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NAVIGATION & TIMING  
NATIONAL COORDINATION OFFICE

# *U.S. Space-Based Positioning, Navigation and Timing (PNT)*

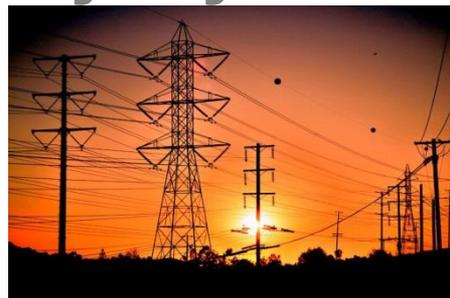
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# GPS Enables and Enhances Life Everyday



## Applications include:

- Aviation
- Agriculture
- Search & rescue
- Surveying & mapping
- Trucking & shipping
- Fishing & boating
- Scientific
- Timing
- Tracking
- Exploration
- Offshore drilling
- Military



**GPS provides Worldwide Utility**



# U.S. Policy Promotes Civilian GPS Use

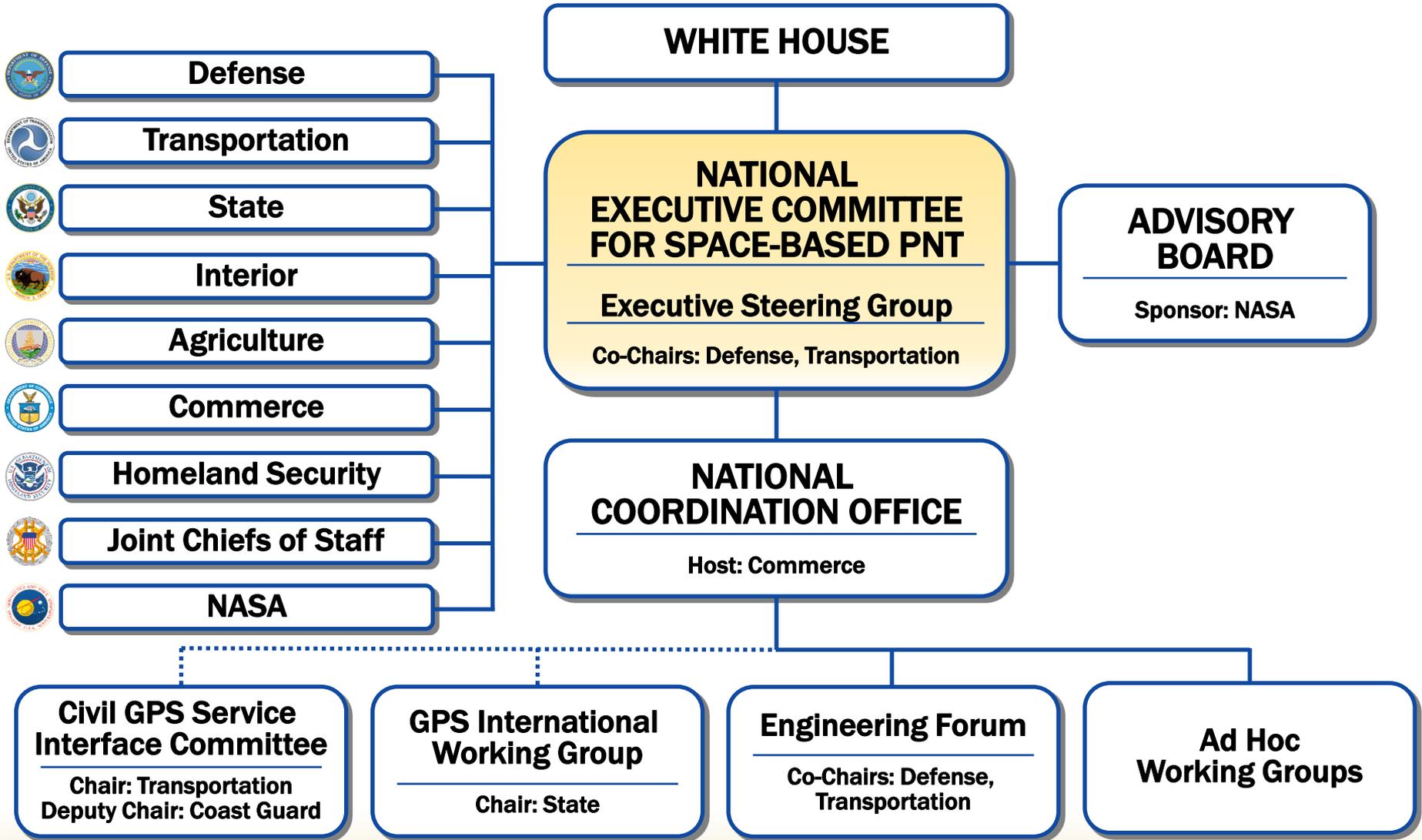


- Continuous, worldwide, free of direct user fees
- Encourage compatibility and interoperability with foreign GNSS services and promote transparency in civil service provisioning
- Operate and maintain GPS constellation to satisfy civil and national security needs
  - Foreign PNT services may be used to augment and strengthen the resiliency of GPS
- Invest in domestic capabilities and support international activities to: detect, mitigate and increase resiliency to harmful interference

***Space-Based PNT Policy Guidance: Maintain leadership in the service, provision, and use of GNSS***



# National Space-Based PNT Organization





# PNT Executive Committee (EXCOM) Strategic Focus Areas



## **EXCOM Strategic Focus Areas Include:**

- **GPS Sustainment and Modernization**
- **International Cooperation**
- **Spectrum Management**
- **Critical Infrastructure**
- **PNT Resilience**
- **Complementary PNT**
- **Outreach and Education**



# GPS Overview

## Civil Cooperation

- 1+ Billion civil & commercial users worldwide
