



CLT NATCA Achieves Major Safety Milestone with City Council Approval of Noise Study

After more than a decade of determined advocacy, Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) NATCA members celebrated a landmark victory on Dec. 9, 2024, as the Charlotte City Council voted 8-2 to approve the findings of the Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study. This decision paves the way for implementing diverging headings—a critical safety enhancement for air traffic operations at CLT.

"This is one of the most significant operational advancements in over 40 years at CLT," said Charlotte Tower (CLT) FacRep Anthony Schifano. "It's not about technology; it's about making the airspace safer and more efficient for everyone. This is a win for safety, for our members, and for the public."

The new procedures will allow aircraft to maneuver with greater separation, reducing risks associated with current departure paths where aircraft follow the same routes off the runway. NATCA's engagement was driven by the safety-first mindset of its members, who understand the critical need for these changes.



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CLT NATCA members turned out in force for the city council vote, sporting their signature yellow shirts and carrying signs to advocate for the recommendations. Among them were controllers from the tower, TRACON, and traffic management, as well as members still in training. Their unity and dedication were instrumental in securing this victory.

"Seeing so many of our members show up—especially during a last-minute vote—reinforced the strength of our solidarity," Schifano added. "It was a proud moment for our local, and it shows how collective action can truly make a difference."

The approval of the Part 150 Study represents not only a safety milestone but also a testament to the power of union solidarity and member engagement. CLT NATCA's efforts will benefit the airport, the aviation community, and the broader Charlotte region for years to come.

Congratulations to Our Newest FacReps!

The NATCA Onboarding Committee welcomes and thanks all new NATCA leaders who have recently taken office for their terms as FacReps at their local facilities:



CONGRATS

to our newest FacReps!



Alaskan Region:

Dustin Jones (Flight Service Station 3, FS3)
Bradley Lutz (Fairbanks ATCT, FAI)

Central Region:

Benjamin Pidgeon (Jefferson City FCT, JEF)
Sterling Knight (Waterloo ATCT, ALO)
Trevor Redlin (Cedar Rapids ATCT, CID)
Daniel Foreman (Spirit ATCT, SUS)
Patrick James (Kansas City Center, ZKC)

Eastern Region:

Jacob Haven (Elmira TRACAB, ELM)
Raymond Dahlstrom (La Guardia ATCT, LGA)
Matthew James (Atlantic City ATCT, ACY)
Andrea Carr (Martin State FCT, MTN)
Hunter Maggard (Syracuse ATCT, SYR)
Cory Davids (New York Center, ZNY)

Great Lakes Region:

Peyton Monts (Flint ATCT, FNT)
Brandon Keiser (Lafayette ATCT, LAF)
Nicholas Luce (Chicago O'Hare ATCT, ORD)
Bianca Sizemore (South Bend ATCT, SBN)

New England Region:

Hananiah Wiseman (Boston TRACON, A90)
Craig Winans (Yankee TRACON, Y90)

Northwest Mountain Region:

Peter Costanza (Pueblo ATCT, PUB)

Southern Region:

Nicole Argieard (St. Croix FCT, STX)

Walter Jespersen (Tuscaloosa FCT, TCL)

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James Schulte (Florence ATCT, FLO)

Leonard Karpen (St. Lucie ATCT, FPR)

Southwest Region:

Matthew Colan (Longview ATCT, GGG)

Brian Maldonado (Denton FCT, DTO)

Jose Maldonado (Lea County Hobbs FCT, HOB)

Western Pacific Region:

Christopher Tuminaro (Grand Canyon ATCT, GCN)

Brian Ingram (Joshua TRACON, JCF)

Ariel Ortega (Prescott ATCT, PRC)

Registration for NATCA in Washington 2025 Closes Feb. 6

The next NATCA in Washington will be held March 24-26, 2025, at the Hyatt Regency in Washington, D.C. If you would like to attend this year's event, please indicate your interest by completing the following questionnaire below no later than Feb. 6, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. PST.

Members of the National Legislative Committee (NLC) will confirm interested members' attendance on or before Feb. 17, 2025. Please note that your attendance is not guaranteed until it is confirmed by your regional NLC rep. Please do not make any flight arrangements until you receive a confirmation from your Regional NLC member on attendance. Additionally, transportation expenses are NOT reimbursed by NATCA National. Please check with your FacRep before you complete any airfare purchase to determine what expense reimbursements, if any, will be provided by your local.

A promotional banner for the NATCA in Washington 2025 event. The background is a grayscale map of Washington, D.C. The banner features a red header with the text "NATCA IN WASHINGTON 2025" and a close button. Below the header, the text "Registration is Open" is displayed in blue, flanked by red exclamation marks. A smartphone graphic shows a photo of the U.S. Capitol building with a group of people in front. To the right of the phone, a yellow box states "Closing Feb. 6, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. PST". Below this, a black line is followed by the text "Do not book flights or accommodations until you've received confirmation of attendance." At the bottom of the banner, a dark blue bar contains a calendar icon, the dates "March 24-26, 2025", a location pin icon, and the text "Hyatt Regency Washington".

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If you have any additional questions, reach out to the NLC Chair David Skarphol or your Regional NLC Rep. Their contact information can be found [here](#).

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