

# **NAS Architecture Support of Small Aircraft Transportation System Concept**

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# Briefing Overview

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  - Air Traffic Management
  - Communications
  - Navigation
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- **Next Steps**



# Objective

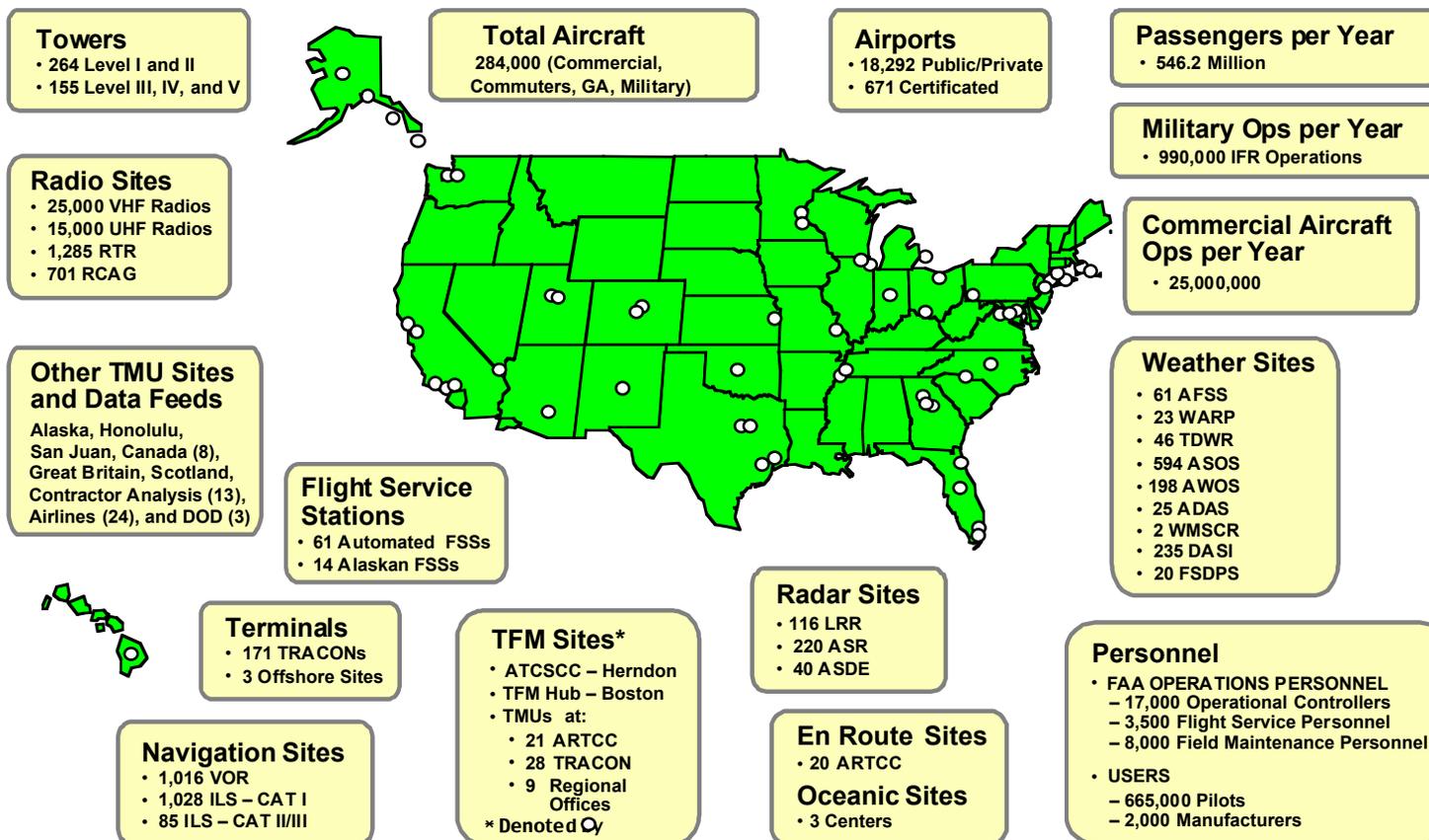
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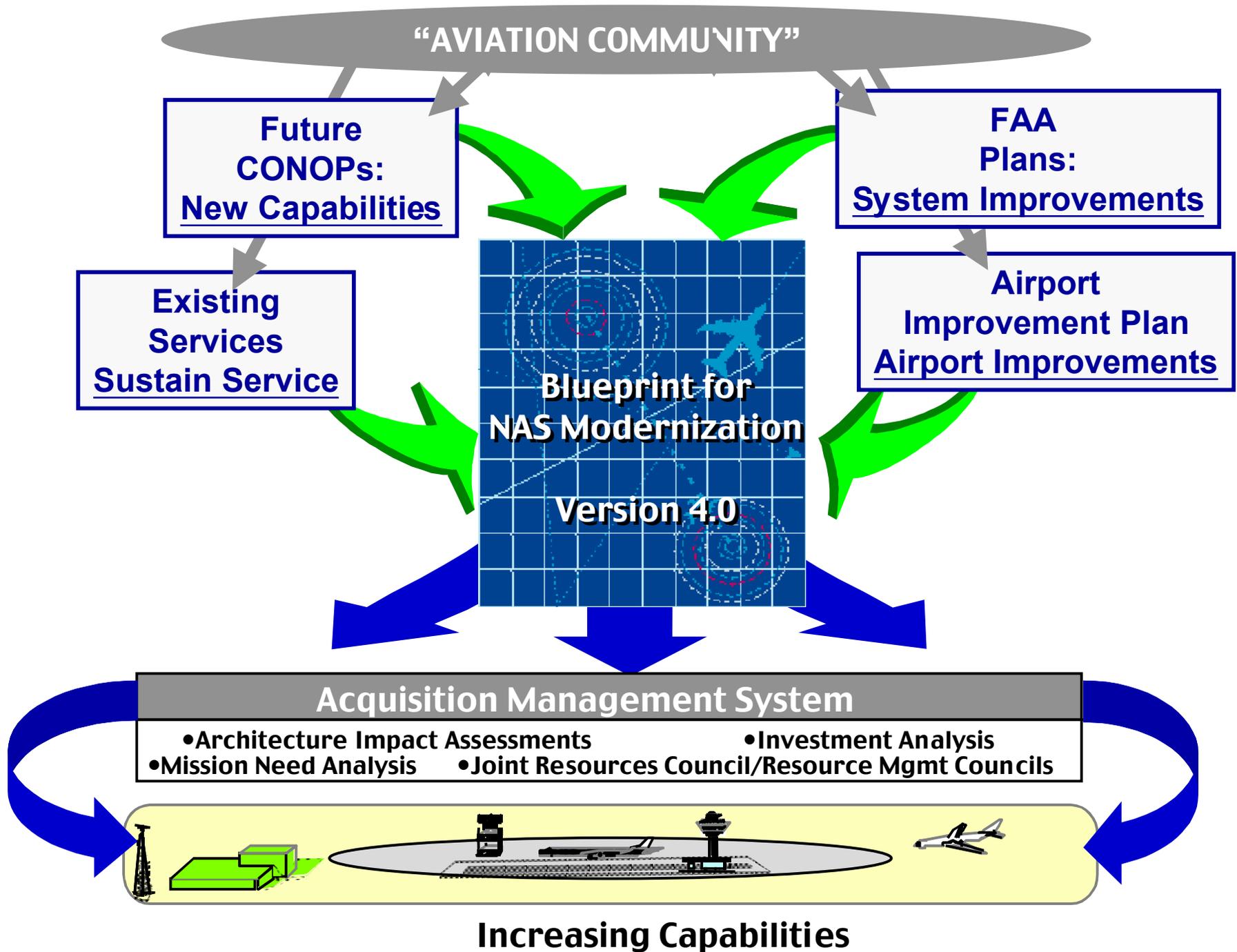
# The National Airspace System Architecture in relation to the Small Aircraft Transportation System Requirements.



