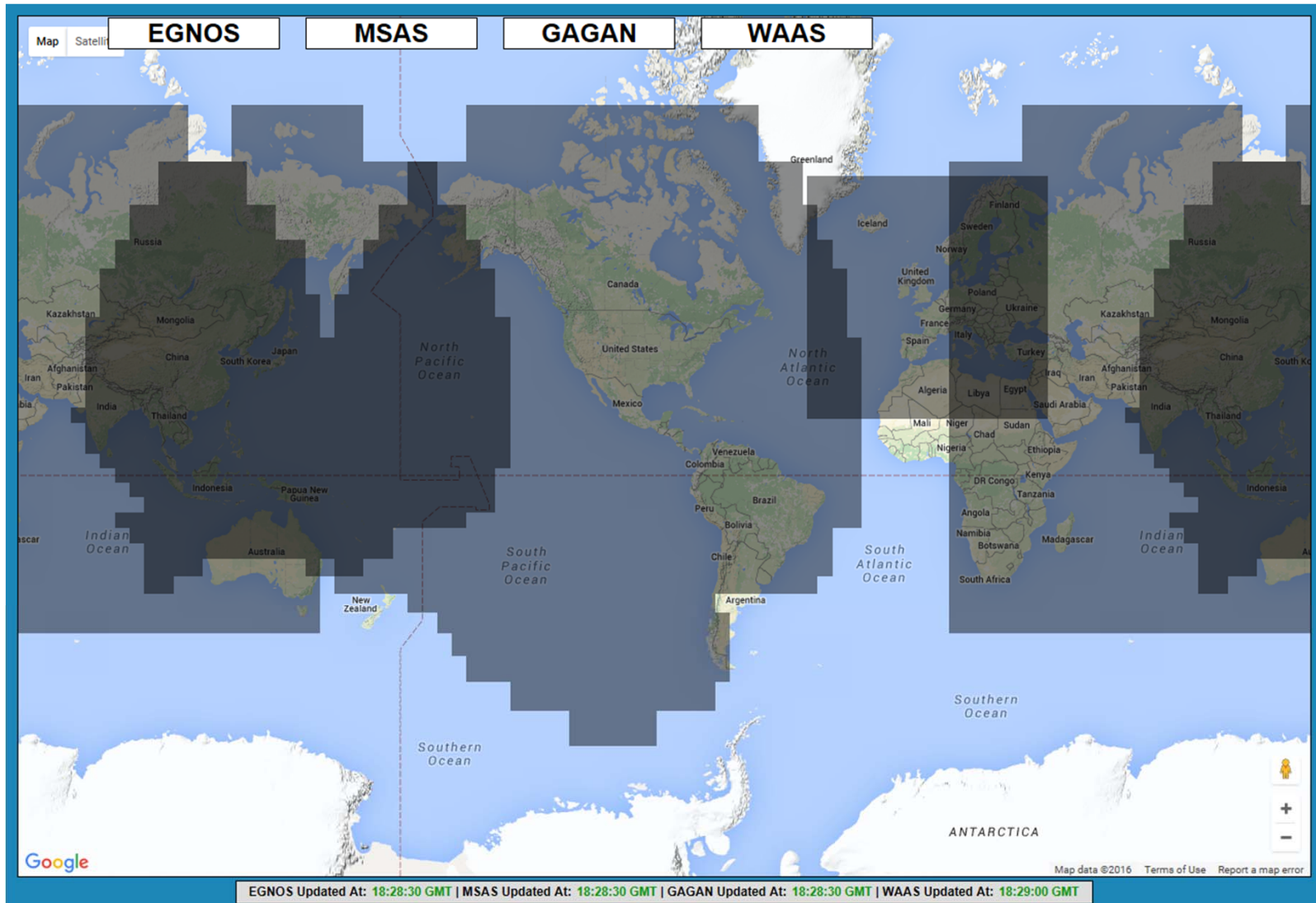
- Delta and Southwest evaluating implementation of WAAS/LPV