- Search and Rescue
- Civil Signals
  - L1 C/A (Original Signal)
  - L2C (2<sup>nd</sup> Civil Signal)
  - L5 (Aviation Safety of Life)
  - L1C (International)



## Department of Defense

- Services (Army, Navy, AF, USMC)
- Agencies (NGA & DISA)
- US Naval Observatory
- PNT EXCOMS
- GPS Partnership Council

## Maintenance/Security

- All Level I and Level II
  - Worldwide Infrastructure
  - NATO Repair Facility
- Develop & Publish ICDs Semi-Annually
  - ICWG: Worldwide Involvement
- Update GPS.gov Webpage
- Load Operational Software on over 970,000 SAASM Receivers
- Distribute PRNs for the World
  - 120 for US and 90 for GNSS

## Spectrum

- World Radio Conference
- International Telecommunication Union
- Bilateral Agreements
- Adjacent Band **Compatibility**

**37 Satellites / 31 Set Healthy**  
**Baseline Constellation: 24 Satellites**

| Satellite Block      | Quantity  | Average Age | Oldest      |
|----------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| GPS IIR              | 12        | 14.7        | 19.1        |
| GPS IIR-M            | 7         | 9.1         | 10.9        |
| GPS IIF              | 12        | 2.6         | 6.3         |
| <b>Constellation</b> | <b>31</b> | <b>8.7</b>  | <b>19.1</b> |

AS OF 29 AUG 16

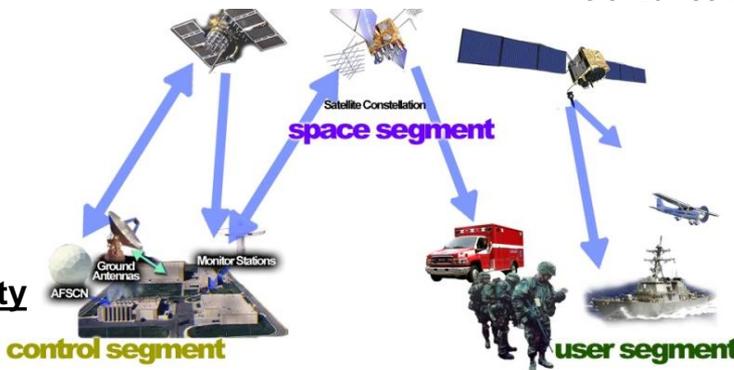


## Department of Transportation

- Federal Aviation Administration

## Department of Homeland Security

- U.S. Coast Guard



## International Cooperation

- GNSS
  - Europe - Galileo
  - China - Beidou
  - Russia - GLONASS
  - Japan - QZSS
  - India - IRNSS
- 57 Authorized Allied Users
  - 25+ Years of Cooperation



