# PBN Implementation Plan - Fiji





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# **Acronyms**

The following is a list of acronyms used in this document:

4DT Four Dimensional Trajectories

ADS-B Automatic Dependent Surveillance - Broadcast ADS-C Automatic Dependent Surveillance - Contract

AFL Airports Fiji Limited

ANSP Air Navigation Service Provider

APCH Approach

APV Approach Procedures with Vertical Guidance

ATC Air Traffic Control

ATM Air Traffic Management

ATS Air Traffic Service

AWS Automated Weather Station

Baro-VNAV Barometric Vertical Navigation

CAAF Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji

CAR Civil Aviation Rules

CDO Continuous Descent Operations
CFIT Controlled Flight into Terrain

CNS/ATM Communication Navigation Surveillance/Air Traffic Management

CPDLC Controller Pilot Data Link Communications

CTA Controlled Airspace

DME Distance Measuring Equipment
ETS Emissions Trading Scheme
FANS Future Air Navigation System
FMS Flight Management System

GNSS Global Navigation Satellite System
ICAO International Civil Aviation Organisation

IFR Instrument Flight Rules
ILS Instrument Landing System
INS Inertial Navigation System
IRU Inertial Reference Unit

MFAICCA Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Civil Aviation

NDB Non Directional Beacon
OCA Oceanic Control Area

PBN Performance Based Navigation
PSR Primary Surveillance Radar

RAIM Receiver Autonomous Integrity Monitoring
RCP Required Communication Performance
RSP Required Surveillance Performance

RNAV Area Navigation

RNP Required Navigation Performance

RNP AR Required Navigation Performance Authorisation Required

SID Standard Instrument Departure STAR Standard Instrument Arrival

TMA Terminal CTA

VOR VHF Omni-directional Radio-range

WAM Wide Area Multilateration

# **Executive Summary**

The implementation of Performance Based Navigation (PBN) in Fiji controlled airspace will be delivered in three major phases with target implementation dates of 2012, 2016 and 2020.

Each phase will enable progressively greater dependence on PBN (concepts and enablers) and ensure that the corresponding improvements to safety, efficiency and environmental impact are delivered to industry stakeholders.

The implementation of PBN in Fiji controlled airspace will require the allocation of significant resources by each of the key industry stakeholders and Airports Fiji Limited (AFL) and the Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji (CAAF). This investment is considered essential to securing the benefits for Fiji at the earliest opportunity.

The key roles for stakeholders are:

CAAF / MFAICCA - Ensure that the relevant Safety Cases, CAAF processes, Civil Aviation Rules and guidance material enable a safe and efficient PBN environment that aligns with both international and regional standards.

AIRPORTS FIJI LIMITED - Ensure that the national infrastructure (CNS/ ATM capability) will support the airspace concepts and the performance specifications associated with each phase of PBN implementation

Aircraft Operators - Ensure that investment in aircraft fleet capability is aligned with both the performance specifications outlined in this plan and the timeframe associated with each phase.

AIRPORTS FIJI LIMITED and Private Aerodrome Operators - Ensure the supporting aerodrome infrastructure for PBN operations is coordinated with aircraft operators and Airports Fiji Limited. All Stakeholders ensure that sufficient trained and qualified personnel are available to support the implementation of PBN.

#### Introduction

ICAO Assembly Resolution A36-23 revised by A37-11 urged each Member State to develop a national PBN implementation plan by the end of 2009, and for these plans to include Approach Procedures with Vertical guidance (APV) for all instrument runway ends, either as the primary approach or as a back-up for precision approaches, by 2016.

In Fiji, implementation of RNP procedures in Oceanic and RNAV in the domestic airspace is now well advanced. The Ministry of Civil Aviation, the Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji, together with Airports Fiji Limited and with the support from principle aviation industry stakeholders and interest groups have agreed that a State PBN Implementation Plan is needed to ensure that all sections of the industry are consulted and engaged appropriately in the change process.

