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Notice: Alternate Departure Heading Trial Extension at Calgary International Airport (YYC)

In late 2019, NAV CANADA – in partnership with the Calgary Airport Authority – commenced a 12-month trial of alternate departure headings for aircraft departing Runway 17 Right and Runway 17 Left when in a southerly flow.

Through increased overflight of non-residential land, the trial was anticipated to reduce the cumulative community noise exposure for many communities south of the airport, while ensuring a safe and efficient operation.

Following a review of the Alternate Departure Heading Trial at Calgary International Airport, NAV CANADA and the Calgary Airport Authority will be extending the trial until the end of 2021.

The Alternate Departure Heading Trial has demonstrated advantages to safety, supported noise distribution, increased operational efficiencies and ensured that the frequency of use is within the original parameters expected as communicated at the start of the trial.

The significant reduction in air traffic resulting from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have changed the operations at the airport and it is believed that the benefits mentioned above warrant a continuation of the Alternate Departure Heading Trial.

NAV CANADA and the Calgary Airport Authority will be collaborating on a public engagement plan to seek feedback from residents in the affected areas.

NAV CANADA and the Calgary Airport Authority remain committed to providing updates over the course of the extended trial to YYC's Airport Community Consultative Committee, which brings together representatives from communities across the region to consider aircraft-noise related concerns and mitigations.

About the Alternate Departure Heading Trial

For more information on the Alternate Departure Heading Trial, please visit our September 2019 notice: <https://www.navcanada.ca/EN/about-us/Pages/Airspace-Reviews.aspx/EN/about-us/Pages>.

Have questions? Contact us

Should you have any questions or feedback regarding the trial, please contact service@navcanada.ca.