# Constellation Snapshot

## Four Generations of Operational Satellites

- **Block IIA - 5 Residual**
  - 7.5 year design life
  - Launched 1990 to 1997
- **Block IIR - 12 Operational**
  - 7.5 year design life (oldest operational satellite is 19 years old)
  - Launched 1997 to 2004
- **Block IIR-M - 7 Operational, 1 Residual**
  - 7.5 year design life
  - Launched 2005 to 2009
  - Added 2nd civil navigation signal (L2C)
- **Block IIF - 12 Operational**
  - 12 year design life
  - Launched 2010 to 2016
  - Added 3rd civil navigation signal (L5)

\* Current as of 28 Oct 16



Block IIA Satellite – Designed & Built by Rockwell International



Block IIR/IIR-M Satellite – Designed & Built by Lockheed Martin

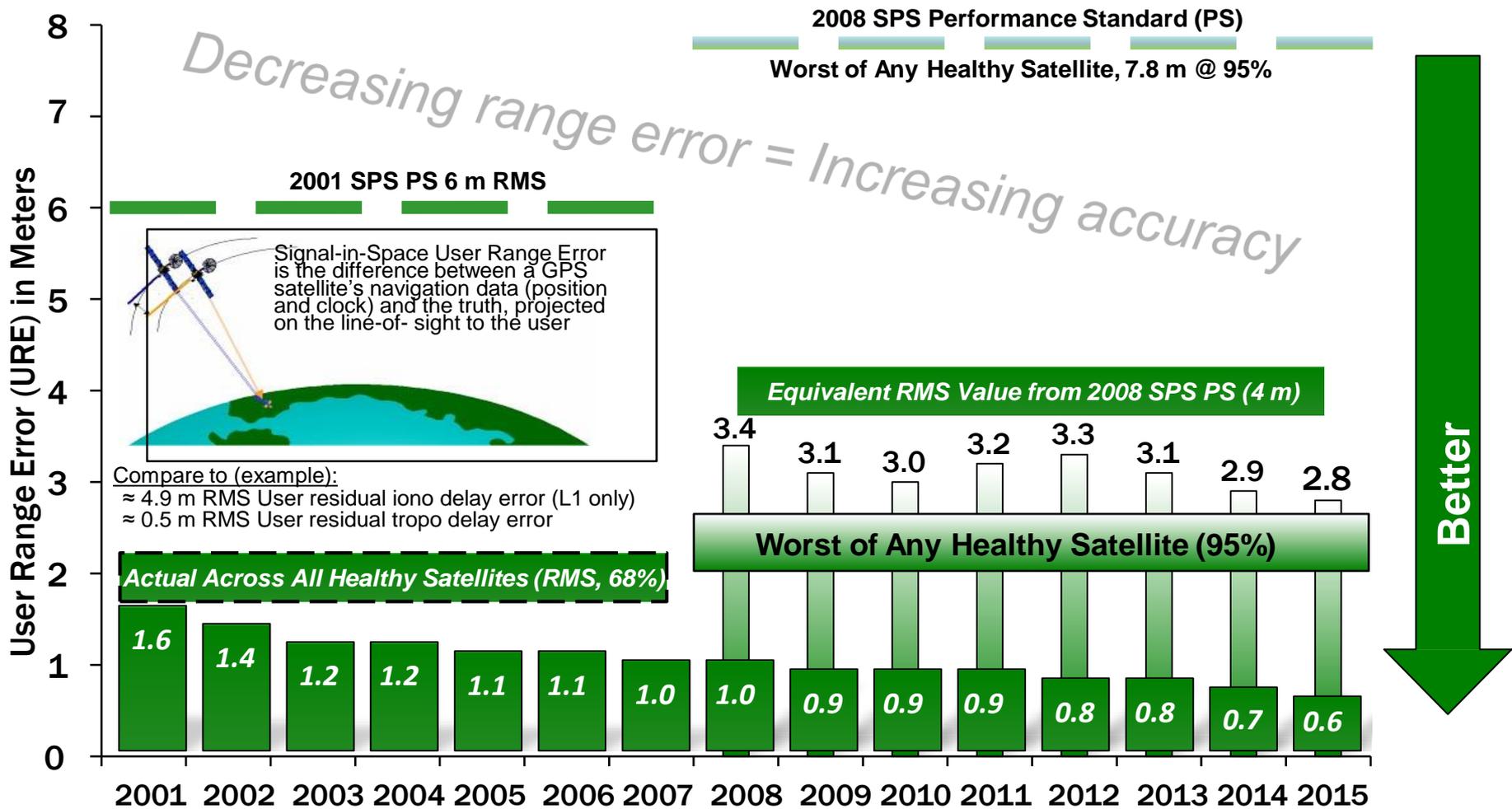


Block IIF Satellite – Designed & Built by Boeing



# Accuracy: Civil Commitments

## Standard Positioning Service (SPS) Signal-in-Space Performance



**System accuracy substantially exceeds published standard**



# GPS Signal in Space Performance Scoreboard



## GPS SIGNAL IN SPACE (SIS) PERFORMANCE (CM)\*

**BEST WEEK**

**BEST DAY**

**WORST DAY**

**ENDING SIS**

**DATE SIS**

**DATE SIS**

**ROLLING YEAR**

**14 APR 16 45.3**

**11 MAY 16 36.5**

**19 DEC 15 70.3**

**BEST WEEK EVER**

**14 APR 16**

**45.3**

\* RMS across all healthy satellites





# GPS Performance Report Card



- 2013 report now available on [gps.gov](http://www.gps.gov)  
<http://www.gps.gov/systems/gps/performance/>
- This report measures GPS performance against GPS SPS Performance Standard

Table 2.1: Summary of SPS PS Metrics Examined for 2013

| SPSPS08 Section  | SPS PS Metric  | 2013 Status |
|--|--|-------------|
| 3.4.1 SIS URE Accuracy                                   | ≤ 7.8 m 95% Global average URE during normal operations over all AODs  | ✓+          |
|  | ≤ 6.0 m 95% Global average URE during normal operations at zero AOD  | ✓+          |
|  | ≤ 12.8 m 95% Global average URE during normal operations at any AOD  | ✓+          |
|  | ≤ 30 m 99.94% Global average URE during normal operations  | ✓+          |