The PBN Implementation Plan for Fiji meets the intent of ICAO Assembly Resolution A37-11 and addresses the particular needs of the Fiji aviation environment. The draft plan outlines how the ICAO PBN concept will be implemented in Fiji to deliver improvements to: aviation safety, airspace access, capacity, predictability, operational efficiency and to minimise adverse environmental impacts from aviation activity. This plan is not binding and will be subject to change as PBN developments and user requirements evolve.

Both the ICAO Global and Regional PBN implementation plans provide a framework for the development of a National PBN Implementation Plan to enable a coordinated and cohesive global implementation programme for the aviation industry. This plan will enable the use of RNAV and RNP capabilities that will, when harmonised with ATM systems, deliver more efficient routes and predictability of service for the air transport industry, together with greater access to limited airspace resources for general and sport aviation. A PBN environment will deliver significant safety, economic and environmental benefits to all stakeholders. This is especially important as Fiji and the rest of the world faces challenges from difficult economic conditions, volatile aviation fuel prices and climate changes driven by global warming.

The strategic objectives of the Fiji PBN Implementation Plan are to:

- Provide a high-level strategy for the evolution of navigation applications to be implemented within Fiji airspace in the short term (prior to December 2012), medium term (2013-2016) and long term (beyond 2017) in accordance with the implementation goals of Assembly resolution A37-11;
- Implement a strategy based on the concepts of PBN (includes RNAV and RNP specifications), that will be applied to IFR aircraft operations using instrument approaches, and ATS routes (including SIDs and STARs) in both oceanic and domestic airspace;
- 3. Ensure that the implementation of the navigation portion of the CNS/ATM system is based on clearly established operational requirements;
- 4. Ensure that navigation, surveillance, communications and ATM infrastructure is capable of supporting the operational airspace concept and the associated operational applications;
- 5. Establish equipment requirements that minimise the number of equipment types required on board aircraft and on the ground;

- 6. Establish common airworthiness and operational approvals for flight operations utilizing PBN;
- 7. Provide a means of accommodating mixed-equipage operations; and
- 8. Recommend strategies to facilitate delivery of benefits and encourage equipage.

The Fiji PBN Implementation Plan has been developed in consultation with the stakeholders of the aviation community and provides for a staged transition to RNAV and RNP based procedures. The following stakeholders have been consulted during the development of the National PBN Implementation Plan:

- (a) Airspace operators and users (AOC)
- (b) Airports Fiji Limited (air navigation services provider)
- (c) CAAF and Regulating Authorities from adjacent ICAO States
- (d) National and international organizations

Refer to Appendix A for a list of aviation industry organizations consulted during the development of the Draft PBN Implementation Plan.

The PBN Implementation Plan will enable stakeholders of the aviation community to plan for regulatory changes, industry training, operational transitions and the associated investment strategies.

The following principles were applied in the development of the PBN Implementation Plan:

- (a) Continued availability of essential conventional air navigation procedures during the transition period, to ensure appropriate technology and procedures design support for users that are not RNAV and/or RNP compliant;
- (b) Development of airspace concepts and use of airspace modeling tools that enable real-time and accelerated simulations that identify the navigation applications that best support PBN implementation in specific airspace;
- (c) Conduct of cost-benefit analyses to justify the implementation of the RNAV and/or RNP concepts;
- (d) Conduct of pre- and post-implementation safety assessments to ensure the application and maintenance of the established target levels of safety.
- (e) Harmonisation with the ICAO Asia/Pacific Regional PBN Implementation Plan.

An issues register has been developed and updated covering a range of issues to be addressed. This register will be used to identify work areas, resource requirements and organizations responsible for actions. A work plan will then be developed with identified working groups, including technical representatives, to address these issues to ensure the PBN Implementation Plan is progressed.

