

Air Operations

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NextGen

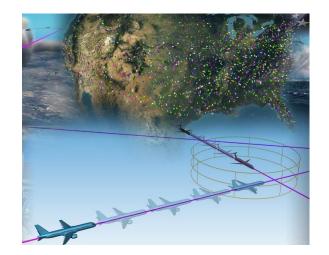
NextGen is the FAA-led modernization the United States air transportation system. It aims to increase the safety, efficiency, capacity, predictability, and resiliency of American aviation. Since its inception, the overarching goal has been to modernize the National Airspace System (NAS) to be flexible and agile in order to support the growing demand and changing needs of NAS users.



Procedural – Control based on Where We **Think** the Aircraft Is



Surveillance – Control Based on Where We *Know* the Aircraft Is



Trajectory Based Operations – Control Based On Where We Know the Aircraft **Will Be**

1950-2010

2010-Beyond

Elements of Transformation

Aircraft Managed Based on Improved Position Information and Time

Past Practices	Enabling Infrastructure	NextGen Improvements
Communications: Controllers communicate by voice to each individual aircraft	Data Communications	Communications: Controllers communicate via digital messages to multiple aircraft at a time, which increases efficiency and improves safety by reducing misunderstandings
Aircraft Routes: Routing limited by ground-based navigational infrastructure	Performance Based Navigation and	Aircraft Routes: More efficient flight routes and aircraft performance based procedures using GPS navigation, reducing delays, fuel burn, and carbon emissions
Aircraft Location: Future time and position of the aircraft not known by all parties	Automatic Dependent Surveillance - Broadcast	Aircraft Location: Future intended time and position of aircraft known for optimal flight and traffic flow, improves safety and increases efficiency
Operations: Tactical and reactive air traffic control	Automation	Operations: Strategic air traffic management, which improves National Airspace System efficiency and reduces delay
NAS Efficiency and Traffic Flow: Operational choke points across phases of flight	and	NAS Efficiency and Traffic Flow: Operations integrated across phases of flight for gate-to-gate efficiency, improving schedule predictability
Information: Controllers and operators do not have same information to inform decisions	System Wide Information Management	Information: Shared information (e.g., weather, traffic, system status) for collaborative decision-making, improving efficiency and predictability

Achieved Benefits

Between 2010 and 2019, implemented NextGen capabilities generated **\$7 Billion in benefits** (2019 dollars)

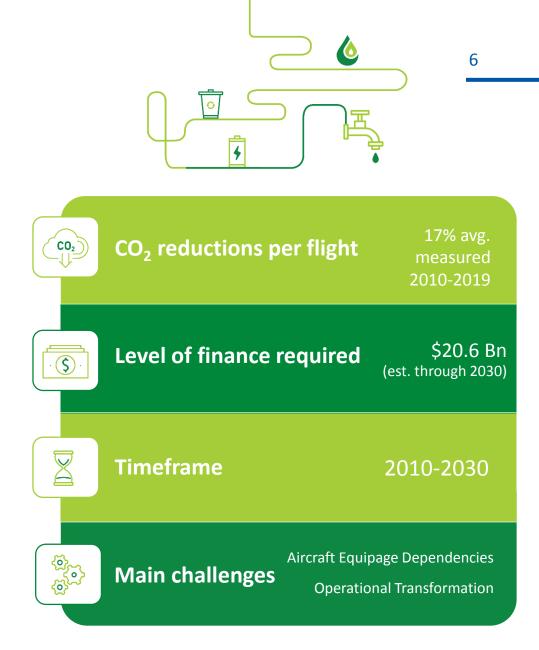


NextGen Air Traffic Modernization

Operations

Main characteristics: benefits to all operations in airspace





*All numbers are specific to U.S. application of full suite of modernization improvements

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