|  | ≤ 30 m 99.79% Worst case single point average URE during normal operations   | ✓+          |
| 3.5.1 SIS Instantaneous URE Integrity                    | ≤ 1X10 <sup>-5</sup> Probability over any hour of exceeding the NTE tolerance without a timely alert   | ✓+          |
| 3.6.1 SIS Continuity - Unscheduled Failure Interruptions | ≥ 0.9998 Probability over any hour of not losing the SPS SIS availability from the slot due to unscheduled interruption  | ✓+          |
| 3.7.1 SIS Per-Slot Availability                          | ≥ 0.957 Probability that (a.) a slot in the baseline 24-slot will be occupied by a satellite broadcasting a healthy SPS SIS, or (b.) a slot in the expanded configuration will be occupied by a pair of satellites each broadcasting a healthy SIS | ✓+          |
| 3.7.2 SIS Constellation Availability                     | ≥ 0.98 Probability that at least 21 slots out of the 24 slots will be occupied by a satellite (or pair of satellites for expanded slots) broadcasting a healthy SIS  | ✓+          |
|  | ≥ 0.99999 Probability that at least 20 slots out of the 24 slots will be occupied by a satellite (or pair of satellites for expanded slots) broadcasting a healthy SIS   | ✓+          |
| 3.7.3 Operational Satellite Counts                       | ≥ 0.95 Probability that the constellation will have at least 24 operational satellites regardless of whether those operational satellites are located in slots or not  | ✓+          |
| 3.8.1 PDOP Availability                                  | ≥ 98% Global PDOP of 6 or less   | ✓+          |
|  | ≥ 88% Worst site PDOP of 6 or less   | ✓+          |
| 3.8.2 Position Service Availability                      | ≥ 99% Horizontal, average location   | ✓+          |
|  | ≥ 90% Horizontal, worst-case location  |             |
|  | ≥ 90% Vertical, worst-case location  |             |
| 3.8.3 Position Accuracy                                  | ≤ 9 m 95% Horizontal, global average   | ✓+          |
|  | ≤ 15 m 95% Vertical, global average  |             |
|  | ≤ 17 m 95% Horizontal, worst site  |             |
|  | ≤ 37 m 95% Vertical, worst site  |             |

