

Brainstorming List – SJC Southflow Mitigations

Sunnyvale / Cupertino Airplane Noise Groups

Overall Suggestions:

- 1. Full dispersion to the pre-2012 levels (Phase 1), or designation of multiple published flight paths that will accomplish similar dispersion.**
 - Sunnyvale group has possible suggestions that could provide “calculated” dispersion.
- 2. The tight turn (RNP path) needs to be optimized or eliminated.**
 - Preliminary decibel meter testing is indicating that the RNP flight path (tight loop) is generating excessive noise
 - RNP needs to be optimized to reduce noise impact
- 3. FAA recommended - EAST approach flight paths**
 - Planes already fly these routes, but the number of planes using these routes is reducing
 - Increasing this approach leads to significantly less residential noise impact
- 4. Examine North approach into SJC from the bay**
 - Current published flight path exists, but is no longer frequently used
 - Increasing this approach leads to significantly less residential noise impact
- 5. Discourage narrow concentrated (single line) flight paths**
 - These single line flight paths are causing large spikes in noise for residents
 - Discretionary paths currently being flown into San Jose Airport are being eliminated
 - This elimination needs to be stopped
- 6. Stop disproportionately impacting residents**
 - Changes should consider historical use, and account for all parties involved
 - Changes should not affect any one resident over another
- 7. Limit flights between 10PM and 6:30AM over high density residential**
 - Taper/alter flights prior to curfew
 - Reduce planes overhead during hours that residents are at home most
- 8. Modify procedures**
 - Gliding in without power (reduces engine noise)
 - Reduce air speed (reduces airframe noise)
 - Utilize wake vortex generators (reduces engine whine)
 - Dropping/remove waypoints (creates dispersion)
 - Verify if wind speed trigger for South flow can be increased (reduces South flow flights)
 - Raising altitudes (alleviates noise)

Brainstorming List – SJC Southflow Mitigations (continued)

Strategic Suggestions:

- **Make sure the South flow flight path and any proposed changes do not disproportionately impact any one resident**

- **Initiate Technical working group**
 - Due to limited technical expertise and time, it is advised that a technical working group be created to study each of the proposals along with the FAA
 - Recommend that an aviation expert and all affected parties will be invited to participate in the working group; Sessions to be open to the public
 - The technical group will then present its' findings & recommendations during adhoc committee meetings for full discussion, findings, and final decision(s)

- **All changes should be FAA computer modelled prior to implementation in order to minimize excessive impact to single residents**
 - If forecasted impact does not match expected result, then the change may need to be rolled back and alternate mitigations considered

- **Analysis of proposed change should continue after implementation**
 - Because of time constraints, no noise studies will likely be completed before recommendations are implemented.
 - If the changes result in little or no improvement, then re-evaluation of the changes needs to take place & further mitigations will be necessary
 - Our team would like to see a marked improvement in this flight path; preserving quality of life and impacting no single resident disproportionately
 - Historical flight tracks need to be preserved.

Administrative Suggestions

- **SJC to increase fines for curfew violators**

- **Establish landing fees based on flight noise generated by the plane(s) during arrival procedures**

This AdHoc Committee has the power to really improve the South flow noise issue.

Together community leaders and residents can solve this problem.

**Brainstorming list from the AdHoc Committee (in no special order):
(Based on AdHoc meeting of February 23, 2018)**

1. Limit planes to a maximum of 200 knots once they get to an altitude under 4000 feet
2. Increase the recommended altitude at waypoint ZORSA back to 3200 feet altitude (from the current 3000 feet)
3. Define some minimum altitudes at waypoints over the cities
4. For Airbus 320 aircraft - recommend product installation of "wake vortex generators" to quiet the whining noise
5. Somehow disperse the flights into a wider flight path or multiple flight paths
6. Have planes glide along descending paths to reduce engine noise (smooth descent to limit noise)
7. Look into modifications of the current procedures that could make them quieter without impacting safety. (Are there flight procedures that are quieter than other procedures without impacting safety?)
8. Could SFO airspace be modified, so there is more room to change the San Jose Airport flight paths
9. Move the south flow turn out over the water/bay (rather than over land) in order to reduce noise and potentially raise the altitude of the planes while over land
10. Evaluate the use of GBAS - Would it be helpful or would it create more noise?
11. Give latitude to the pilots so they can fly with more discretion in order to minimize noise
12. Can the trigger for South flow operations be raised to 6 or 7 knots from the current 5 knot trigger?
13. Can any new flight standard take noise into consideration?
14. Move the waypoint back from ZORSA to JESN, which might allow some dispersion again
15. Relax some efficiency standard to keep safety but potentially reduce noise
16. Financial incentives for airlines to fly quieter
17. Optimize the RNP path for noise
18. Ask for a chartered visual flight procedure, so potentially some possible dispersion can be built into the system
19. Possibility of an East approach that can be used to disperse some of the flights
20. Possibility of an East approach that can be used once a certain threshold of flights is reached over Sunnyvale

Robert Holbrook
March 8, 2018

Proposals for Relieving Noise Complaints for South Flow Arrivals to SJC

Background

South flow flights arriving to SJC have exhibited three phases of concentration. Phase I, before March 2012, dispersed flights fairly evenly over an east-west line across Sunnyvale almost two and a half miles wide. Phase II (March 2012-March 2015) concentrated flights into a narrower corridor, anticipating the Phase III 'rail' laid down in March 2015. If the fleet mix has not changed much since 2012, aircraft should be capable of reverting to traffic patterns that existed before March 2012. The question is how to do it.

Guiding Principle

People need the ability to plan, especially when making big decisions. People who aren't bothered by airplane noise can choose to live near it, perhaps getting a better house price. People who don't like airplane noise can avoid it. Public officials should not break faith with the homeowners and residents who made housing decisions over the years based on long-standing air traffic patterns.

Priorities

- First priority: Disperse noise over the historic flight corridor - as it existed before March 2012.
- Second priority: Minimize single-flight noise.

Suggestions

The suggestions below are discussed in the next section. Many of these suggestions could be used together. The Appendix contains a map with the waypoints named.

First Priority: Disperse Noise Over the Historic Flight Corridor (roughly in priority order):

- Create a Charted Visual Approach.
- Dispersion to the East: Recast ZORSA as a 'fly-by' waypoint...
 - ... and relocate HITIR to be as close to JESEN as possible to re-enable Phase I dispersion.
- Dispersion to the West: Vector airplanes by varying their course headings to the Bay.
- Define different approach paths for large and medium-to-small airplanes.
- Pivot the flow of traffic to overlay its historic pattern of flow.
- Develop two sets of procedures: one set for when efficiency is demanded, another for when it is not.
- Revert the final waypoint on the STAR procedure to PUCKK.
- Revert the final waypoint on the STAR procedure to JESEN. Also,
 - Remove HITIR and ZORSA from airplanes' Flight Management Systems for approaches other than RNP;
 - Encourage Air Traffic Control (ATC) to disperse airplanes as in Phase I.
- Define multiple flight paths across the historic corridor and rotate airplanes between them.

Second Priority: Minimize Single-Flight Noise (roughly in priority order):

- Minimize 'level-flight' segments.
 - Enable pilots to arrive HITIR at altitudes and speeds that allow them to reach the Bay without flying dirty or using thrust.
 - Relax the altitude requirement at HITIR from exactly 4000' to at or above 4000'.
 - Enable pilots of vectored flights to optimize their descent profile by telling them where they will turn early enough so that they can choose the best altitude at HITIR.
- Defer noisy maneuvers until overflying compatible land adjacent to the Bay (Moffet Field, industrial parks).
- Optimize all approach procedures for noise. Bring focus to the 75% of flights that do not fly the RNP approach.
- Other things being equal, encourage airplanes to fly slower and cleaner.
- Other things being equal, raise altitudes.

Other Suggestions

- Fine-tune the trigger for South Flow.
- SJC to persuade airlines to install vortex generators on planes that emit a 'whine', perhaps in consideration of other benefits.
- For flights that will arrive after the curfew, require pilots to state online what has caused them to violate the curfew - in advance of landing.
- Revisit arrival procedures in the future as noise modeling tools improve.

Discussion

First Priority: Disperse Noise Over the Historic Flight Corridor

Create a Charted Visual Approach

This suggestion was made by Ms. Thann McLeod of TRACON at the last meeting of the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee. The Committee was told that a Charted Visual Approach is more likely to be endorsed by airlines and used by pilots. Pilots have more discretion when flying a visual approach than when flying RNAV approaches, so this should contribute dispersion.

This approach could better align with the historic flight corridor because, if I understand correctly, an RNAV visual approach permits a sharper 'turn to final' than precision RNP does (30° vs 15°). I will say more about this later.

Dispersion to the East: Recast ZORSA as a 'fly-by' waypoint

A 'fly-over' waypoint requires airplanes to overfly that waypoint before they begin their turn, forcing concentration at the waypoint, as with ZORSA today. The location of ZORSA can accommodate the turning radius of the largest airplanes that can land at SJC. A 'fly-by' waypoint permits airplanes with smaller turning radiuses to turn before reaching it, 'cutting the corner'. This change would reintroduce dispersion by optimizing for each airplane's turning radius, which varies across the fleet mix. The timing of the turn is driven by the flight management system of each airplane, based on its capabilities, so this should be compatible with Nextgen. The location of HITIR might need to be moved closer to JESEN, or eliminated, to reintroduce the maximum amount of dispersion after JESEN.

Dispersion to the West: Vector airplanes by varying their course headings to the Bay

Vectoring is used to adjust the spacing between airplanes approaching the airport. Today, arrivals to SJC are vectored by flying further along a fixed rail, creating a 'trombone' effect after ZORSA. Instead, airplanes could be vectored by pointing them at different locations along the Bayshore, introducing dispersion. (Arrivals to SFO using SERFR STAR are dispersed by this latter sort of vectoring.) Ideally, airplanes would begin their turns as close to compatible land use as possible, hopefully after crossing Highway 101.