# The National Airspace System

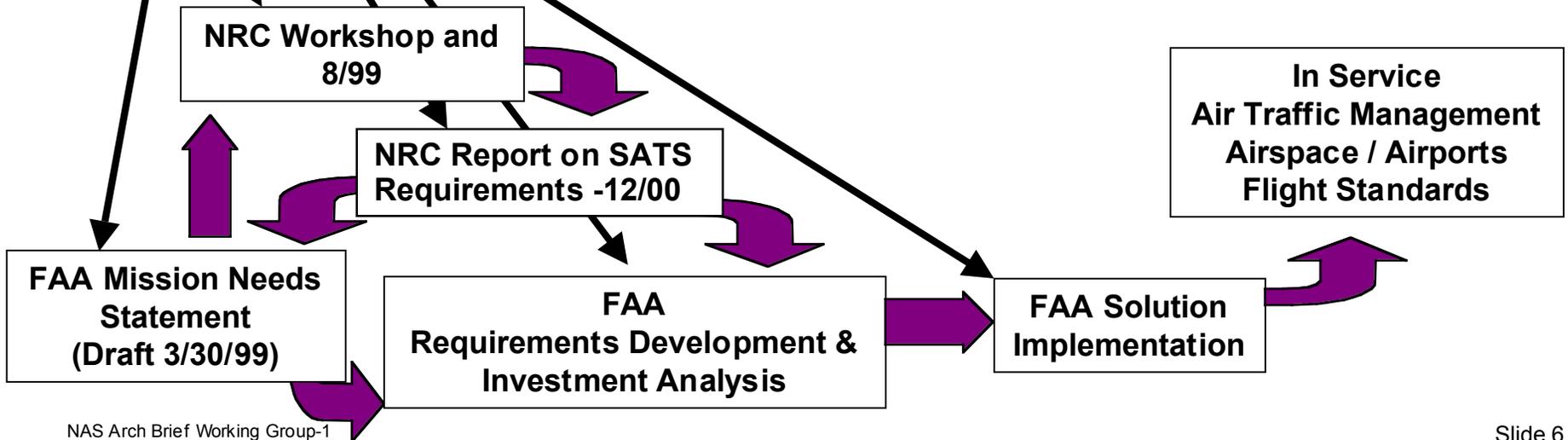
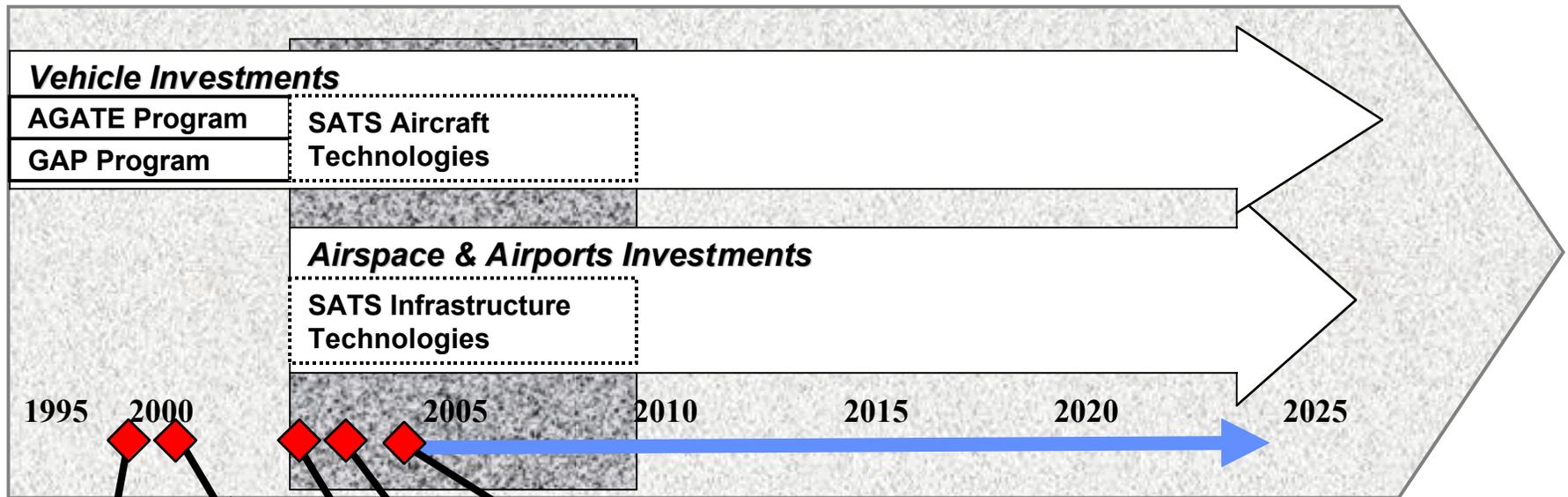
The NAS is a complex collection of systems, procedures, facilities, aircraft, and people. These components work together as one system to ensure safe and efficient operations.