✓+ - Met or Exceeded

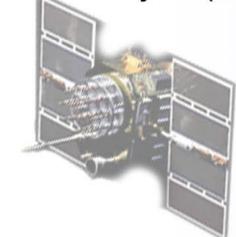


# GPS Modernization

## Space System (Satellites)

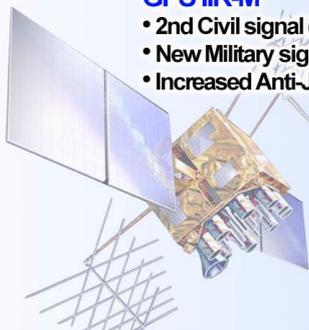
### Legacy (GPS IIA/IIR)

- Basic GPS
- NUDET (Nuclear Detonation) Detection System (NDS)



### GPS IIR-M

- 2nd Civil signal (L2C)
- New Military signal
- Increased Anti-Jam power



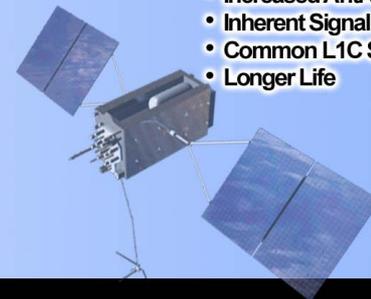
### GPS IIF

- 3rd Civil Signal (L5)
- Longer Life
- Better Clocks



### GPS III

- Accuracy & Power
- Increased Anti-Jam power
- Inherent Signal Integrity
- Common L1C Signal
- Longer Life



## Ground System

### Legacy (OCS)

- Mainframe System
- Command & Control
- Signal Monitoring

### AEP

- Distributed Architecture
- Increased Signal Monitoring Coverage
- Security
- Accuracy
- Launch And Disposal Operations



### OCX Block 1

- Fly Constellation & GPS III
- Begin New Signal Control
- Upgraded Information Assurance

### OCX Block 2+

- Control all signals
- Capability On-Ramps
- GPS III Evolution

### OCX Block 0

- GPS III Launch & Checkout

### GPS III Contingency Ops (COps)

- GPS III Mission

## User Equipment System (Receivers)

### Legacy (PLGR/GAS-1/MAGR)

- First Generation System



### User Equipment

- Improved Anti-Jam & Systems
- Reduced Size, Weight & Power

### Upgraded Antennas

- Improved Anti-Jam Antennas



### Modernized

- M-Code Receivers
- Common GPS Modules
- Increased Access/ Power with M-Code
- Increased Accuracy
- Increased Availability
- Increased Anti-Tamper/ Anti-Spoof
- Increased Acquisition in Jamming