Define different approach paths for large and medium-to-small airplanes

As noted above, smaller aircraft can execute narrower turns. An approach path could be created after JESEN suitable for small- and medium-sized aircraft, with the approach path crossing ZORSA reserved for the largest aircraft. Such an approach path would better align with the historic corridor over Sunnyvale. Notice the narrow turning radius of the Boeing 738 in the following vector map and where this positions the airplane relative to PUCKK, shown in figures 2 and 3.

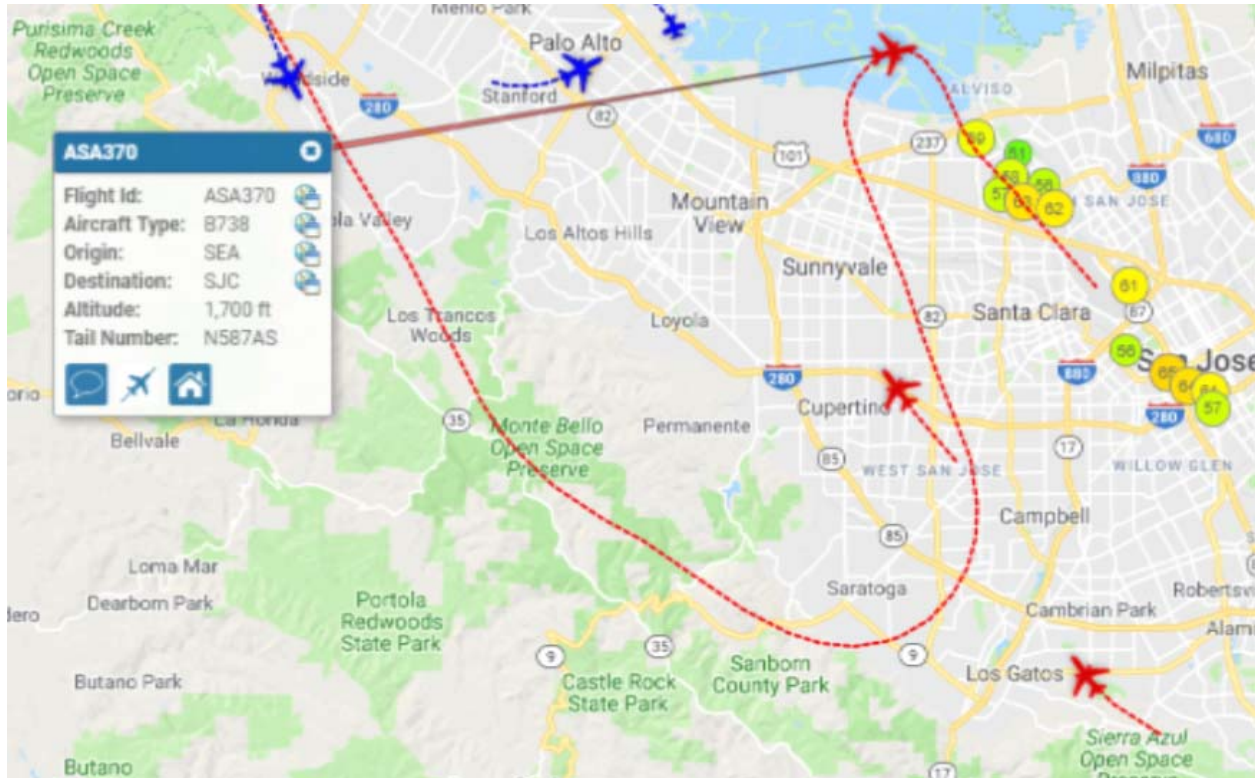


Figure 1. Approach path taken by a Boeing 738 (March 2, 2018 10:49:45am)
 Note the narrow turning radius and the slight turn to the final approach

Pivot the flow of traffic to overlay its historic pattern of flow

This idea is meant to complement the three suggestions for introducing dispersion mentioned above: dispersion to the East, dispersion to the West and multiple flight paths based on aircraft size. The transition from Phase I to Phase II pivoted the flow of traffic counter-clockwise several degrees, on average, and the transition from Phase II to Phase III pushed the Phase II center of flow still further west. This suggestion is to pivot traffic back over its historic path of flow, dispersing it with the techniques described above. See the chart below for the flow immediately before Phase II ended, noting how the dotted white line, which approximates the center of flow, is pivoted from the solid and dashed yellow lines.

This clockwise pivot could be achieved by requiring airplanes to turn less than 180° to reach the final approach. If, for some reason, planes must make a 180° turn, they could compensate by turning the other way just before the final approach, as the plane in Figure 1 did.

I have been told that allowances for 'turn-to-final' are 15° for precision RNP and 30° for RNAV. If this is correct, the 'rail' over Cupertino, Sunnyvale, Mountain View and Palo Alto could pivot clockwise by 15° or 30°, toward its historical center, enabling dispersion to the west using varying course headings.

While this idea might not be workable for the largest aircraft, it might be workable for medium-to-small aircraft.

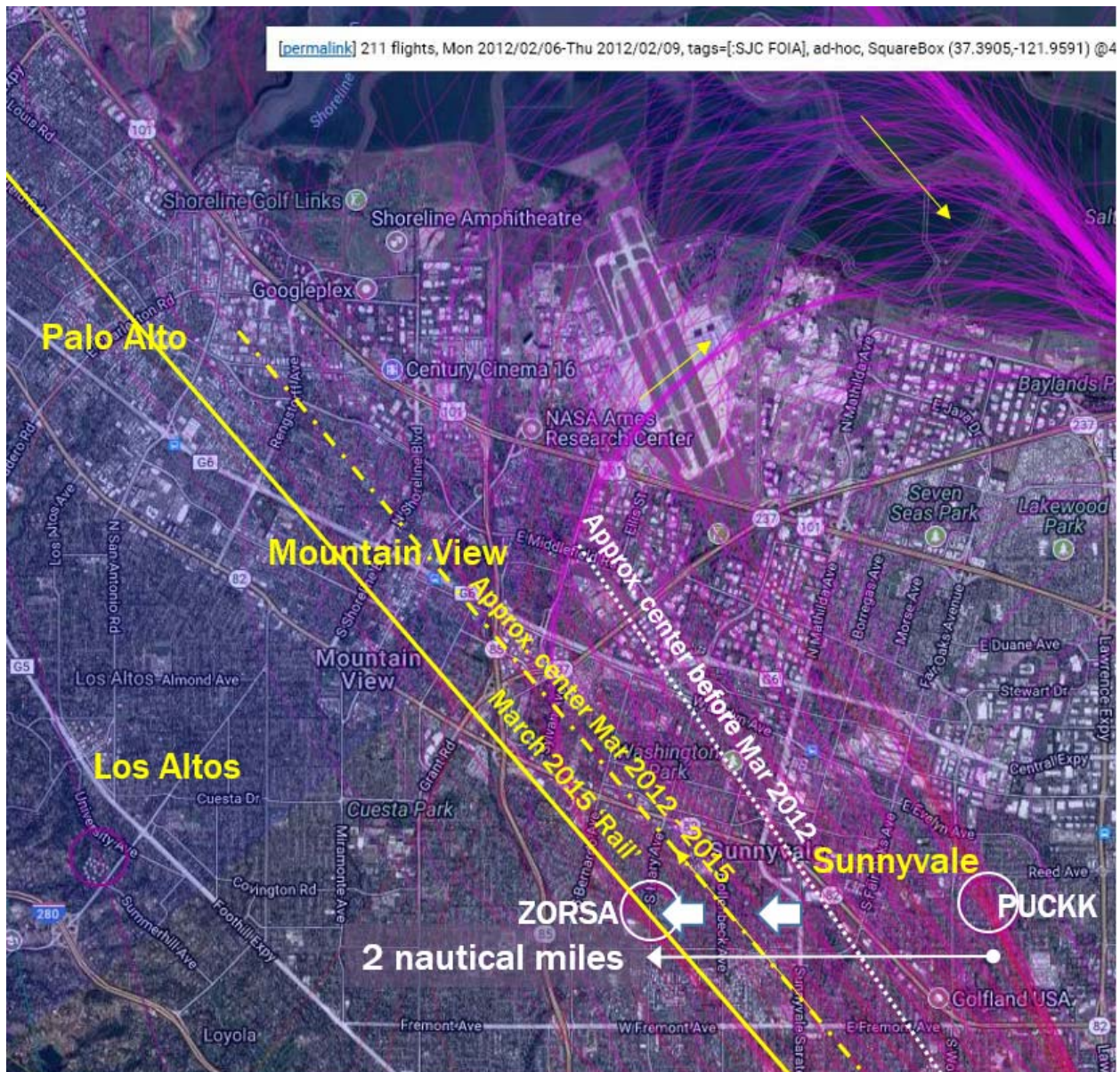


Figure 2. Flow of traffic just before Phase I ended in March 2012. Note the broad dispersion.
(2/6/12 to 2/9/12 – 211 flights)

Develop two sets of procedures: one set for when efficiency is demanded, another for when it is not

During non-peak hours, noise-optimized procedures would be used.

Revert the final waypoint on the STAR procedure to PUCKK

Before March 2012, PUCKK was the final waypoint on the STAR procedure. As can be seen in Figure 2 (unless you're looking at a black and white printout!), arriving flights missed this waypoint far more than they hit it, perhaps because some airplanes needed to make a wider turn. But that was good, because

this procedure created considerable dispersion in practice. Vectoring flights can be a good way to reintroduce dispersion, as discussed above.