# The PBN Implementation Plan

# 1. Background

Ground based navigation aids (Navaids) have been the basis of IFR navigation for aircraft since the Second World War. Fiji has relied upon a network of ground based navigation aids (NDB, VOR/DME and ILS), which aircraft use to navigate along fixed routes (route navigation) and to conduct instrument approach procedures to land aerodromes.

Ground based navigation systems limit the safety and efficiency of aircraft operations because of their inherent characteristics e.g. with the exception of ILS, they do not support approaches with vertical guidance. Ground Navaids are constrained by the location, accuracy, terrain and other performance limitations associated with the aid.

To overcome the constraints of route navigation new navigation specifications have been developed to provide performance specifications firstly through RNAV specifications and more recently Required Navigation Performance (RNP). These are based on new navigation technologies including Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) and onboard aircraft systems. Area navigation allows an aircraft to fly any pre-defined path with high accuracy. The flight path is usually defined as a straight line between two points in space but some systems also have the capability to accurately fly curved paths. Area navigation systems generally have linear lateral performance requirements and they are recognised as necessary enablers to optimise aircraft operations, increase terminal area safety and provide flexibility in placement of aircraft flight path to minimise aircraft noise intrusion on the community. The key difference between the RNAV and RNP specifications is the onboard monitoring and alerting function that is associated with RNP.

The PBN concept represents a major shift from sensor-based to performance-based navigation.

The significant improvements in navigational performance provided by RNP and four dimensional trajectory (4DT - includes time dimension) will also be utilised by modern ATM systems to improve the sequencing of IFR Flights. Any sequencing delays that are needed in the future will be managed in a more strategic manner so that excess fuel burn can be minimised. This will deliver reduced operating costs to aircraft operators and improved environmental outcomes to both the local and global community.

# 2. Area Navigation (RNAV)

#### 2.1 Capabilities

RNAV is the less capable of the two families of PBN navigation specifications. RNAV is suited to current and legacy aircraft operations however as a stand-alone specification it is insufficient to support many of the new Air Traffic Management (ATM) applications envisaged in strategic plans (e.g. 3D, 4D ATM concepts).

#### 2.1.1 The RNAV Specifications are:

- (a) RNAV 10: intended for use in Oceanic airspace (referred to as RNP 10. Explanation of this usage is provided in the ICAO PBN Manual Vol.1 para. 1.2.5.5)
- (b) RNAV 5: intended for use in Domestic Enroute airspace
- (c) RNAV 2: intended for use in Domestic Enroute airspace
- (d) RNAV 1: intended for use in Domestic Terminal airspace

RNAV specifications do not require on board navigation performance monitoring and alerting. RNAV tracks (e.g.: RNAV 5, RNAV 2, RNAV 1) will normally require monitoring by ATC surveillance systems to achieve desired performance and separation safety standards. This requirement implies near universal surveillance coverage for RNAV specifications. In oceanic airspace this surveillance is provided by ADS-C and in domestic airspace by a network of surveillance systems (ADS-B). The surveillance of domestic airspace will also include Multilateration and ADS-B when these systems are approved and operational.

# 3. Required Navigation Performance (RNP)

### 3.1 Capabilities

RNP is the more capable of the two families of PBN navigation specifications having on board navigation performance monitoring and alerting. The on board navigation performance monitoring and alerting is a necessary enabler for many new ATM applications.

#### 3.1.1 The RNP Specifications are:

- (a) RNP 4: intended for use in oceanic operations (supports 30/30 separation)
- (b) RNP 2: intended for use in en-route operations
- (c) RNP 1: intended for use in terminal area operations
- (d) RNP APCH
- (e) RNP AR APCH

# 3.1.2 The RNP Approach Applications for Fiji are:

- (a) RNAV (GNSS) approach; which represents the application of RNP APCH navigation specification. This application can include APV where required and operationally feasible.
- (b) RNAV (RNP) approach; which represents the application of RNP AR navigation specification where required and operationally feasible. Barometric VNAV is an integral part of this application

Both of these applications require the use of GNSS for navigation.

