

NOTICE OF PROPOSED DECOMMISSIONING SILVER BAY BFW Non-Directional Beacon (NDB)

This notice is to serve of the announcement of MnDOT Aeronautics intends to decommission SILVER BAY BFW NDB and opens up a 30-day comment period for interested parties to comment on this decision.

MnDOT Aeronautics owns, operates, and maintains the NDB SILVER BAY BFW as part of the national airspace system.

SILVER BAY BFW NDB was serving; SILVER BAY Airport BFW, (Now Closed).

NDB technology is older and is not included in the FAA Next-Gen plan for the future of aviation. NDB approaches are no longer required on any flight test for pilot certification. Most manufactures of NDB systems are not supporting the legacy systems and FAA is not supporting commissioning of new/replacement systems. By decommissioning this older and less used technology, it will open up the ability to support modern RNAV approaches. Given the direction the FAA has taken with Next-Gen and because of the declining use of this technology by pilots, MnDOT Office of Aeronautics has determined that the cost of maintaining the existing state owned NDB's is not a good use of public funds.



OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

Interested parties who would like to comment on this subject should respond to this proposal by submitting written comments, or opinions to the address(s) indicated. Comments should address the overall aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal. To ensure your comments are considered, please respond on or before the stated closing date. This proposal may change because of comments received.

Comment period closes: APRIL 13, 2020
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