The intent of this suggestion is to provide a way to recreate the Phase I distribution, not to concentrate flights over PUCKK.

Revert the final waypoint on the STAR procedure to JESEN

During Phase II, the final waypoint on the STAR arrival procedure (JAWWS THREE) that brought airplanes to the vicinity of SJC was JESEN. With Phase III, the final waypoints for the STAR procedures (ROBIE and SILCN) that superseded the Phase II procedure was extended five miles past JESEN to ZORSA.

For this solution to work, the HITIR and ZORSA waypoints must be removed from the flight management systems guiding airplanes past JESEN or else the concentration will remain. The dispersion of Phase II arose because pilots had to make a slight turn after JESEN and the timing of their turns varied.

The dispersion during Phase II was broader than during Phase III, but it was not nearly as broad as Phase I. Could ATC enable and encourage more dispersion than offered by Phase II if this solution were to be adopted?

The solutions offered in this paper are presented in priority order, and reversion to PUCKK is preferred to this solution because it led to more dispersion in the past.

Define multiple flight paths over the historic corridor and rotate airplanes between them

This approach is prioritized lower than the others because it could allow the concept of 'rails' to persist. If airplanes could be 'dealt out' to the rails on a per plane basis, this becomes a poor man's form of dispersion. However, if all airplanes are routed to one corridor or another based on time of day then noise is being distributed, not dispersed. No one is going to want a flight every two to three minutes, even for a few hours, but that is what the sum of traffic to SJC is likely bring in ten years without dispersion.

Second Priority: Minimize Single-Flight Noise

Minimize 'level-flight' segments

I was told by a commercial pilot that flying level requires lift devices, like flaps and slats, and often jet thrust as well, all of which are very noisy. He also said that an airplane generally requires an extra 1000' of altitude for every 3nm to the runway to avoid using lift devices.

If all airplanes are forced arrive at HITIR at the same altitude, as they are today, and the RNP approach is optimized for noise, vectored airplanes not taking the RNP approach will need more lift because they have to fly further. Currently, 75% of airplanes reaching ZORSA do not take the RNP approach, and these flights should be optimized for sound. A data point: flights over ZORSA that continue on to Mountain View City Hall have already flown 2.17nm past ZORSA, which, per the pilot's rule, should require a drop of 725' to avoid noisy lift devices, but, in fact, during 2016 and 2017 they dropped only 230' on average in that segment.

Two procedural changes could help minimize level-flying segments. First, enable pilots flying aircraft that are to be vectored to arrive at HITIR at higher altitudes. This means eliminating the exact altitude requirement of 4000' for HITIR. Second, provide pilots with better predictability for their course well in advance of HITIR (and JESN for that matter). Perhaps this could be done by ATC providing a course heading to the Bay that the pilot can target, as suggested earlier. Doing so would provide a double benefit: in addition to the dispersion discussed earlier, airplanes could fly quieter.

Defer noisy maneuvers until overflying compatible land adjacent to the Bay (Moffett Field, industrial parks)

Optimize all approach procedures for noise. Bring focus to the 75% of flights that do not fly the RNP approach

Other things being equal, encourage airplanes to fly slower and cleaner

Sound energy increases with the fifth power of the velocity of the airplane, so speed is important. Noise from lift devices (flaps and slats), which generate still more sound, is often the dominant source of noise on the ground. With advances in quieter engines, airframe noise is often a bigger factor in arrivals than jet noise. Use of jet thrust should also be minimized.

Other things being equal, raise altitudes

This is prioritized last because altitude, by itself, is not likely to buy us much. At a conference on airplane noise held in Long Beach last week, I learned that eight miles from the airport (FRA and LHR), planes arriving at a relatively steep 3.2° angle of descent were only 0.7dB quieter on average, with the best aircraft being 1.4dB quieter. That's not much. (ZORSA is 10 miles from SJC along the RNP path.) Whereas sound energy drops off with the fifth power of velocity and perhaps the sixth power of the speed of the exhaust, it drops off at only a bit more than the second power of altitude.

Higher altitudes can be especially helpful when they enable airplanes to fly cleaner or with less jet thrust (see the discussion of level-flight segments), however.

Other Suggestions

Fine-tune the trigger for South Flow

Airlines prefer North Flow to South Flow for SJC, so an attractive solution would be to increase the trigger used to declare South Flow conditions. A 5-knot windspeed trigger is currently used. Airports with longer runways use a 10-knot trigger. We have been told that a 10-knot trigger is not feasible at SJC. But 5- and 10-knots are very round numbers and perhaps an intermediate value would be possible. We should ask if a 6-knot trigger is feasible.

SJC to persuade airlines to install vortex generators on planes that emit a 'whine', perhaps in consideration of other benefits

SFO is about to send letters to airlines asking for their plans to install vortex generators. At the SFO Roundtable, SFO staff suggested that they would consider 'other options' if the response is lax. SJC

should consider taking similar measures, even if the percentage of planes requiring vortex generators is relatively low.

For flights that will arrive after the curfew, require pilots to state online what has caused them to violate the curfew - in advance of landing

A speaker at the Airplane Noise and Emissions Conference in Long Beach last week stated that this system reduced curfew incursions at one airport. Curfew incursions rose at SJC last year.

Revisit arrival procedures in the future as noise modeling tools improve

The tradeoffs between altitude, angle of descent, speed and whether an airplane is flying dirty are complex and interrelated. It is difficult to understand the net effects on noise without modeling. The FAA and academia are working to develop and improve tools to model aircraft noise. The FAA's noise modeling tool (AEDT) is being enhanced to better capture some of these effects, but those improvements are not yet available. We should encourage the FAA to revisit procedures that are developed as their modeling tools improve.

Currently, the FAA is shipping AEDT version 2d. AEDT version 3a will ship this fall and will offer enhanced modeling for noise levels below 65 DNL (the contour that defines who qualifies for noise remediation for their houses), which includes us. AEDT4 will incorporate airframe noise and engine noise, which could be a significant enhancement.

Appendix

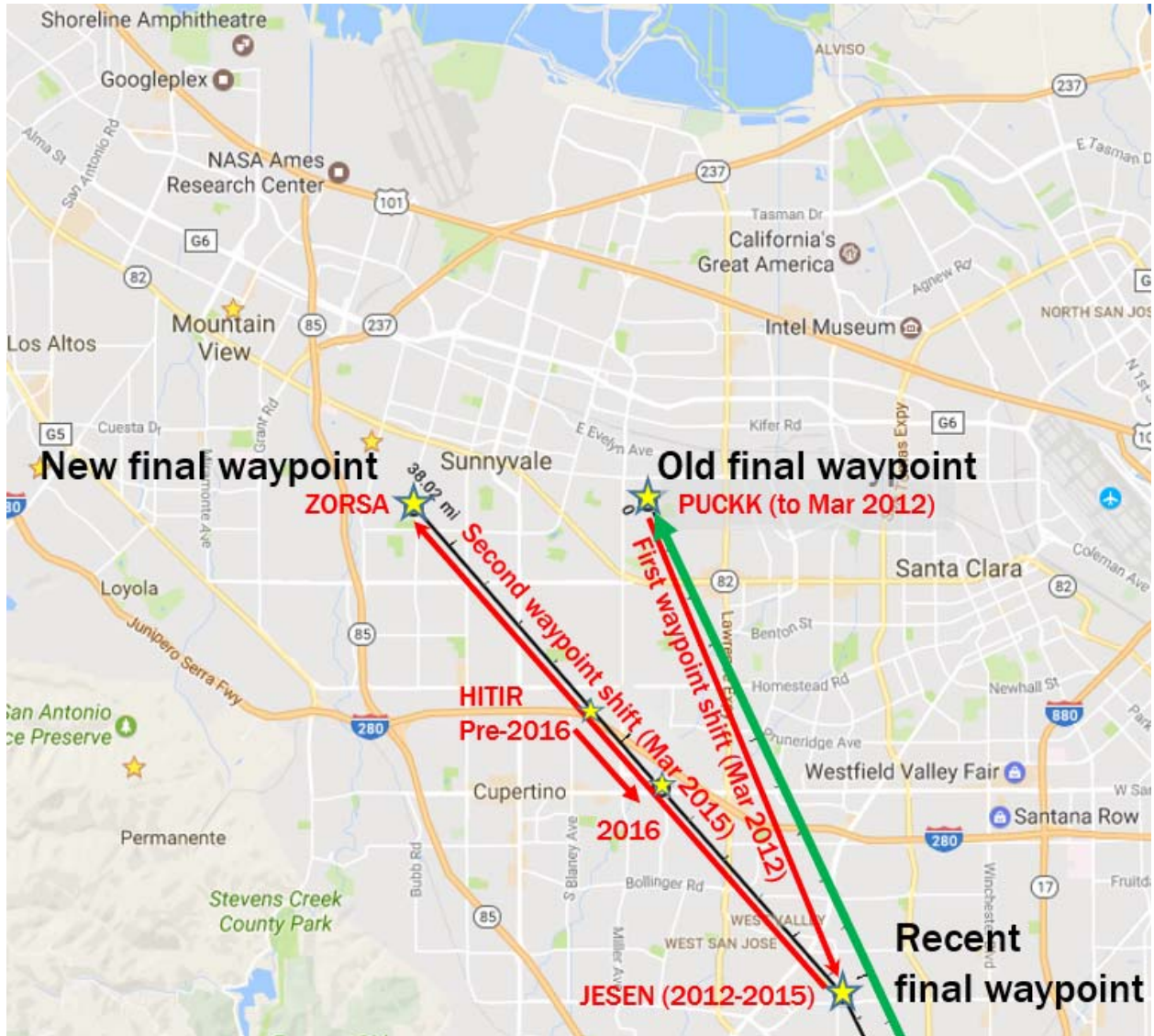


Figure 3. Evolution of waypoints on the STAR arrival procedures:

Disclaimer: The author is a layman. The statements in this paper are believed to be true but errors are possible.