#### 3.1.3 Responsibility for Navigation Performance Monitoring

RNP specifications require on board navigation performance monitoring and alerting. This assured aircraft performance allows lower separation standards to be applied and therefore ATC surveillance is not required.

Some of the RNP navigation specifications enable the application of more sophisticated functions available in RNP capable aircraft to further improve safety, reduce environmental impact and increase operating efficiency (e.g.: RNP AR APCH).

#### 4. Current Status of RNAV & RNP Operations in Fiji

#### **4.1 Published Procedures**

RNAV and RNP procedures have been implemented within FIJI airspace at selected airports and on selected routes based on performance specifications that align with those in the PBN Manual.

(a) RNP 10 (RNAV 10) and RNP 4 in Oceanic Airspace

- (b) RNAV SIDs and STARs at Nadi and Nausori under development
- (c) RNAV (GNSS) approach procedures at 4 locations.

# 4.2 Aircraft Fleet Equipage

As at December 1 2009 there are approximately 10 aircraft with PBN capability on the FIJI Aircraft Register. This is a significant proportion of the IFR capable fleet. However there is a diverse range of navigational capabilities of the aircraft operating in FIJI airspace. The following table indicates the estimated state of PBN technical capability of major scheduled carriers in FIJI as of December 2009:

Figure 1 - Current Estimated Airline Fleet PBN Capability

Aircraft Type	RNAV 2/1	RNP APCH Basic RNP 1	RNP AR APCH	APV (Baro- VNAV)
B737	100%	100%	0	0
B738	100%	100%	0	0
B744	100%	100%	0	0
B763	100%	0	0	0
ATR42	100%	100%	0	0
B200	100%	100%	0	0

# 5. Airspace Concept

An airspace concept may be viewed as a general vision or a master plan for a particular airspace. Each airspace concept is based on an agreed set of principles that support the achievement of specific objectives. The strategic objectives which most commonly drive airspace concepts are safety, capacity, efficiency, access and the environment.

#### **5.1 Key Airspace Concepts**

The agreed concepts for Fiji will be implemented through a three-phase process that will deliver incremental improvements to:

Safety improvements (through more precise trajectory management & CDO that support the ICAO strategy to address CFIT accidents)

Predictability and repeatability

Efficiency (optimum aircraft determined profile)

Minimizing environmental impact (e.g. from carbon dioxide, oxides of nitrogen and noise)

Maximizing capacity utilisation (aerodrome & airspace)

Higher aircraft utilisation (sectors flown per day)

Schedule reliability

Cost effective investment (CBA)

Minimized quantity of CTA and optimized design

All ATS routes (including SIDs and STARs) will be enabled by RNAV (or RNP, where required).

All runway ends with instrument approach procedures will be enabled by RNP (with APV where possible based on Baro-VNAV).

#### 5.2 Operational Concept for Phase One

During Phase One the operational concept will be a mixed-mode navigation environment that allows continued use of legacy navigation applications while PBN capability is progressively implemented in aircraft fleets and the supporting infrastructure. The benefits to operators will be limited by the diversity of navigation performance and the ATM system's ability to manage this diversity. The ground infrastructure associated with legacy navigation systems will be reviewed and progressively adapted to reflect the progress made on implementation of PBN. General aviation VFR flight access to CTA will not be subject to any additional restrictions during this phase.

#### 5.3 Operational Concept for Phase Two

During Phase Two the operational concept will move to a more exclusive PBN environment that places greater reliance on the level of PBN capability in the national fleet and infrastructure. This change will enable further realisation of the goals outlined in para 5.1. The ATM system will be managing a more homogeneous navigation capability and have greater ability to minimise the negative impact of aircraft that lack required navigation performance capability. General aviation VFR flight access to CTA may be restricted during periods of capacity constraint but only to the extent needed to ensure that the flight paths of PBN capable flights are not restricted.