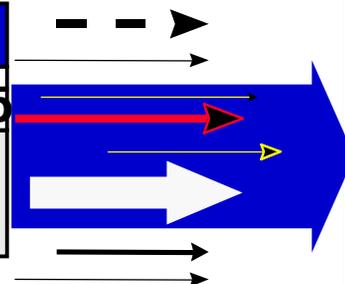
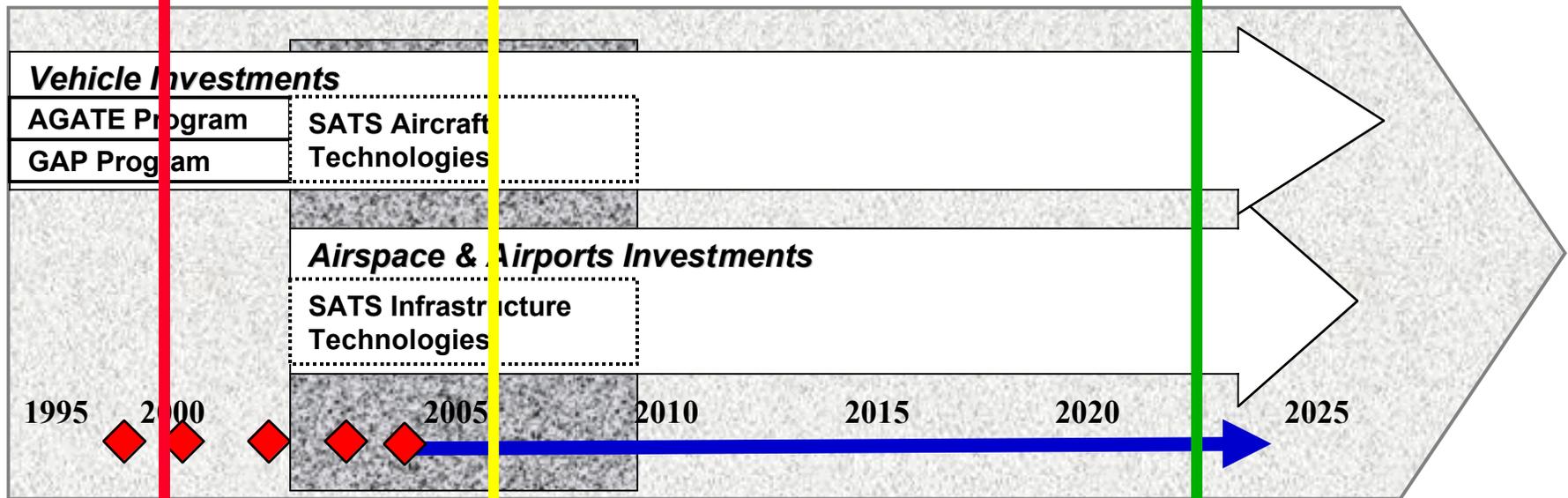


# SATS Roadmap





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Today

State-of-the Art  
2007

25% Goal

90% Goal  
2022



# SATS Needed Capability

## NAS Infrastructure

- Air Traffic Management
- Communications
- Navigation
- Surveillance
- Flight Information Service
- Airports / Approaches



## Needed Capability -- 2007

### Air Traffic Management

• *Provide users with information on traffic flows and system status to permit knowledgeable flight operations.*

#### Needed Capability

- Greater operating efficiencies through more direct routing and user route selection
- Change in airspace design & structure to capitalize on emerging SATS capabilities
- Optimize advanced technology decision support tools
- Minimized delays and congestion
- Maximizing NAS throughput & flexibility
- Accommodate mixed equipage aircraft
- In-flight re-planning capability