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From: Robert Holbrook <>
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2018 10:50 AM
To: Glenn Hendricks; Kazmierczak, Matthew
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Subject: Ad Hoc Committee: Questions for a pilot
Attachments: RNP Z plates Evolution 2013-2016 (rnavz 20132016).pdf; JAWWS Evolution to RAZRR SILCN 2008-2017.pdf

Mayor Hendricks, Mr. Kazmierczak,

In its response to the "Requests, Questions and Next Steps" document posted for today's meeting, SJC staff said it would be helpful to know the kind of questions that might be asked of a pilot (item 13). In order to inform the discussion of this topic today, should it come up, I have prepared a list of questions. To answer some of these questions, I believe the pilot might want to refer to the attached documents, which show flight plates for earlier procedures. I have found that these are difficult to come by. I think the pilot might also want to refer to the vector maps in my document, "The Evolution of South Flow Traffic into SJC" posted at the Committee web site.

In addition, I expect the Committee would want to get the pilot's take on any other suggestions that are in play at the time he comes before the Committee.

Regards,
Robert Holbrook

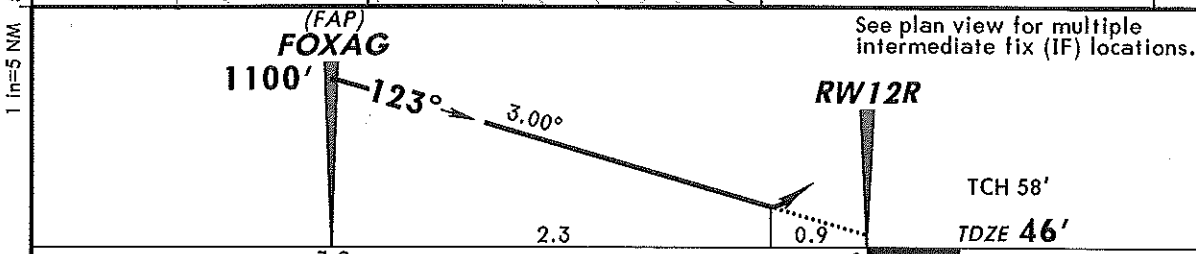
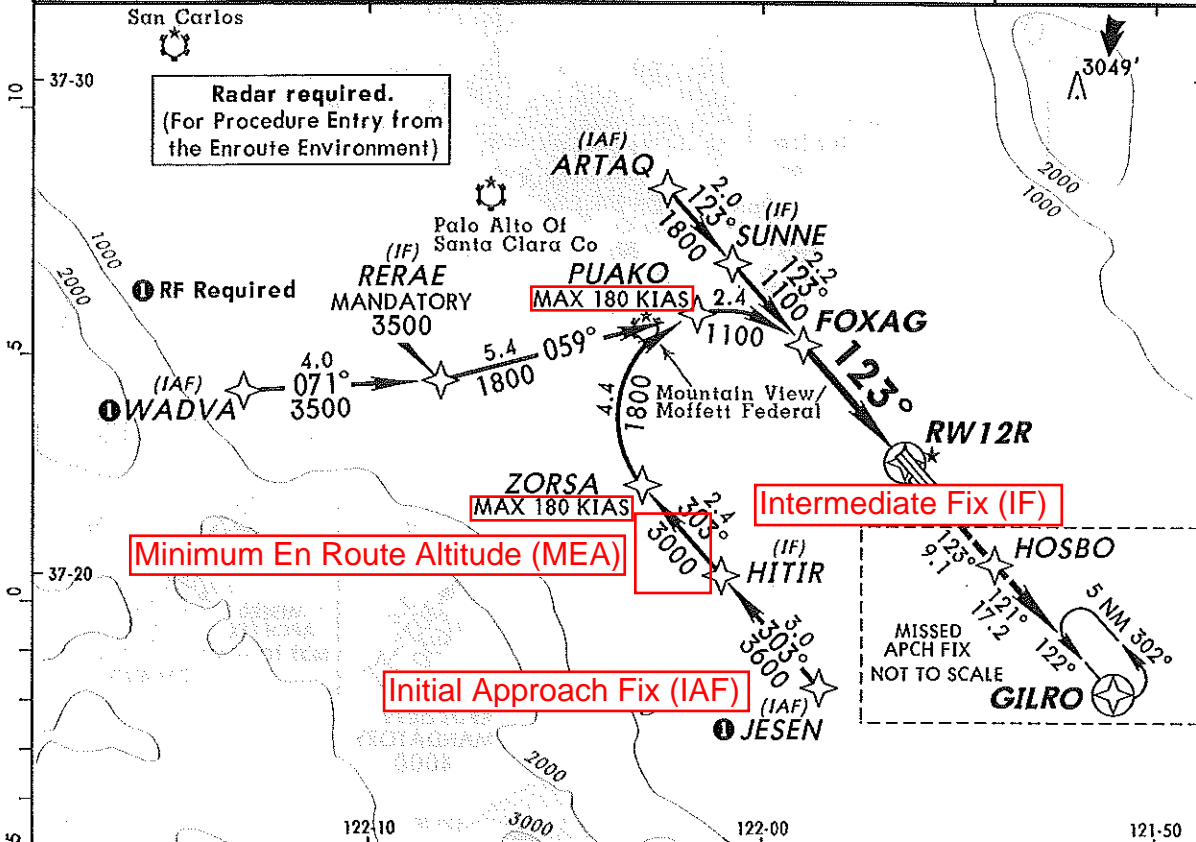
Questions for a Pilot

- Choice of Approach (past HITIR):
 - What drives your choice of approach after the STAR procedure is completed? Please discuss RNP, RNAV, Visual, Charted Visual, and vectored approaches.
 - Do different airlines use different approaches? Why?
 - To what extent do airlines define the approaches they use?
- Where along the arrival and approach paths would you expect single-flight noise to increase for reasons other than altitude?
- The Flight Management Controller (autopilot)
 - To what extent is the altitude you arrive at a waypoint driven by the Flight Management Controller (FMC)?
 - To what extent is the speed you arrive at a waypoint driven by the Flight Management Controller?
 - To what extent is deployment of flaps and slats driven by the Flight Management Controller?
 - Under what circumstances do you override the Flight Management Controller?
- RNP AR Z approach
 - Velocity
 - The RNP AR Z flight plate showed a maximum velocity of 180 knots at ZORSA prior to 2015. In 2016, the maximum velocity was increased to 210 knots. (Velocity is expressed as KIAS = knots indicated air speed, which is the airplane's speed relative to the wind.)
 - Why might this increase have occurred?
 - To what extent would you think this increase would be reflected in operations?
 - Since 2015 some data suggests that there has been an increase in average ground velocity at ZORSA, please comment.
 - Altitude

- The Minimum Enroute Altitude (MEA) leading to ZORSA was 3200' prior to 2015 and 3000' in 2016
 - Why might this change have occurred?
 - To what extent would you think this reduction would be reflected in operations?
 - Would you expect lift (flaps and slats) and thrust to be required to execute the RNP AR Z turn after ZORSA?
 - Do planes make more noise when they turn? Is thrust required? Flaps?
 - How might the RNP AR Z turn be executed to create less noise?
- Level-flight segments for RNAV flights passing ZORSA over Mountain View and Palo Alto
 - HITIR specifies an exact altitude of 4000'. Is lift and thrust required to fly past ZORSA over Mountain View to Palo Alto?
 - Would arriving at HITIR at a higher altitude allow you to reduce the use of flaps/slats and thrust required to get to the Bay?
 - If so, what altitude window would you like to see to minimize noise while permitting vectoring?
- Noise and vectoring
 - From your perspective, would it be feasible for you to be vectored by ATC varying your course heading (from JESEN or HITIR) so that planes can be fanned out across Mountain View and Palo Alto as they approach their turn over the Bay?
 - Could you adjust the altitude you arrive at HITIR to fly more quietly to the Bay if ATC were to provide specific guidance of where you should turn long enough in advance?
 - When would you need that guidance for you to arrive HITIR at the best altitude for noise?
- Please discuss how changing ZORSA from a 'fly-over' fix to a 'fly-by' fix might affect where airplanes would turn. Would you expect this to increase dispersion across flights?
- From 2012 to 2015, the final waypoint on the JAWWS THREE STAR procedure was JESEN. Vector maps of flights during that period indicate more dispersion after JESEN than we have with the current procedures. How would the turn after JESEN have been driven during that period?
- Before 2012, the final waypoint on the JAWWS TWO STAR procedure was PUCKK. Vector maps of flights during that period show a great deal of dispersion. They also show that most airplanes were unable to reach PUCKK. Why and how might airplanes have left the STAR procedure before PUCKK?
- Would it be possible to prolong flying quieter over residential areas by 'catching up' and making more noise once industrial areas or the Bay have been reached?
- Do you have other ideas to increase dispersion?
- Do you have other ideas to reduce per-flight noise?