#### **5.4 Operational Concept for Phase Three**

During Phase Three the operational concept will be a mature PBN environment with a comprehensive fleet and infrastructure capability that delivers the fullest expression of the airspace concept and goals outlined in para 5.1. A mature set of ATM tools will complement the airborne systems and will also enable the effective management of those aircraft that may experience a temporary loss of PBN capability without significantly impacting other airspace users. General aviation VFR flight access to CTA may be restricted during periods of capacity constraint but only to the extent needed to ensure that the flight paths of PBN capable flights are not restricted.

# 6. Challenges

### 6.1 Safety - Risks Associated with Major System Change

During the transition to a mature PBN environment the government and industry will face significant challenges. The government challenges will include support of Civil Aviation Rule changes and associated preparatory work. The industry challenges will involve resourcing and managing a diverse range of navigation systems with equally diverse requirements. Some of the key identified challenges are:

- 3 Adoption of supporting Civil Aviation Regulations
- ③ PBN capability register and aircraft minimum equipment lists (MEL)
- ③ Integration of PBN capability into the ATM system (Flight Plan data fields)
- ③ Mixed fleet/system operations
- ③ Safety monitoring of ATM system
- 3 Approach naming and charting conventions
- ③ Navigation database integrity and control
- 3 GNSS system performance and prediction of availability service
- 3 Continued involvement in CNS/ATM and PBN development
- 3 Availability and coordination of resources in CAAF, AFL and industry to implement PBN
- 3 Education and training of personnel employed by CAAF, AFL and aircraft operators

#### **6.2 Environment**

Environmental challenges include minimising the impact of noise and emissions on both the communities in the proximity of aerodromes and the global environment. PBN will support the achievement of these goals while preserving aviation safety and efficiencies in the ATM system, but a collaborative approach will be essential to deliver all these objectives. With the introduction of regional or global emissions trading schemes for aviation, this commercial incentive could significantly increase and extend to international aircraft operators flying to and from Fiji.

Environmental challenges therefore include:

- (a) Political developments/considerations
  - 3 Increased ATM system capacity due to PBN efficiency gains
  - 3 Emission control/management, including demonstrated efficiencies associated with PBN operations
  - 3 Noise control/management
- (b) Technological developments
  - 3 Tension between noise outcomes and emissions reduction outcomes

#### **6.3 Infrastructure Development**

Design and implementation of RNAV routes and procedures is well advanced. Certificated Part 173 Procedure Design organizations have a significant workload in turning the design work into published documents.

The following issues need to be addressed by CAAF, AFL and the aviation industry:

- (a) Terrestrial Navaids
  - Maintenance and upgrade of existing terrestrial navigation aid infrastructure
  - ③ Transition to GNSS based system
  - ③ Decommissioning of existing aids
- (b) GNSS/RAIM prediction requirements including
  - ③ Overall GNSS status monitoring, reporting and recording
  - ③ Prediction of availability for a particular operation and aircraft
- (c) Automatic Weather Station (AWS) for APV Baro-VNAV
  - ③ Implementation will require coordination between CAAF, FIJI Met Service, AFL and aerodrome operators
  - ③ Responsibilities for funding of these initiatives will need to be determined
- (d) Approach design
- (e) Aerodrome infrastructure
  - ③ Aerodrome obstacle survey (WGS84)
  - 3 Aerodrome lighting (approach and surface)
- (f) Use of GNSS
  - ③ Use of GNSS within FIJI airspace is subject to the requirements of AIC 05/09 and parts of Airworthiness Notice 01/08. The AIC 05/09 and Airworthiness Notice 01/08 does not account for improvements to GNSS performance that has evolved over the last ten years and does not allow "Sole Use" navigation for domestic IFR flights. The limitations of the AIC 05/09 and Airworthiness Notice 01/08 need to be revised to enable greater use of GNSS to support RNAV, RNP and new surveillance technologies.
  - 3 A formal Safety Case will need to be developed to determine whether the performance of GNSS within FIJI airspace is adequate to support the planned increase in reliance on this technology by the aviation industry.
- (g) DME/DME updating
  - ® RNAV 1 and 2 specifications require infrastructure support from either GNSS or DME/DME updating capability. The capability of the existing DME network to support DME/DME updating needs to be verified to ensure it will be adequate for planned future use in both en-route and terminal airspace.