#### Current & Planned Capability

- FFP1 limited deployment of five core capabilities
- Enhanced Traffic Management System (ETMS) to assist in strategic flow decisions
- Enroute - Display System Replacement (DSR) to aid controllers
- Terminal - Std Terminal Automation Replacement System (STARS)

#### Watch Items & Shortfalls

- Analysis of SATS aircraft & their capabilities on NAS & ATC system
- Determine procedural requirements to effectively support SATS
- Determine airspace needs for SATS operations
- Implementation of SATS supportive air traffic management procedures





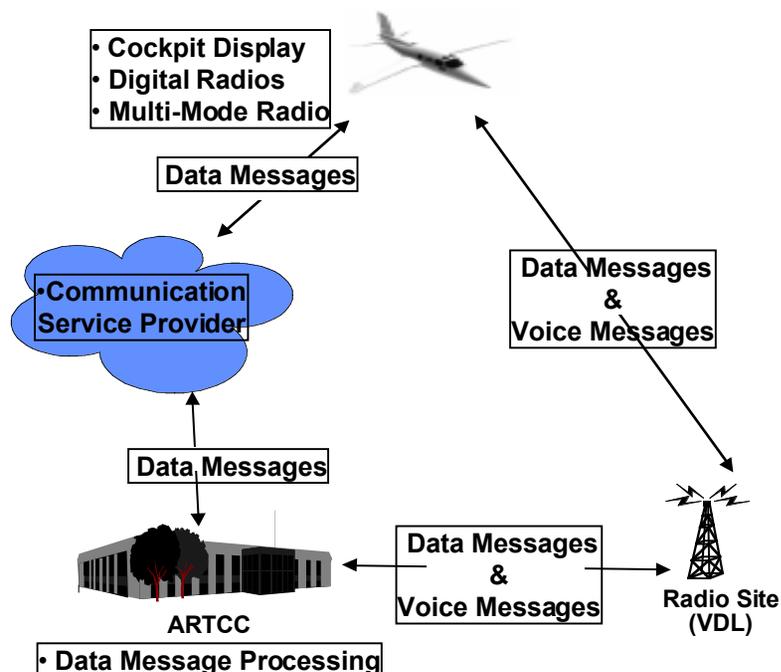
# Needed Capability -- 2007

## Communications

• *Reliable, accurate, timely and cost efficient communications capabilities to include operations information, position and surveillance information and weather data .*

### Needed Capability

- **Reliable comm from surface up in all areas of operation**
- **In-flight re-planning capability**
- **Clearances through Special Use Airspace**



### Current & Planned Capability

- **Deployment of Next Generation CNS Systems**
- **Introduction of digital radios & data link services**
- **Cooperation as effective service provider**
- **Participates as a partner in the public-private alliances seeking to advance state-of-the-art.**

### Watch Items & Shortfalls

- **Streamlined avionics certification process**
- **Transition to Next-Generation Air Ground Comm System - fully integrated digital comm not completed until 2015**
- **Minimum equipage required for en route and terminal area operation**
- **Spectrum availability**
- **Cost of data link services**