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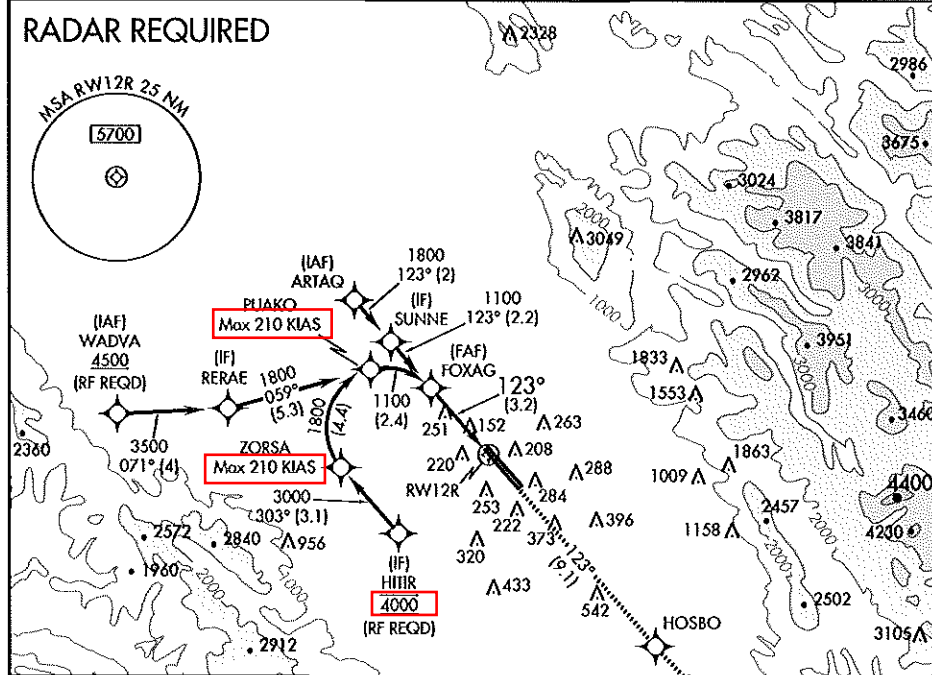
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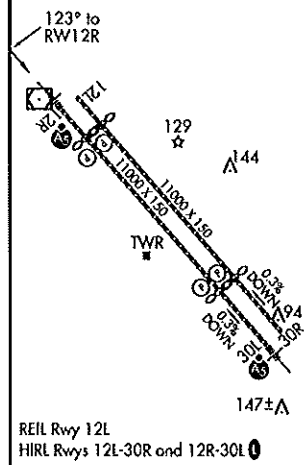
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AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED

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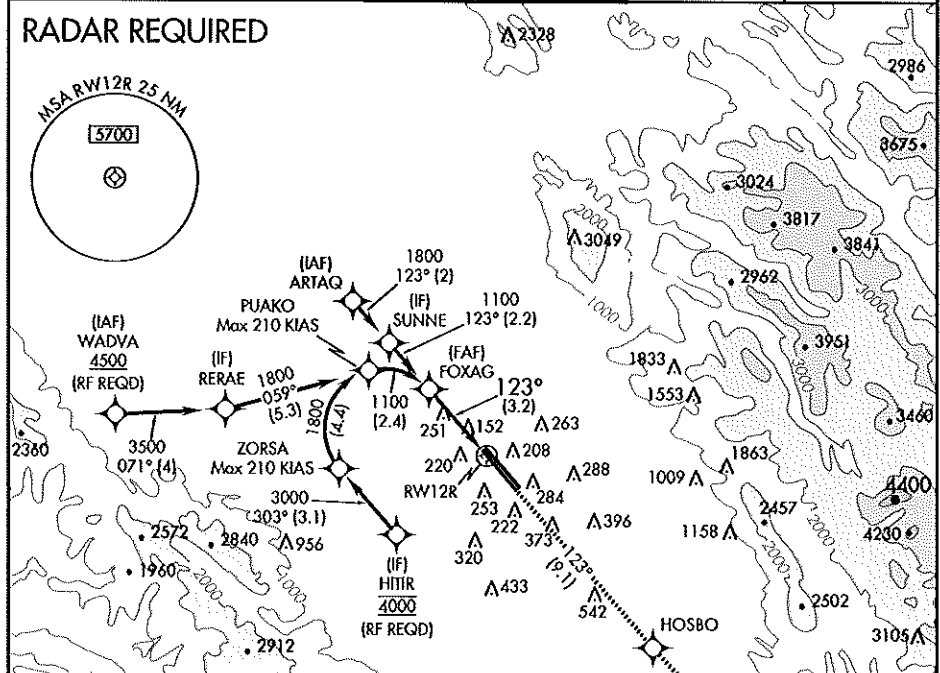
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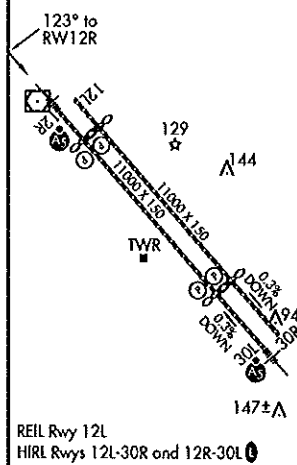
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GILRO

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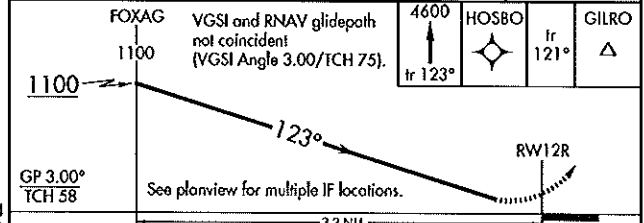
4600 HOSBO

1100

123°

121°

123° to RWY 12R



CATEGORY	A	B	C	D
RNP 0.15 DA		380-5/8	334 (400-5/8)	
RNP 0.30 DA		486-1	440 (500-1)	

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Amdt 3 20AUG15

37°22'N-121°56'W

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RNAV (RNP) Z RWY 12R

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123°	TDZE	46
	Apt Elev	62

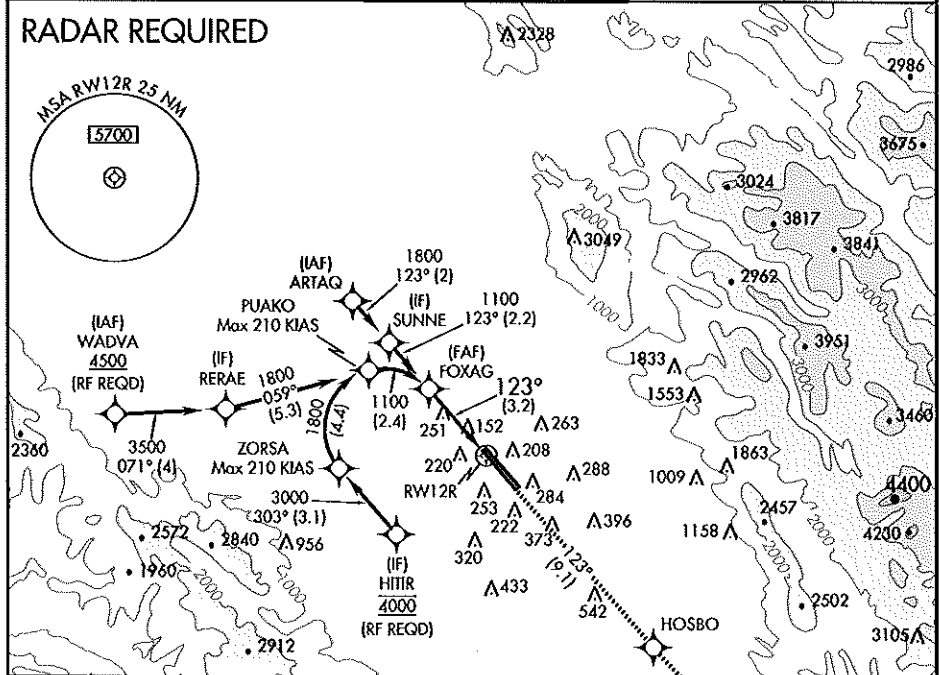
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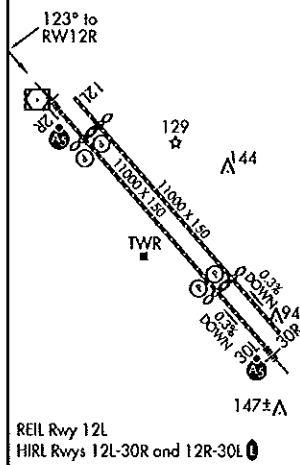
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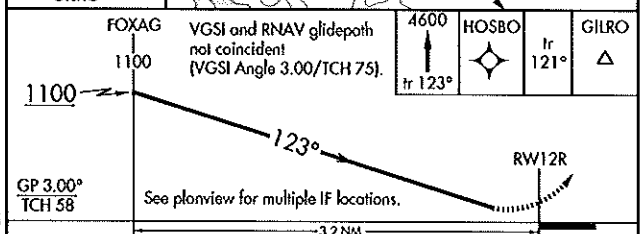
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FOXAG 1100

VGSI and RNAV glidepath not coincident (VGSI Angle 3.00/TCH 75).