# 7. Operational Efficiency Benefits

- (a) Efficiency gains enabled through PBN include:
  - ③ Reduced separation standards for air traffic routes in oceanic and some portions of domestic en-route airspace
  - 3 Greater flexibility of airspace design in terminal area airspace
  - ③ Reduced noise and fuel consumption through PBN enabled ATS routes and approach procedures
  - ③ Reduced environmental impact.
- (b) The synchronised integration of PBN and non-PBN air routes, airspace and aircraft will be vital if these efficiency gains are to be fully realised.

# 8. Approaches with Vertical Guidance

PBN approaches with vertical guidance in FIJI will be based on Baro-VNAV specifications for the foreseeable future. The development of a GNSS enabled precision approach application will be monitored closely but early adoption is considered unlikely due to the lack of suitable GNSS augmentation systems within Fiji's airspace.

The AFL Projects and Development Unit have an implementation schedule for En-route, Terminal and Approach procedures in Fiji detailed in Appendix B.

# 9. Implementation

# 9.1 Short Term (FIJI Implementation Target December 2012)

The ICAO time frame for short term implementation is 2008 - 2012.

#### 9.1.1 En-route

Oceanic - Retain RNP 10 (RNAV 10) and RNP 4 with existing communications and surveillance requirements (CPDLC and ADS-C where necessary to support application of 30/30 separation standards).

As at December 2009, approximately 50% of current Fiji oceanic airspace users are FANS 1A capable and therefore able to benefit from the 30/30 separation standard: traffic forecasts do not indicate capacity will be constrained with current standards.

ATM system capability as available in 2009.

Surveillance will be provided by ADS-B when commissioned, integrated with the ATM system and certified for use.

Communications provided by VHF network.

#### 9.1.2 Terminal Areas (Departures and Arrivals)

**Specify RNAV 1** for all terminal routes with surveillance services and **Basic RNP 1** for routes without surveillance services.

Where a surveillance service is available, it will be provided by ADS-B when commissioned, integrated with the ATM system and certified for use.

Communications provided by VHF network.

#### 9.1.3 Approach Procedures

Facilitate a mix of ground based approaches, RNP APCH (RNAV GNSS) including BaroVNAV enabled Approach with Vertical Guidance, where possible and RNP AR APCH.

Where a surveillance service is available, it will be provided by ADS-B when commissioned, integrated with ATM system and certified for use.

Communications provided by VHF network.

#### 9.1.4 Helicopter Operations

No change to existing procedures but will be implemented as required.

# 9.2 Medium term (FIJI Implementation Target 2016)

The ICAO time frame for the medium term is 2013 - 2016.

#### 9.2.1 En-route

Oceanic - RNP 10 (RNAV 10) & RNP 4 (with CPDLC & ADS-C) in OCA CTA. There are no operational drivers to change navigation performance requirements from those used in phase one.

**Domestic - Specify RNAV 2** for all promulgated routes in domestic CTA, subject to infrastructure capability.

Advanced ATM Aurora system capability as available from 2010.

Communications provided by VHF network.

#### 9.2.2 Terminal Areas (Departures and Arrivals)

**Terminal CTA - RNAV 1 & Basic RNP 1**. Where a surveillance service is available, it will be provided by ADS-B when commissioned, integrated with ATM system and certified for use.

Communications provided by VHF network.