# GPS IIF



20 Feb 14: IIF-5



16 May 14: IIF-6



1 Aug 14: IIF-7



29 Oct 14: IIF-8



25 Mar 15: IIF-9



15 Jul 15: IIF-10



31 Oct 15: IIF-11



5 Feb 16: IIF-12

**8 Launches in 24 Months – Most aggressive GPS launch schedule since 1993**



# GPS III



- **GPS III is the newest block of GPS satellites**
  - 4 civil signals: L1 C/A, L1C, L2C, L5
    - First satellites to broadcast common L1C signal
  - 4 military signals: L1/L2 P(Y), L1/L2M
  - 3 improved Rubidium atomic clocks
- **SV01-SV10 on contract**
  - Resolved technical challenges with payload
  - SV9-10 same requirements baseline as SV01-08
- **Current Status**
  - SV01 In Testing Flow
    - Baseline thermal vacuum testing completed 23 Dec 15
    - Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) test completed 14 May 16
  - SV02/03 In Assembly and Integration
  - SV04 thru 08 in box level assembly



**GPS III SV01 Available For Launch Dec 2016**



# Ground Segment Status



- **Current system Operational Control Segment (OCS)**
  - Flying GPS constellation using Architecture Evolution Plan (AEP) and Launch and Early Orbit, Anomaly, and Disposal Operations (LADO) software capabilities
  - Increasing Cyber security enhancements
- **Next Generation Operational Control System (OCX)**
  - Modernized command and control system
  - Modern civil signal monitoring and improved PNT performance
  - Robust cyber security infrastructure
  - OCX currently in integration and test
  - Block 0 supports launch and checkout for GPS III
  - Block 1 supports transition from current control segment
  - Block 2 enables new capabilities including civil signal performance monitoring capability



Monitor Station



Ground Antenna



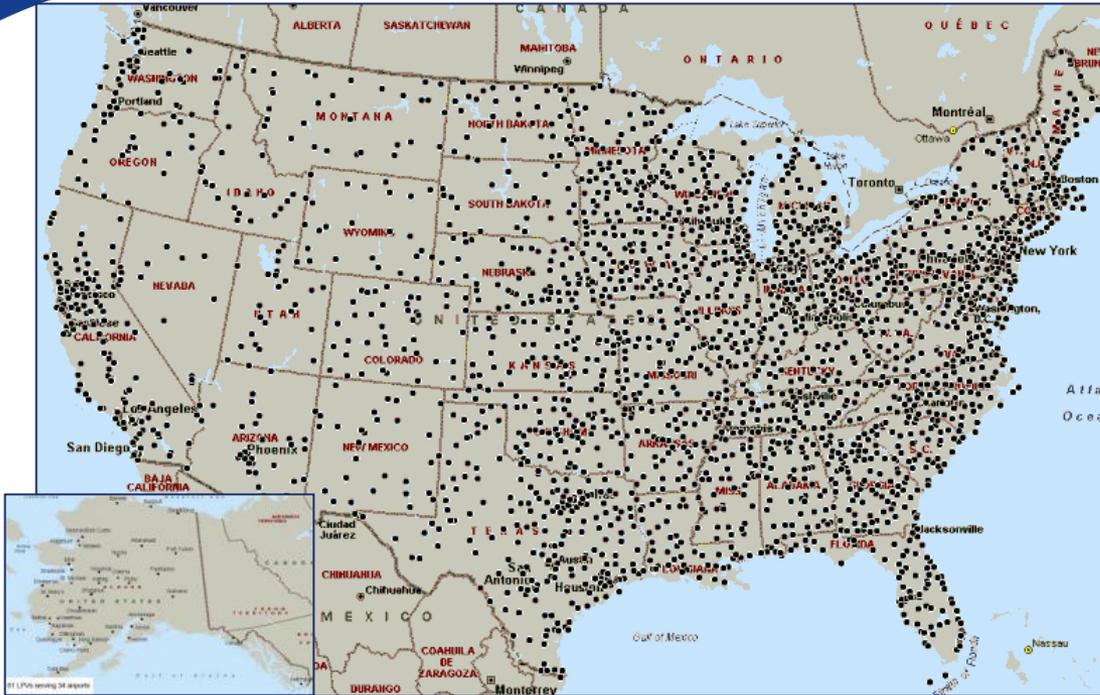
# Coordinated Universal Time Offset (UTC0) Anomaly