4600 HOSBO tr 123°

GILRO tr 121°



CATEGORY	A	B	C	D
RNP 0.15 DA		380- $\frac{3}{8}$	334 (400- $\frac{3}{8}$)	
RNP 0.30 DA		486-1	440 (500-1)	

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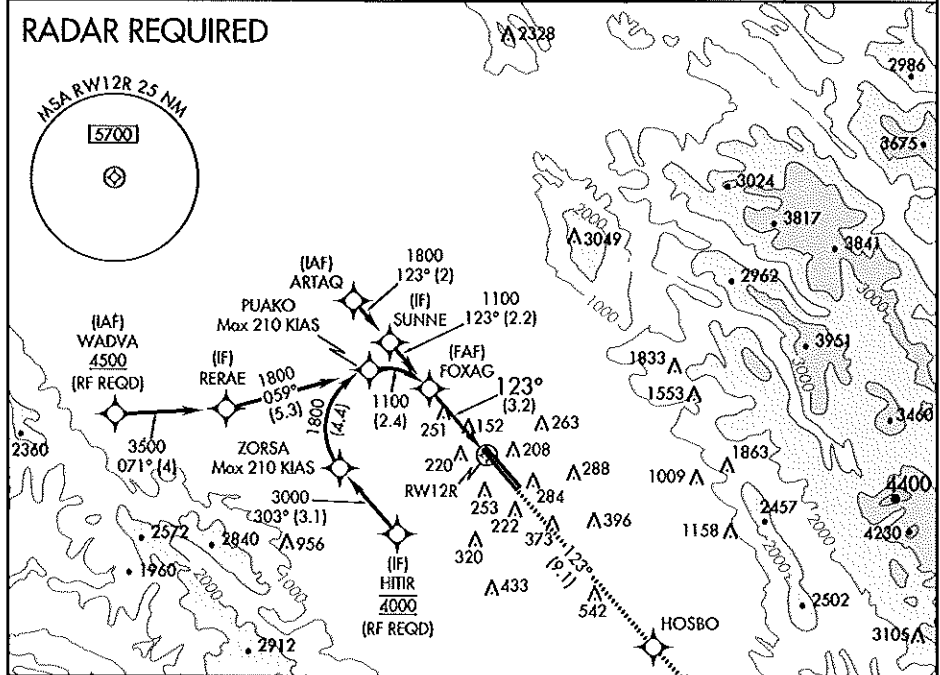
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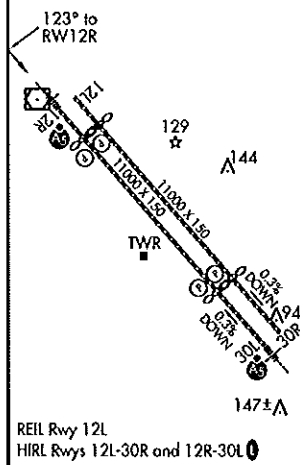
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ELEV 62 TDZE 46



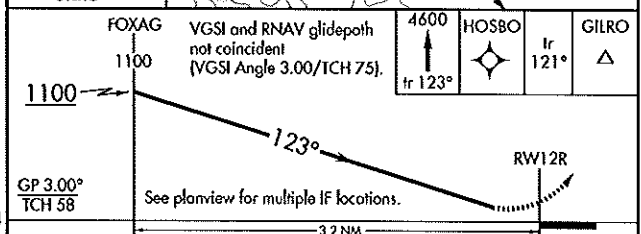
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GILRO 

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HOSBO  tr 123°

GILRO  tr 121°



CATEGORY	A	B	C	D
RNP 0.15 DA		380- $\frac{5}{8}$	334 (400- $\frac{5}{8}$)	
RNP 0.30 DA		486-1	440 (500-1)	

AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA
Amdt 3 20AUG15

37°22'N-121°56'W

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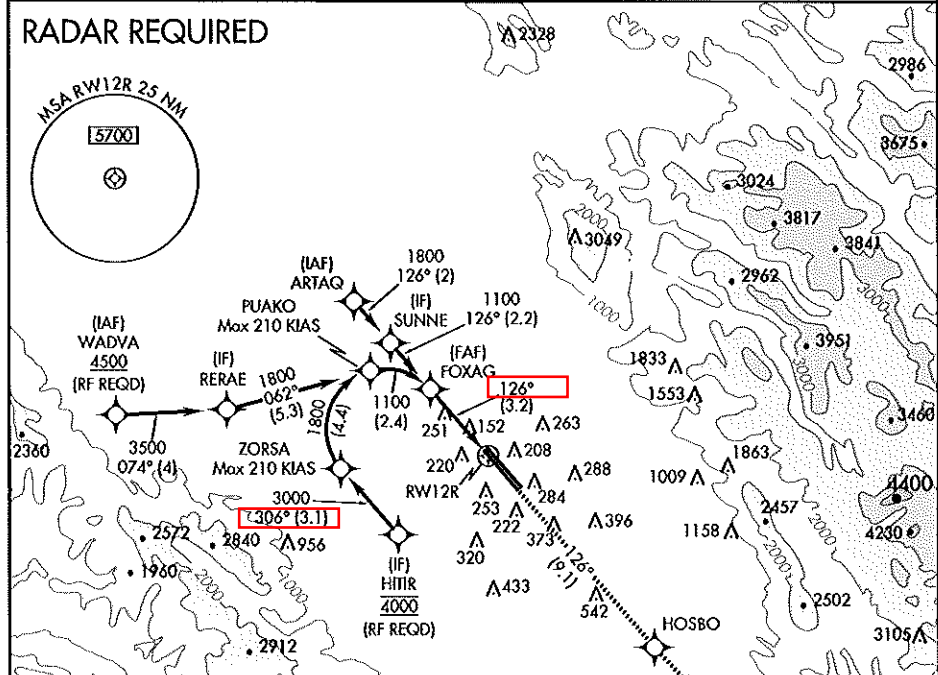
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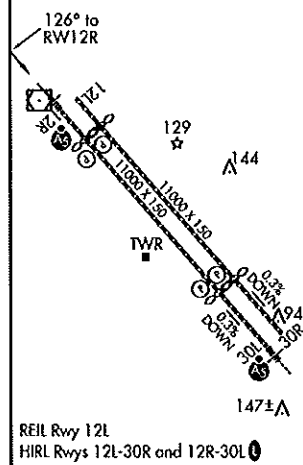
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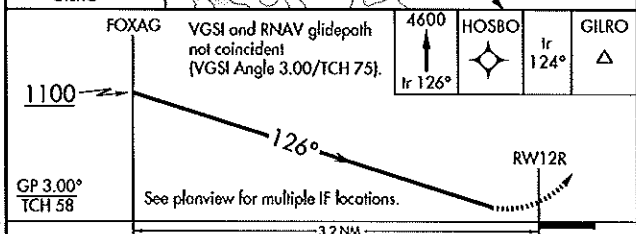
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GILRO

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4600 HOSBO Ir 126°

GILRO Ir 124°



CATEGORY	A	B	C	D
RNP 0.15 DA		380- $\frac{5}{8}$	334 (400- $\frac{5}{8}$)	
RNP 0.30 DA		486-1	440 (500-1)	

AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED

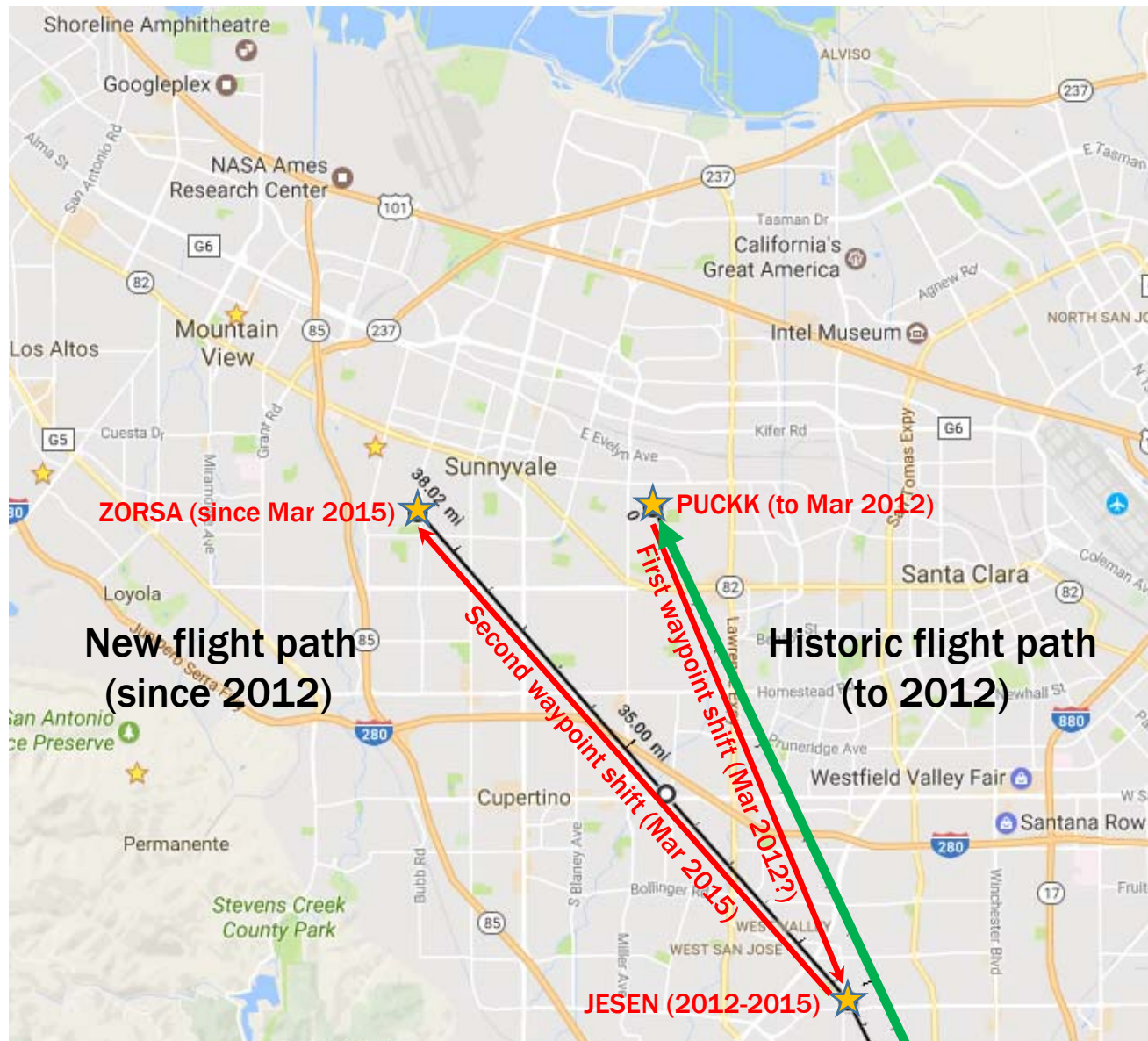
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NORMAN Y MINETA SAN JOSE INTL (SJC)
RNAV (RNP) Z RWY 12R