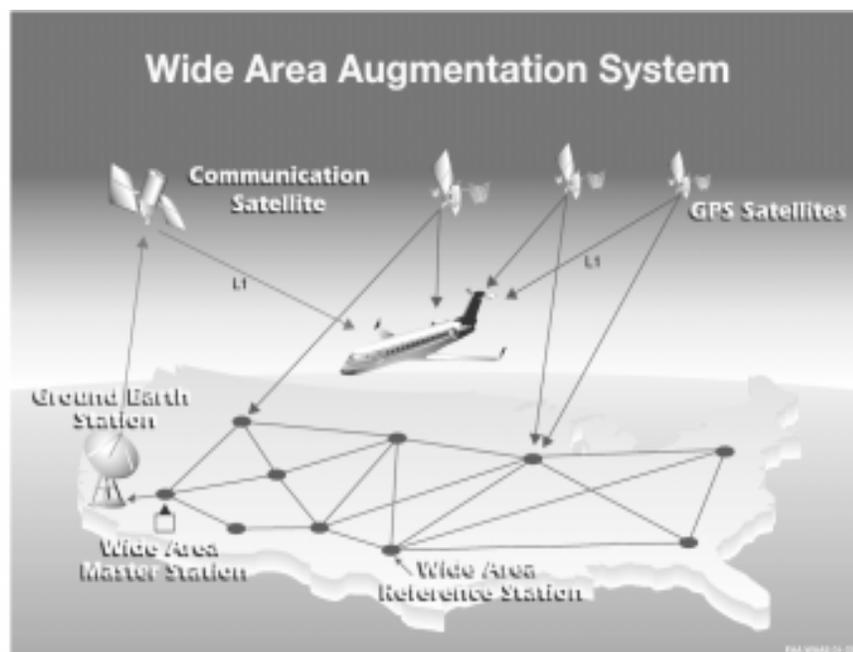
## Needed Capability -- 2007

### Navigation

• *Navigation support must provide reliable, improved position location resolution in all flight modes, from surface upward and in all weather conditions.*

#### Needed Capability

- Ability to accurately determine & broadcast current location in all areas of operation
- Means to separate from other aircraft in remote areas
- Near all-weather operations
- In-flight re-planning capability



#### Current & Planned Capability

- Enroute Navigation via GPS/WAAS
- WAAS achieves full operating capability
- Deployment of Next Generation CNS Systems

#### Watch Items & Shortfalls

- Streamlined avionics certification process
- Affordable avionics
- Transition schedule for reduction of ground based navigation systems
- Policies on carrying redundant equipment
- WAAS performance and funding



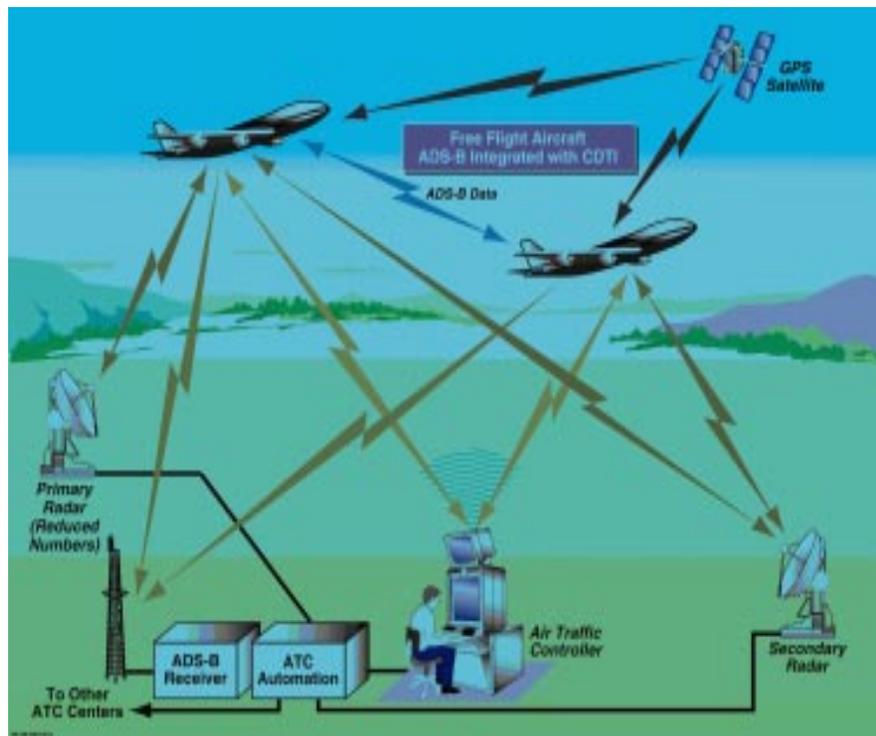
# Needed Capability -- 2007

## Surveillance

• *Reliable, accurate, timely, and cost efficient position information to and from all aircraft from surface up, in all terrain and all airspace areas.*

### Needed Capability

- Means to separate from other aircraft in all areas of operation and all terrain
- Means to self separate in non-surveillance areas
- Near all-weather operations



### Current & Planned Capability

- Safe Flight 21 Demonstration
- ADS-B becomes available for air-to-air surveillance and self separation
- Deployment of Next Generation CNS Systems

### Watch Items & Shortfalls

- Streamlined avionics certification process
- Affordable avionics
- Ability to separate aircraft in all areas of anticipated operation
- Development & evaluation of ADS-B
- ADS-B ground infrastructure dependant on user demand
- ADS-B ground system installed 2008-2015



## Needed Capability -- 2007

### Flight Information Service (FIS)

• Provide reliable, accurate, timely, and cost efficient flight information to include weather, NOTAMS, and special use airspace information.