ATM system capability will be enhanced with:

- a) New ATC tools designed to improve sequencing of arrivals and departures and;
- b) Improved ATM system trajectory modeling.

#### 9.2.3 Approach Procedures

Approach Procedures - RNP APCH (RNAV GNSS) with APV where possible & RNP AR APCH.

Where a surveillance service is available, it will be provided by ADS-B when commissioned, integrated with ATM system and certified for use.

During this phase transition away from dependency on ground based approaches with the exception of ILS at major international airports and those ground based approaches that are considered essential for contingency purposes.

Communications provided by VHF network.

#### 9.2.4 Helicopter operations

As per the medium term for aircraft operations listed above but further approach design criteria changes are expected from ICAO over the period 2010 - 2011. These will be incorporated as considered appropriate.

# 9.3 Long term (FIJI Implementation Target 2020)

The ICAO time frame for the long term is 2017 and beyond

#### 9.3.1 En-route

Oceanic - RNP 10 (RNAV 10) & RNP 4 (with CPDLC & ADS-C) in OCA CTA. There are no operational drivers to change navigation performance requirements from those used in phase one/two.

**Domestic - RNAV 2** Surveillance will be provided by the ADS-B systems.

**Domestic - RNAV 1 / RNP 1 exclusive airspace above FL145.** Retain a minimal contingency infrastructure using terrestrial navigation systems (a VOR/DME network).

Surveillance provided by ADS-B contingency for the core of the main trunk network.

Communications provided by VHF network and possibly CPDLC.

# 9.3.2 Terminal Areas (Departures and Arrivals)

Terminal CTA - RNP 1 exclusive airspace (& Advanced RNP 1 limited to locations with specific operational requirements).

Retain minimal contingency infrastructure using terrestrial navigation systems (VOR/DME network).

Surveillance provided by ADS-B.

Communications provided by VHF network and possibly CPDLC.

#### 9.3.3 Approach Procedures

Approach Procedures - RNP APCH (RNAV GNSS) with APV where possible & RNP AR APCH.

The standard approach procedure will be GNSS based.

Consider location specific application of GNSS based precision approach where operational requirement and business case justifies this application.

Retain ILS at major international airports and those ground based approaches considered essential for contingency purposes.

Surveillance provided by ADS-B

Communications provided by VHF network and possibly CPDLC.

#### 9.3.4 Helicopter Operations

As per Long Term for aircraft operations listed above but with some special helicopter requirements.

# 10. Technology Recommendations

Aircraft equipment and ATM requirements will change as PBN is implemented with new technology needing to be utilised in the aviation system. These include the following which will be reviewed by the PBN technical groups to set specific timeframes and requirements.

# **10.1 GNSS Equipment**

These requirements will be determined based on new equipment availability and industry developments. There will be a transition from single GPS to multi-constellation GNSS equipment. This may include requirement for TSO C145/146 from 2020.

# **10.2 ATC Transponder**

Possibly by 2012 the Transponder requirements will need to become Mode-S Elementary (minimum) and Mode-S Enhanced (recommended). Additionally ADS-B using Modes-S 1090Mhz extended squitter (DO260A or later) will be implemented toward the final phase in 2012.

# **Appendices**

# Appendix A - List of FIJI organizations representatives for consultation

# Organisation

Title Air Pacific **PBN Program Manager** 

Pacific Sun Chief Pilot

Air Laucala Chief Pilot/Operations Manager

Pacific Flying School Chief Flying Instructor Advance Aviation Training **Executive Manager Executive Manager** Island Hoppers

**FALPA** Executive

Executive VP - Asia Pacific ASPA Nadi Airport General Manager Airports

Skydive FIJI **Executive Manager** Northern Air **Executive Manager** 

Chief Pilot/Operations Manager Air Wakaya **Turtle Airways** Chief Pilot/Operations Manager

Pacific Island Seaplanes **Executive Manager** Airport Manager Nausori Airport Aviation AOC Advisory Group **Executive Manager**