Flight path shifted in two stages

Final waypoints for arrivals: 2012 to 2015





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Terminal Procedures	
Type	Name
APD	AIRPORT DIAGRAM
DP	MOONY THREE
DP	LOUPE ONE
DP	SUNOL SIX
DP	DANVILLE TWO
DP	ALTAM SEVEN
DP	SAN JOSE NINE
HOT	HOT SPOT
IAP	RNAV (GPS) Y RWY 30R
IAP	RNAV (RNP) Z RWY 12L
IAP	RNAV (RNP) Z RWY 12R
IAP	RNAV (RNP) Z RWY 30L

Terminal Procedures	
Type	Name
IAP	RNAV (RNP) Z RWY 30R
IAP	VOR/DME RWY 30L
IAP	VOR/DME RWY 30R
IAP	VOR RWY 12R
IAP	FAIRGROUNDS VISUAL RWY 30L/R
IAP	ILS OR LOC RWY 12R
IAP	ILS OR LOC/DME RWY 30L
IAP	RNAV (GPS) RWY 11
IAP	RNAV (GPS) RWY 29
IAP	RNAV (GPS) Y RWY 12L
IAP	RNAV (GPS) Y RWY 12R

Terminal Procedures	
Type	Name
MIN	TAKE-OFF MINIMUMS
MIN	ALTERNATE MINIMUMS
STAR	ROBIE THREE
STAR	GOLDEN GATE SIX
STAR	EL NIDO FIVE
STAR	JAWWS TWO
STAR	CAPITOL THREE
STAR	BRINY ONE
STAR	POINT REYES ONE

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JAWWS THREE **NEW******

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ROBIE THREE

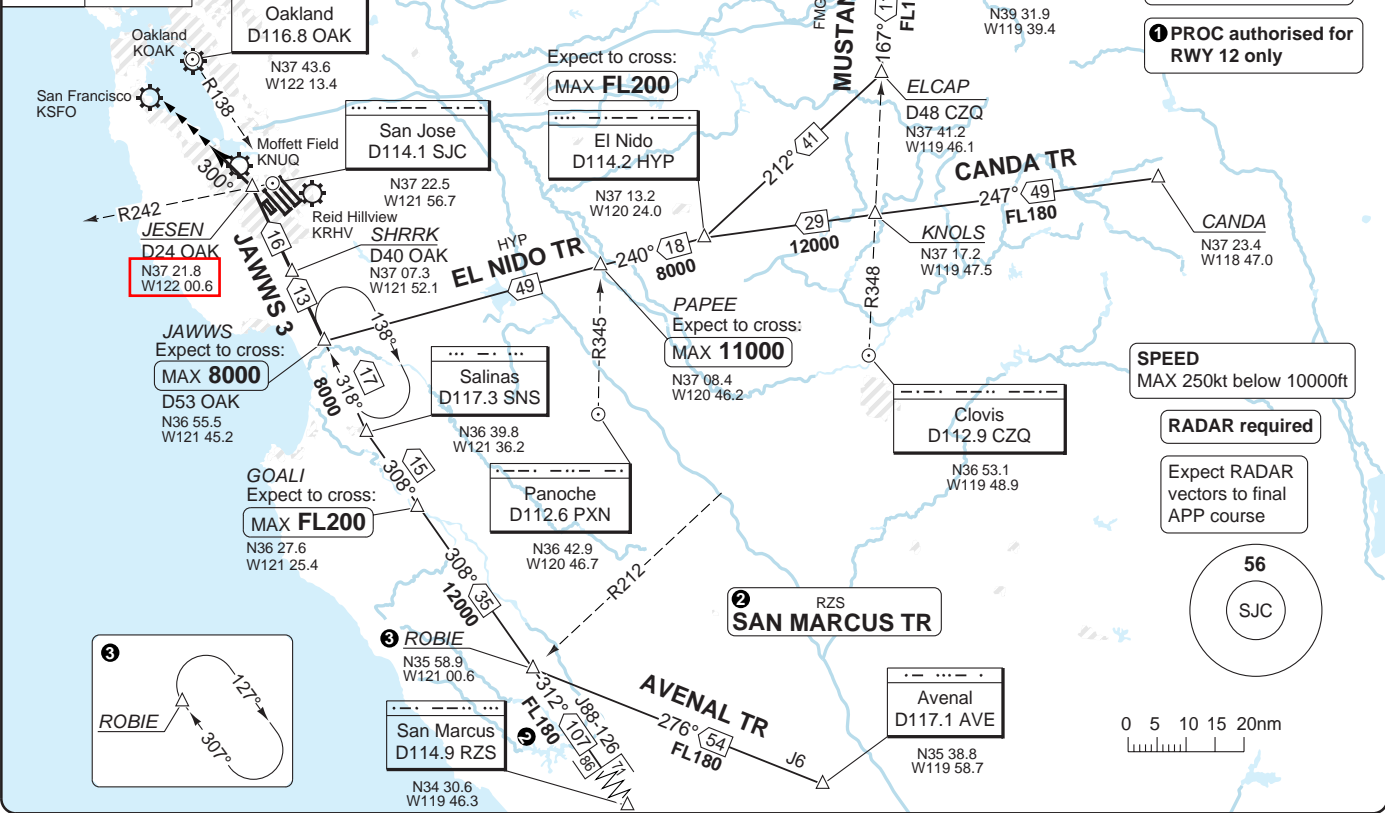
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Norcal APP			San Jose TWR	GND	ATIS (D)
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STAR JAWWS 3 ①

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JAWWS THREE ARRIVAL

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NORMAN Y. MINETA SAN JOSE INTL
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

NORCAL APP CON
120.1 290.25
ATIS 126.95

MUSTANG
117.9 FMG
Chan 126
N39°31.88'-W119°39.36'
L-9, H-3

TURBOJET VERTICAL
NAVIGATION PLANNING
INFORMATION
Expect FL200

EL NIDO
114.2 HYP
Chan 89
N37°13.17'-W120°24.01'
L-3, H-3

OAKLAND
116.8 OAK
Chan 115

SAN JOSE
114.1 SJC
Chan 88

PAPEE
N37°08.54' - W120°45.78'
TURBOJET VERTICAL
NAVIGATION PLANNING
INFORMATION
Expect 11000

ELCAP
N37°41.16'
W119°46.10'

COALDALE
117.7 OAL
Chan 124

SW-2, 26 JUN 2014 to 24 JUL 2014

JESSEN
N37°17.69'
W121°58.53'

SHRRK
N37°07.30'
W121°52.09'

8000
240°
(18)

8000
240°
(18)

CANDA
N37°23.38'
W118°47.03'
H-3

KNOLS
N37°17.17'
W119°47.50'

TURBOJET VERTICAL
NAVIGATION
PLANNING
INFORMATION
Expect 8000

SALINAS
117.3 SNS
Chan 120
N36°39.83'
W121°36.19'

PANOCHÉ
112.6 PXN
Chan 73

CLOVIS
112.9 CZQ
Chan 76

GOALI
N36°27.57'
W121°25.44'
TURBOJET VERTICAL
NAVIGATION PLANNING
INFORMATION
Expect FL 200

ROBIE
N35°58.89'
W121°00.57'

AVENAL
112.1 AVE
Chan 118
N35°38.82'
W119°58.72'
L-3-7, H-4

SAN MARCUS
114.9 RZS
Chan 96
N34°30.57'-W119°46.26'
L-3-4-7, H-4

NOTE: Radar required.
NOTE: Procedure authorized for Rwy 12 only.
NOTE: DME required.

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JAWWS THREE ARRIVAL

SW-2, 26 JUN 2014 to 24 JUL 2014

ARRIVAL DESCRIPTION

AVENAL TRANSITION (AVE.JAWWS3): From over AVE VORTAC via AVE R-276 to ROBIE INT, then via SNS R-128 to SNS VORTAC, then via SNS R-318 to JAWWS INT. Thence

CANDA TRANSITION (CANDA.JAWWS3): From over CANDA INT via HYP R-067 to HYP VOR/DME, then via HYP R-240 to JAWWS INT. Thence

EL NIDO TRANSITION (HYP.JAWWS3): From over HYP VOR/DME via HYP R-240 to JAWWS INT. Thence

MUSTANG TRANSITION (FMG.JAWWS3): From over FMG VORTAC via FMG R-167 and CZQ R-348 to ELCAP INT, then via HYP R-032 to HYP VOR/DME, then via HYP R-240 to JAWWS INT. Thence

SAN MARCUS TRANSITION (RZS.JAWWS3): From over RZS VORTAC via RZS R-312 and SNS R-128 to SNS VORTAC, then via SNS R-318 to JAWWS INT. Thence

. . . . From over JAWWS INT on OAK R-138 to JESEN INT then on heading 300°, expect RADAR vectors to the final approach course.

LOST COMMUNICATIONS: Proceed direct SJC VOR/DME and execute the ILS or LOC Rwy 12R approach.

