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FltPlan.com now sends your flight plans 22 hours in advance to the FAA's Traffic Flow Management System.

With cooperation from the FAA, CDM participation is now a reality for FltPlan.com users.

Those unfamiliar with what CDM is, please see our last newsletter [here](#). CDM participation for FltPlan.com's users has been a tremendous behind-the-scenes undertaking between the FAA and FltPlan.com. Now you, the pilots, can reap the rewards of having your data available to the FAA's Traffic Flow Management System up to 22 hours in advance of your scheduled departure time.

As stated in our previous Newsletter, data from your flight plans will be combined with other data (airline schedules, weather, ATC constraints, etc.), and used for the planning of GDP (Ground Delay Programs), release times (EDCT), miles-in-trail, and possible departure/arrival re-routes to/from the busiest airports. Outside busy terminal areas, your data will be used for enroute congestion monitoring, and possible advanced re-routing. The bottom line is that your passengers and your companies' flight operation will greatly benefit from CDM participation.

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CDM+ means your flight plan has been sent to the FAA CDM Program.

This is what we ask of you:

1.) If you are planning on flying a trip, select your flight plan for filing more that 22 hours in advance.

If your departure time changes, this is not a problem. FltPlan.com will automatically send a message to the FAA's TFMS and notify them your departure time has changed.

The FAA would rather know that you are departing point A to point B sometime in the morning, rather than find out at the last minute.

2.) If your trip cancels, cancel your flight plan on FltPlan.com.

a.) If the flight plan has not been filed, then just un-select the checkbox and click the **Press Here When Done** button.

b.) If the flight plan has already been filed:

I.) Just go to the DELETE FLT PLAN section (left side of Main Menu page) and delete the flight.

Or

II.) Modify the flight plan and save the flight plan without selecting **File This** checkbox.

Look for more tips in the coming weeks to make FltPlan.com's participation in the CDM program a success for all involved.

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Cast Your Vote in the 2010 Pilot's Choice Awards



FltPlan.com announces the first annual **Pilot's Choice Awards**. We want to know what you, the pilots, have to say. Go online to www.FltPlan.com starting March 1st and make your opinion heard. Let us know your favorites in such categories as Best FBO, Best Tower location, Best ATC Center and more.

We'll announce the winners online in April.

Planned ATC Route to Your Cell Phone (and some tidbits you might want to know)

Many of our users might not be aware that you can get your Planned ATC Route up to 90 minutes before your scheduled departure time.

You can access this feature by either going to the FltPlan.com Flight Tracking link on the left side of the Main Menu page, or by going to the ATC Routes/EDCT section also on the left side of the Main Menu page.

To get your planned ATC Route, is as simple as selecting your Aircraft tail number/Call Sign and the email/ text message address that you would like the Planned ATC Route to be sent to.

For most cell phones, the text message address is the phone number (without the leading 1) and a special address for your cell phone provider.

Here are some common ones:

6175551212@VTEXT.com (Verizon)

7035551212@TXT.ATT.NET (ATT)

2035551212@MESSAGING.SPRINTPCS.COM (Sprint)

2035551212@TMOBILE.NET (T-Mobile)

TIDBITS

1.) The Planned ATC Route is a Planned ATC Route.

The Route you see might not be exactly what you will get as a clearance.

For instance, out of some airports (especially in Florida), there can be an initial identifier that is used by ATC, but not given to the pilots.

As an example, here is a Planned ATC Route out of PIE: END3D SZW J73 LGC.MIKEE4.

There is no such intersection called END3D.

END3D is an internal note for ATC, for assignment of initial routing (which can include Radar Vectors, headings, crossing altitudes etc.) based on current local conditions.

Usually these internal notations look strange -- 4 or 6 characters long or with letter and number combinations.

These notations cannot be found on an airway chart, SIDs, or programmed into your FMS.

2.) The Planned ATC Route means a clearance has been issued by the ATC System.

If you receive a Planned ATC Route, you can rest assured there will be a clearance available when you call Clearance Delivery/Ground/Tower/Approach.

3.) If a new Route is assigned, we'll send you the new Planned ATC Route.

If you are assigned new routing after your initial Planned ATC Route (or even after you have been issued your clearance), FltPlan.com will send you the updated Planned ATC Route.

This can be a real life saver for a re-route that might necessitate some additional fuel after you've received your clearance, but before you've taxied out.

4.) EDCT (Expected Departure Clearance Time) notices are part of the package.

If you select that you would like to receive your Planned ATC Route, we will also send you any EDCT that might be in effect.

- a.) If EDCTs are in effect for your area of flight, you will get a message saying that EDCTs are in effect, but your flight is not affected.
- b.) If EDCTs are in effect for your area of flight, and your flight is affected, we will send you the EDCT along with your wheels-up time (i.e. your EDCT).
- c.) If your flight is not flying in an area of EDCTs, then you will not receive any EDCT emails.

5.) A Proposed Message (Schd.) is also included.

A Proposed message from FltPlan.com is your confirmation that your flight plan is indeed in the ATC system.

You can check the departure time, to make sure you filed what you thought you filed.

The Proposed Message almost always comes at the same time as the Planned ATC Clearance (approx. 90 minutes before departure), but is also an independent check that ATC knows about your flight plan.

6.) If you have a blocked tail number, you can still take advantage of this feature by subscribing to our Premium Flight Tracking service. For more information call 1-800-358-7526.

FltPlan.com eAPIS System Allows for Multiple Addresses While in the U.S.

For our eAPIS users, FltPlan.com's CBP certified Part 91 & 135 eAPIS submissions system now allows storage of multiple addresses while in the U.S. for both pilots and passengers.

This is a useful feature for non-U.S. crewmembers flying to the U.S. or for passengers who regularly travel to the U.S., but to different locations. For more information on FltPlan.com's fast and easy certified eAPIS system, call one of our eAPIS specialists at 731-855-8000 or 888-358-3375.

2009's Frequent Flyers

Since we've started a new year and a new decade, we thought it would be interesting to see which types of aircraft our users flew the most in 2009. Below is a list of our top 30 aircraft that filed flight plans on FltPlan.com. You can follow us on Twitter to see each day's top 10 arrival airports, top 10 aircraft, FBO of the Day, and more.

1. BE20	2. BE9L	3. PC12	4. C550	5. C560	6. C56X	7. BE40	8. H25B	9. P180	10. C525
11. B350	12. LJ35	13. LJ45	14. C25B	15. BE58	16. SR22	17. LJ60	18. C650	19. LJ31	20. C208
21. PA31	22. C25A	23. CL60	24. PRM1	25. BE30	26. C680	27. C421	28. BE36	29. LJ55	30. FA20

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