

**REGIONAL AIRSPACE FORUM:
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SUMMARY

The Joint Land Use Study that was completed in 2018 recommended to track trends in regional airspace use associated with military mission change and/or new aircraft, such as the F-35. Specifically, there is a recommendation to identify any areas of increasing air traffic volume or conflict, and collaborate with airports and aviation authorities to develop management actions to deconflict congested areas and maximize airspace safety and capacity.

A projected outcome of this recommendation was to hold a regional airspace forum as part of the current implementation grant. The COVID-19 pandemic prevented any large gatherings for the first half of the grant term. Around the time that gatherings became possible again, the North Central Texas Council of Governments entered into an agreement with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to study the potential of drone technology and integrate it into future transportation plans. This work is being conducted by separate NCTCOG staff members and will be the venue for carrying out the regional airspace forum.



2018 JLUS RECOMMENDATIONS

- Track trends in regional airspace use associated with mission change and/or new aircraft.
- Identify areas of increasing air traffic volume or conflict.
- Collaborate with airports and aviation authorities to develop actions to deconflict congested areas and maximize airspace safety and capacity.