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RAZRR FOUR ARRIVAL (RNAV) Arrival Routes
 (STUBL, RAZRR4) 21 JUL 16
 SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA
 NORMAN Y MINETA SAN JOSE INTL (SJC)

OAKLAND CENTER
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 NORCAL APP CON
 126.475 317.775
 ATIS
 126.95
 SAN JO
 124.0
 GND CD
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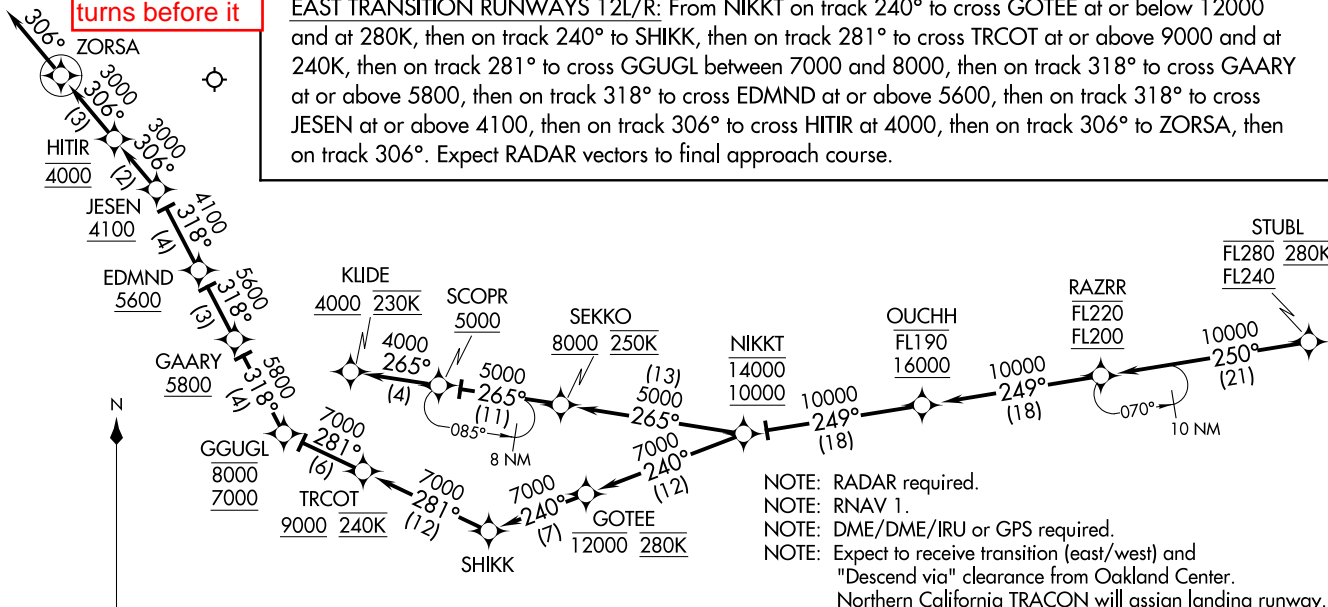
Circle indicates
 'Fly-Over Fix',
 precluding
 turns before it

ARRIVAL ROUTE DESCRIPTION

From STUBL on track 250° to cross RAZRR between FL200 and FL220, then on track 249° to cross OUCHH between 16000 and FL190, then on track 249° to cross NIKKT between 10000 and 14000.

WEST TRANSITION RUNWAYS 30L/R: From NIKKT on track 265° to cross SEKKO at or above 8000 and at 250K, then on track 265° to cross SCOPR at or above 5000, then on track 265° to cross KLIDE at or above 4000 and at 230K. Expect assigned instrument approach procedure.

EAST TRANSITION RUNWAYS 12L/R: From NIKKT on track 240° to cross GOTEE at or below 12000 and at 280K, then on track 281° to SHIKK, then on track 281° to cross TRCOT at or above 9000 and at 240K, then on track 281° to cross GGUGL between 7000 and 8000, then on track 318° to cross GAARY at or above 5800, then on track 318° to cross JESEN at or above 4100, then on track 306° to cross HITIR at 4000, then on track 306° to ZORSA, then on track 306°. Expect RADAR vectors to final approach course.



- NOTE: RADAR required.
- NOTE: RNAV 1.
- NOTE: DME/DME/IRU or GPS required.
- NOTE: Expect to receive transition (east/west) and "Descend via" clearance from Oakland Center. Northern California TRACON will assign landing runway.
- NOTE: West transition indicates Rwy's 30L/R.
- NOTE: East transition indicates Rwy's 12L/R.
- NOTE: Expect west transition unless otherwise advised.

NOTE: Chart not to scale.

(STUBL, RAZRR4) 16203
 RAZRR FOUR ARRIVAL (RNAV) Arrival Routes
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 NORMAN Y MINETA SAN JOSE INTL (SJC)
 SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

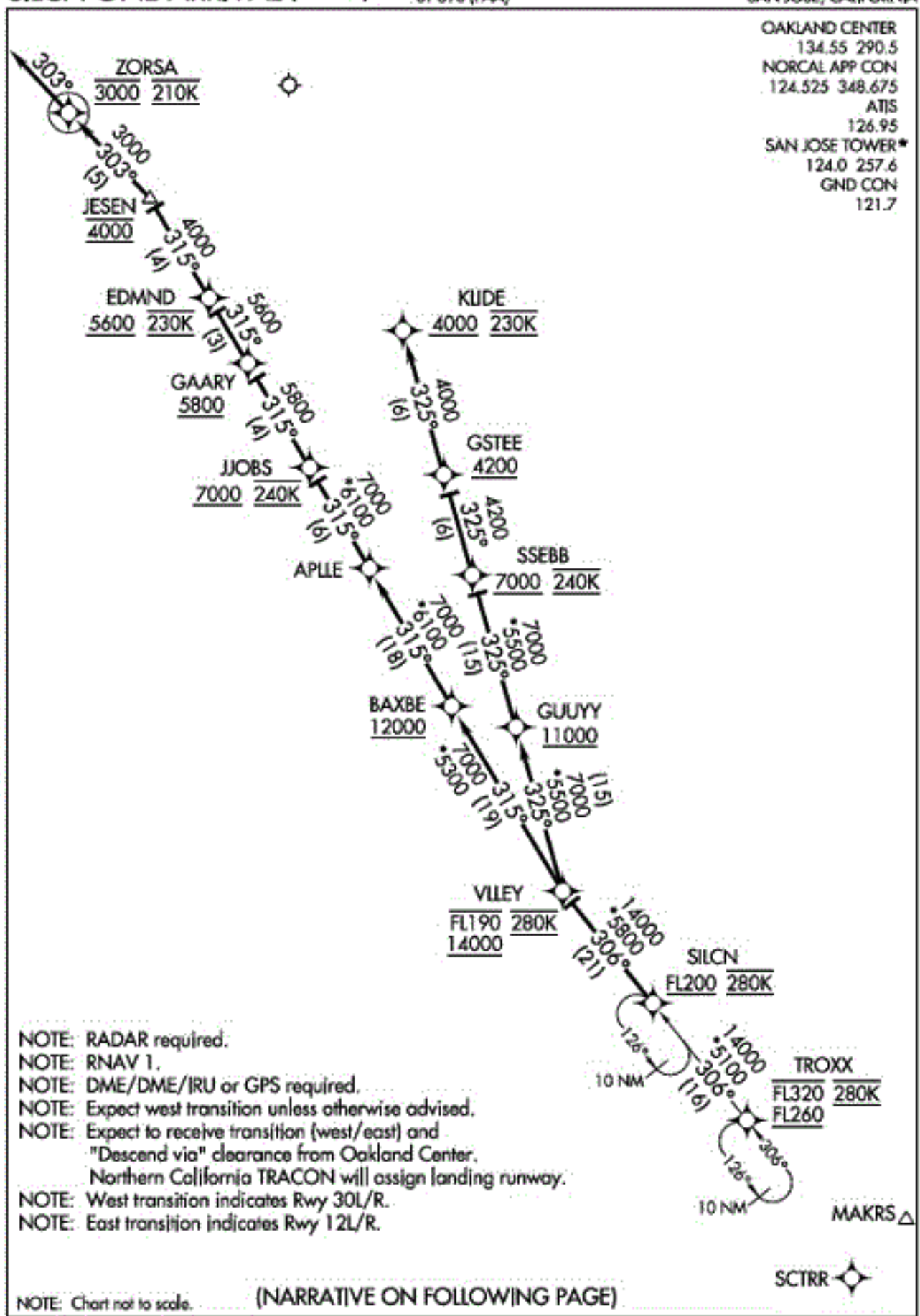
This procedure had too steep of a descent, probably between EDMND and JESEN and was replaced by late April.

(SILCN)
SILCN ONE ARRIVAL (RNAV)

ST-693 (FAA)

NORMAN Y MINETA SAN JOSE INTL (SJC)
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

OAKLAND CENTER
134.55 290.5
NORCAL APP CON
124.525 348.675
ATIS
126.95
SAN JOSE TOWER*
124.0 257.6
GND CON
121.7



- NOTE: RADAR required.
- NOTE: RNAV 1.
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SILCN ONE ARRIVAL (RNAV)
(SILCN.SILCN1) 15064

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NORMAN Y MINETA SAN JOSE INTL (SJC)

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BUSINESS AVIATION

California Rnav Procedures Contain Errors

by Robert P. Mark - March 8, 2015, 1:18 PM



The FAA said it is aggressively working to correct a number of design problems in some Rnav procedures released last week for San Jose Norman Y. Mineta International airport (SJC) and Sacramento International Airport (SMF). Two standard terminal arrival routes (Stars) into SJC (SILCN and RAZZR) Runway 12L/R contain descent angles that are too steep for most aircraft to fly—losing 1,600 feet in 4.2 miles. ATC will instead issue standard descend-and-maintain clearance until the problem is corrected. The Rnav/RNP approaches to Runway 12L/R will be unusable because of mismatched altitudes and speeds.

Issues also exist with Stars published for SMF's Runway 16L/R, both the transitions and the ILS approaches. ATC should be issuing an altitude to cross TENCO for aircraft given the ILS approach. Pilots are urged to be sure they don't lose the procedure's altitude restrictions when linking these Stars to the ILS 16L/R approaches at TENCO. Altitudes and speeds on the approaches to 34L/R do not match the Stars, the agency said.

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