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## Peter O. Knight Airport News



The Aviation Authority has been working with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to enhance the RNAV (Area Navigation Routes) for the global positioning system (GPS) Instrument Approach Procedures for Peter O. Knight Airport (TPF).

Aside from the Radar Instrument Approach which is extremely difficult to obtain from the Tampa Air Traffic Control Tower, the only practical approaches into TPF are the Non-Directional Beacon, (NDB) or GPS Rwy 03 and the NDB or GPS-A. Because of the air traffic constraints associated with Tampa International Airport and MacDill Air Force Base, the NDB or GPS Rwy 03 approach is often very difficult to obtain and therefore provides very little utility to the airport.

The NDB or GPS-A approach is a circling approach with very high minimums.

The proposed airspace improvements by the FAA will effectively provide TPF with straight in approaches and lower minimums to Runways 21 and 35.

The proposed airspace improvements would also restrict circling approaches to the southeast of Runway 03/21. Restricting the

circling approaches to the southeast of Runway 3/21 provides the lowest circling minimums possible, thus improving the utility of Runways 03, 21 and 35. Another significant airspace benefit to limiting the circling approaches is the added safety factor of avoiding the high density areas in downtown Tampa.

See the back page for an exhibit of the proposed approaches. For additional information regarding the proposed changes, contact Tony Mantegna, @ Tampa International Airport at (813) 870-7863.

We thank Atlas Aviation and MacDill for their assistance with information about these new and exciting airspace enhancements.





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