Abstract

The Federal Aviation Administration is the largest and safest provider of air navigation services in the world – the United States’ National Airspace System (NAS). In order to meet the challenges of tomorrow the FAA has charted a course for NAS improvement well into the future – it is the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen). It will include reliance on satellite technology, the integrated use of ground automation with cockpit technology, improved procedures, the continued close relationships with system users and cooperative decision making between all involved – pilots, controllers, airline operations centers and the military. NextGen will improve system capacity, mitigate environmental impacts and, most of all, maintain and enhance the current enviable record of safety in the NAS. I will describe how we will upgrade the Air Traffic Control System and other needed improvements to meet the challenge, complemented with videos and slides.

About the Speaker

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