# International SBAS Capability

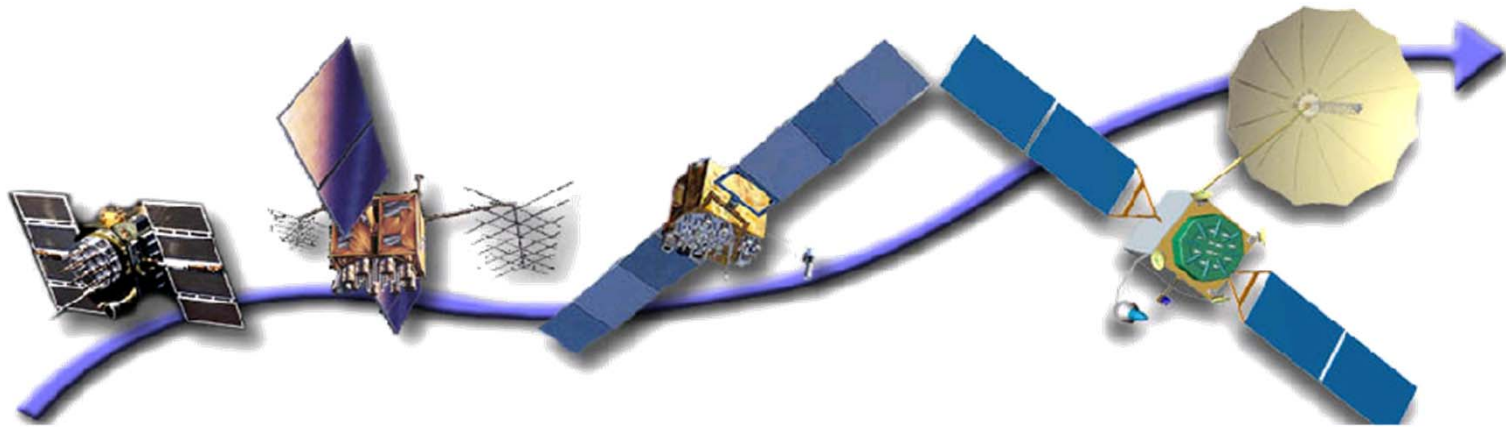
- WAAS is the U.S. version of a global network Satellite Based Augmentation System (SBAS)
- The U.S. is the originator of the SBAS design from which MSAS and GAGAN architectures are based
- The FAA plays an integral part in the SBAS Interoperability Working Group (IWG) so that WAAS equipped aircraft can fly seamlessly around the world using SBAS
- WAAS future development is being coordinated internationally to ensure continued interoperability with the other operational SBAS systems as well as up an coming SBAS systems such as the Chinese Satellite Navigation Augmentation System (SNAS)



# Current Global SBAS RNP 0.3 Coverage



# GPS Modernization Program



*Increasing System Capabilities w Increasing Defense / Civil Benefit*

## Block IIA/IIR

### Basic GPS

- Standard Service
  - **Single frequency (L1)**
  - Coarse acquisition (C/A) code navigation
- Precise Service
  - Y-Code (L1Y & L2Y)
  - Y-Code navigation

## Block IIR-M, IIF

### IIR-M: IIA/IIR capabilities plus

- **2nd civil signal (L2C)**
- M-Code (L1M & L2M)

### IIF: IIR-M capability plus

- **3rd civil signal (L5)**
- Increased robustness
- Aviation Safety

## Block III

- **Backward compatibility**
- **4th civil signal (L1C)**
- Increased accuracy
- Assured availability
- Navigation surety
- Controlled integrity
- Increased security
- System survivability

# GPS III

- **GPS III is the newest block of GPS satellites**
  - 4 civil signals: L1 C/A, L1C, L2C, L5
  - 4 military signals: L1/L2 P(Y), L1/L2M
- **Provides**
  - Backward Compatibility
  - Availability of Position Accuracy
  - Advanced Military functions



# OCX

- **New generation GPS satellites (GPS IIR-M, IIF & III) and the Next Generation GPS Operational Control System (OCX) will provide new capabilities to both signal structure and satellite command and control**

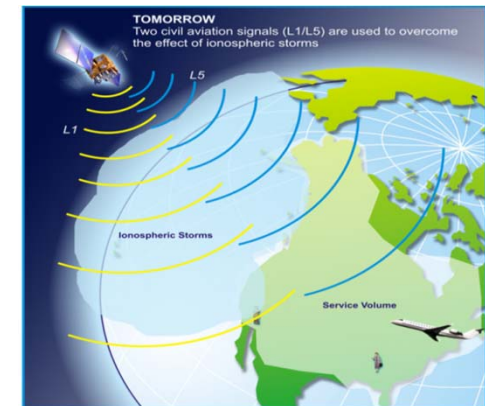
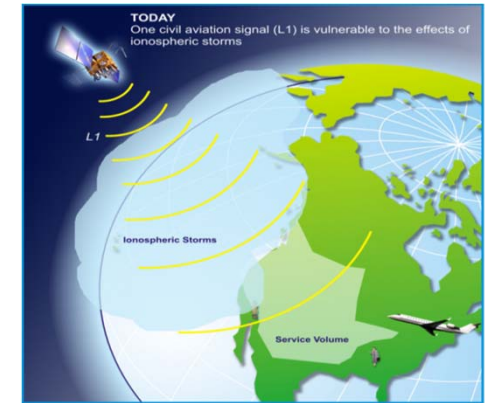


# Questions



# WAAS Phase IV Dual Frequency Operations Status

- **Release 1 – Processor Upgrades**
  - Design Review completed March 2015
  - Software updates completed June 2016
  - System integration and test in CY16
  - Cutover scheduled to be complete fall of 2017
- **Release 2 – GEO-5 Integration**
  - Updated SGS design completed August 2015
  - GUS site installation activities completed April 2016
  - Set GEO-5 operational 4<sup>th</sup> quarter CY17



# WAAS Phase IV Dual Frequency Operations Status (cont.)

- **Release 3 – GIII Multicast Update**
  - Implementation of updated GIII Multicast October 2017
  - Scheduled for cutover 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter CY18
- **Release 4 – Corrections & Verifications (C&V) Safety Computer (SC) Update**
  - Initial 28 SC's to be delivered by August 2016
  - C&V design scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter CY17
  - C&V scheduled for validation testing and cutover in CY18
- **Release 5 – SC GUS Processor (GPT) and GEO 6 Integration**
  - SES tests planned for November 2016
  - Payload delivery 4<sup>th</sup> quarter CY2017
  - Satellite launch 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter CY2018
  - Commence GEO signal testing in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter CY18
  - Complete cutover late 2019