- **GPS Mission Control Segment uploaded incorrect UTC0 parameters to a portion of the GPS constellation**
  - Occurred 25 - 26 Jan for ~14 hour window; 15 SVs affected
  - Once identified and confirmed, fix was uploaded to all affected satellites within 1.5 hours
- **GPS Program Office and Ops Squadron implemented software update to resolve core upload issue**
- **GPS Program Office also exploring:**
  - Potential addition of “resilience considerations for handling GPS data” to SPS PS
  - Increased UTC0 parameter monitoring and additional options
  - Follow-on software update to provide additional protections against UTC0 issues
- **ION paper on UCTO Anomaly impacts to receivers posted at [gps.gov](http://www.gps.gov) <http://www.gps.gov/systems/gps/performance/>**



# Procedures and Users Depending on WAAS



## Approach Procedures

- 4,343 WAAS Procedures published (as of Oct 2016)
- 3,722 Localizer Precision Vertical (LPV) procedures
- 621 LP procedures



## Users

- Over 91,000 WAAS/SBAS equipped aircraft
- All aircraft classes served in all phases of flight
- WAAS/SBAS is enabling technology for FAA NextGen
  - Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADS-B)
  - Performance Based Navigation (PBN)



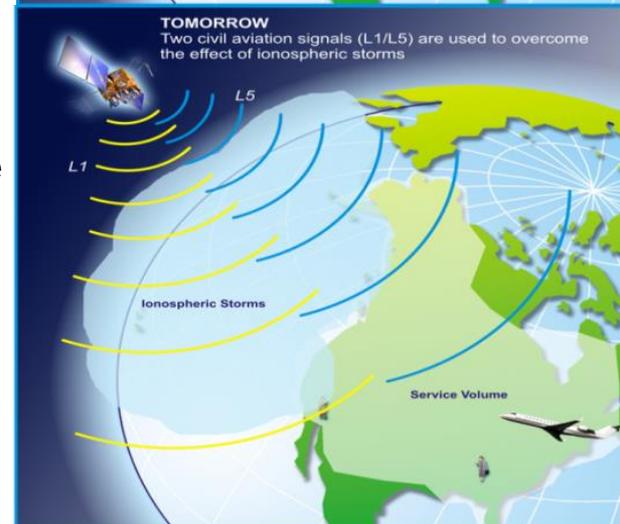
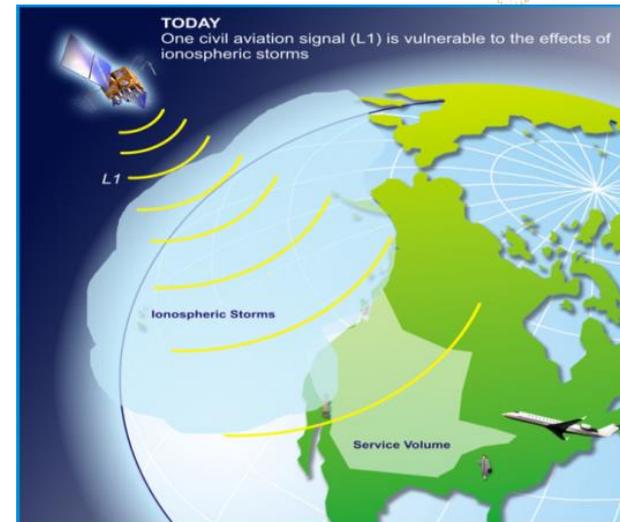
# WAAS Phase IV Dual Frequency Operations



## Objective: Obtain Dual-Frequency Multi-Constellation (DFMC) Service

Phase IV Segment 1: Infrastructure improvements and technical refresh to support current system and enable future DF operations

