

NTSB INVESTIGATIVE HEARING

DCA Midair Collision

JULY 30–AUGUST 1, 2025 • WASHINGTON, DC
Agenda, Panels and Issue Areas (continued) **3**

DAY 3: FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

Times are approximate (Eastern Time). Breaks will be announced.

Opening Statements 9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

- Chairwoman's Opening Statement
- Introduction of the Parties
- Introduction of the Exhibits

PANEL 4 9:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Overview of Collision Avoidance Technology

Witness Panel	Technical Panel
Steve Casner, PhD, NASA Ames (Retired) Matt Haskin, FAA Neal Suchy, FAA Wes Olson, PhD, MIT-Lincoln Laboratory Michael Gries, Collins Aerospace Stacey Rowlan, Sagetech Fabrice Kunzi, PhD, Avidyne Corporation LTC Paul Flanigen, US Army CW5 David Van Vetchen, US Army Capt. Grant Clow, PSA Airlines Capt. David Surridge, American Airlines	Capt. Rocky Stone John Flynn Chihoon Shin Capt. Van McKenny William Bramble, PhD
Issue Areas	
Description of collision avoidance technology	
FAA requirements for collision avoidance technology for Class B airspace	
Difference between the Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance System (TCAS) and Airborne Collision Avoidance System (ACAS)	
Difference between an ACAS and ADS-B Traffic Advisory System (ATAS)	
Pilot compliance rate with TCAS resolution advisories (RAs) » Current rate, and what can be done to improve compliance » Reduction in nuisance traffic alerts (TAs) and RAs to improve the compliance rate	
Description of TCAS v7.0 and its inhibits (RA inhibit and aural alert inhibit)	
Description of collision avoidance technology on board the CRJ » TCAS configuration on the CRJ » Traffic display to the CRJ pilots » Limitations	
Description of US Army philosophy of collision avoidance technology » US Army use of ForeFlight for traffic awareness	
Description of the results of the TCAS/ACAS simulations using the geometry of this accident	
Reduction of RA threshold and effect would that have on operations and TCAS RA compliance	
Evolution of ACAS and safety payback/benefit	
ACAS-Xr for helicopters and ACAS-Xr standards	
Combinations of technology solutions to mitigate the risk of future mid-air collisions	
ADSB-Out / In – affect aircraft onboard collision avoidance technology and operations	

Lunch (on your own) 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

PANEL 5 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Safety Data and Safety Management Systems (SMSs) at the Various Organizations

Witness Panel	Technical Panel
Nick Fuller, FAA Frank McIntosh, FAA Matt Fiscus, FAA Clark Allen, FAA Matt Cabak, FAA John Nelson, US Army Marjorie McDonald, US Army Rae McInnis, US Army Ross Steadman, US Army COL Andy Deforest, US Army Chris Sailer, PSA Airlines James Jarvis, Leidos Rick Dressler, Metro Aviation, Inc.	Jana Price, PhD Loren Groff, PhD William Bramble, PhD Brian Soper Katherine Wilson, PhD
Issue Areas	
Safety risk management (SRM) and safety assurance processes	
Safety data indicators of midair collision risk	
Triggers for SRM reviews	
Awareness of midair collision risk at DCA	
Communication among stakeholder groups about midair collision risk	
SMS activities and outcomes	

Chairwoman's Closing Remarks . . 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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