#### Needed Capability

- High resolution, accurate weather data for all areas of operation
- Suitable means to disseminate weather in the cockpit data
- Ability to avoid & negotiate Special Use Airspace (SUA)
- In-flight re-planning capability

#### Current & Planned Capability

- Capstone Demonstration
- FIS broadcast of wx data thru commercial vendor data link
- Cooperation as effective service provider
- Participates as a partner in the public-private alliances seeking to advance state-of-the-art.

#### Watch Items & Shortfalls

- Streamlined avionics certification process
- Affordable avionics
- Policy regarding content, process, & display of weather products & electronic PIREPS
- Ability to receive and display FIS data (SUA, NOTAMS, etc)
- NAS wide information sharing/data link 2008-2015





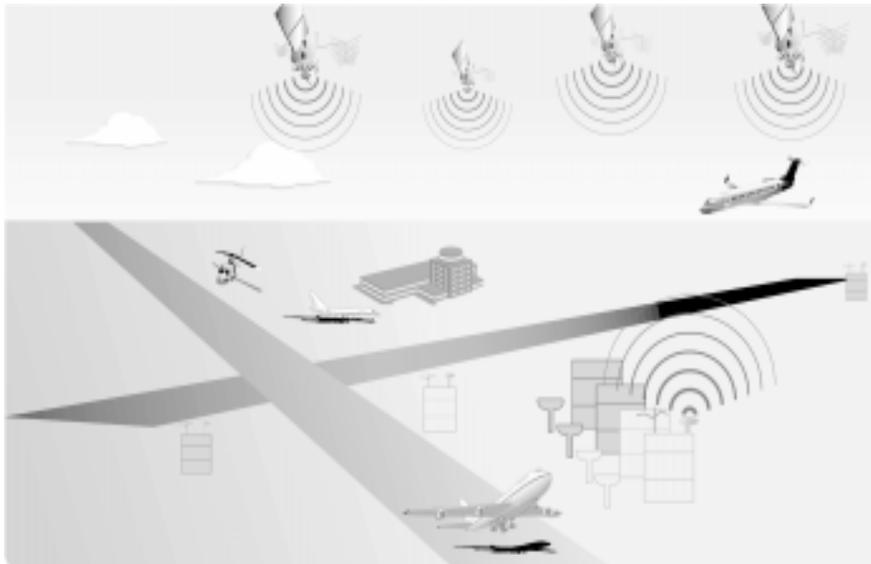
## Needed Capability -- 2007

### Approaches / Airports

- *Facilitate precision instrument approaches, departures, and ground operations to all SATS designated airports.*

#### Needed Capability

- Precision Approach Capability
- Near all-weather utility
- Airports available to SATS & non SATS aircraft
- Paved, marked, lighted for 24/7 operations
- Low cost approach lighting/guidance systems
- Meet all airport / environmental regulations



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#### Current & Planned Capability

- WAAS provide CAT I approach capability
- LAAS deployment (CAT I/II/III) approaches available outside WAAS coverage
- Capable of completing Airport / Environmental master planning for 75 airports/year

#### Watch Items & Shortfalls

- New GPS satellites with second civil frequency
- LAAS deployment scheduled for 150 airports
- Certified, affordable avionics
- Development of LAAS standards
- Estimate 200 airport/environmental master plans/year must be processed
- Airport Lighting to support LAAS approaches



## Next Steps

- **Attain FAA JRC Commitment**
- **Establish Research Areas**
- **Identify Infrastructure Shortfalls**
  - Establish criteria for a “SATS” airport infrastructure requirements
    - SATS requirements 2007
    - SATS requirements 2025
- **Reinsert SATS program in FAA AMS process**
  - JRC 1 -- Investment analysis
- **NAS Architecture Update to reflect SATS Requirements**