- Five Releases
  - Release 1: Processor Upgrades by 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2017
  - Release 2: Cutover to GEO 5 by 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2018
  - Release 3: GIII Multicast Structure (including monitoring): cutover to complete by 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2018
  - Release 4: Corrections & Verification Safety Computer: validation and deployment cutover by end of 2018
  - Release 5: GEO Uplink System (GUS) Safety Computer upgrade kits for GEO 5 summer 2017; GEO 6 cutover Sept 2019
- Dual-Frequency Multi-constellation Capability (DFMC)
  - Avionics and Infrastructure development underway
  - Assisting with SBAS provider perspective on DFMC capabilities
- Advanced RAIM (ARAIM): developing avionics centric approach for use of multi-constellation GNSS
  - Focus on requirements for horizontal navigation (H-ARAIM)
- Phase IV Segments 2 & 3 Tasks & Activities in definition phase





# 2016 National Differential GPS Changes



- Transitioned from 83 to 46 sites on Aug 4, 2016
  - Eliminated inland coverage
  - Maintained majority of maritime coverage and shifted to single maritime coverage in most areas
- Public comments were adjudicated via Federal Register Notices
- Continuing to evaluate future DGPS need as other GPS augmentation systems mature
- Assessing potential CPNT use of DGPS infrastructure
- Evaluating future reductions and alternatives



# Complementary PNT



- **EXCOM reaffirmed need for PNT complement(s) to GPS**
- **Recent Activities:**
  - Assessment update considered many factors – policy to technology
  - U.S. coverage in event of GPS/GNSS outage (natural or man-made events)
  - Identified and assessed alternatives including a broad mix of terrestrial RF and autonomous PNT technologies
  - Federal Cooperative Research and Development Agreement with Industry
- **Public stakeholder input obtained by Federal Register Notice**
- **Pending Federal Register Notice to identify Timing requirements**
- **Decision timeline supports FY18 investment decisions**
- **Pending Congressional action**



# Thank You

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**Headlines: Space Bill Addresses PNT; DHS Demonstrates Precision Timing Technology at NYSE**

**GPS BULLETIN**  
 Information for Policymakers from the National Coordination Office for Space-Based Positioning, Navigation, and Timing (PNT)  
 May 3, 2016

**Space Bill Addresses PNT**

On April 14, Rep. Jim Bridenstine (R-OK) introduced the American Space Renaissance Act.

Section 103 of the bill is titled “Positioning, Navigation, and Timing.” According to the Congressman, the provision “Expresses a sense of Congress on the importance of positioning, navigation, and timing (PNT) for national security and economic prosperity. Requires the Secretary of Defense to provide a strategy to ensure DOD PNT leverages the best available signals from alternative PNT systems. The strategy will address issues associated with monitoring and verifying accuracy, integrity, availability, security, and reliability of foreign PNT signals.”



Section 104 cites the National Executive Committee for Space-Based PNT as a model for establishing a new National Executive Committee on Weather.

[Learn more at GPS.gov](http://www.gps.gov)

**DHS Demonstrates Precision Timing Technology at NYSE**



On April 20, DHS announced the successful demonstration of Enhanced LORAN (eLoran), a precision timing technology, for financial transactions at the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). Recognizing the challenges of space-based signals and the importance of having multiple timing sources, eLoran is one technology being considered to provide a complementary timing solution to existing GPS technology.

Precise and synchronized timing of financial transactions is critical to markets worldwide and is mandated by regulation in the European Union and is increasingly required in the United States. Today, precision timing capabilities are provided primarily by GPS. However, GPS's space-based signals are low-power and susceptible to possible disruptions. GPS signals are also difficult to receive indoors and in urban canyons.

The live demonstration at the NYSE was hosted by Juniper Networks, Harris Corporation, and UrsaNav, under a cooperative agreement with DHS. Over 60 industry and government representatives attended, including senior officials from DHS, DOT, DOD, Treasury, and DOE. The ensuing discussion highlighted the over-reliance upon GPS for precise timing, the threat of a loss of civil GPS services, possible impacts to the U.S. critical infrastructure and the economy, and a common interest in developing resilient timing solutions for our nation's critical infrastructure.

[View press release at DHS.gov](http://www.dhs.gov)

## GPS: Accessible, Accurate, Interoperable