



City of Scottsdale

Recommended Talking points -- FAA NextGen flight path

[Download flight path modifications here. \(PDF\)](#)

Scottsdale residents are encouraged to express their concerns about the impact of Sky Harbor flight paths over their neighborhoods to the Federal Aviation Administration. The City of Scottsdale, in coordination with a national aviation consulting firm, has developed two modified departure flight paths that will be submitted to the FAA for their consideration.

The FAA is [accepting written comments](#) on flight path corridors through Thursday, May 23, 2019.

The following talking points are being recommended for incorporation into residents' public comments to the FAA:

- “My preference is that departures from Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport fly far to the east of Scottsdale and east of the Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation. This is what is depicted in slide 2, that you can download at this link: [Download flight path modifications here. \(PDF\)](#)”
- “It would be acceptable if the Sky Harbor departures flew slightly to the east of Scottsdale as depicted in slide 3, that you can download at this link: [Download flight path modifications here. \(PDF\)](#)”

Tips for comments to FAA

Comments should be clear, concise, and as brief as possible. Comments will be briefed into “buckets” of similar input and the FAA will respond with one response for each “bucket”.

Do:

- Include your address.
- State whether you went to Step 1 Workshops, Step 2 Workshops, or read the information on the internet.
- Specify personal impact of specific 2014 route changes (i.e. quality of life).
- Comment on specific proposals noting any impact they will have on you.
- Appreciate the process being followed.
- Comment on impacts to churches, schools, wilderness areas and historical properties.

Don't:

- Include issues not related to the workshops.
- Include your friends and/or relatives comments and issues.
- Provide too much personal detail.
- Generalize or be overly vague.
- Include political statements.
- Get too emotional.
- Don't utilize the process to unload unrelated criticisms on the FAA.

Scottsdale's modified flight paths were developed through work with aviation consultant JDA. A full report of finding from this study will be available later this month.