

AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION CIRCULAR 1/23

NAVAID MODERNIZATION PROGRAM: MARATHON (ONTARIO) AND THE PAS (MANITOBA)

NAV CANADA, the country's provider of civil air navigation services, conducted an aeronautical study that reviewed the requirements for non-directional beacons (NDBs) and very-high frequency (VHF) omnidirectional ranges (VORs).

The study concluded that given the comprehensive radar surveillance coverage, and the capabilities of area navigation (RNAV) with global navigation satellite system (GNSS) equipped aircraft, many navigation aids (NAVAIDs) are no longer required and should be decommissioned.

Where a current NAVAID identified in the study serves as an instrument approach aid or anchors an airway segment, NAV CANADA will ensure that an RNAV (GNSS) instrument approach procedure (IAP) or RNAV airway segment is published, where required, before the identified NAVAID is removed.

Implementation is ongoing and will progress for the next several years. Subsequent aeronautical information circulars (AICs) will be published for each upcoming phase.

The **Marathon (YSP) VOR** and **The Pas (YQD) VOR** will be decommissioned.

This change will take effect on 23 February 2023 at 0901Z Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). The appropriate aeronautical publications will be amended.

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