

## **Mara, Kurt T (FAA)**

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**From:** Chambers, Michael (FAA)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 10, 2018 8:37 AM  
**To:** Mara, Kurt T (FAA)  
**Cc:** Keirce, Clifford J (FAA); Dotterer, Joe (FAA); Jones, Delvyn D (FAA)  
**Subject:** RE: FAA Slot reservation system

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Kurt:

In regard to a STMP for the NCAA Final Four, I'm thinking a STMP is not the way to go. We actually only run one STMP anymore, and that is for OSHKOSH. Not that it cannot be done, but we have not found a need for one for any previous Final Fours. NBAA is usually against them and they are easily "gamed" and therefore become inefficient. There are also a good number of "Drop and Go's" for these events which adds to the complexities of the STMP. I highly recommend speaking to Dean Snell with NBAA ([dsnell@](mailto:dsnell@) Phone ). He can give you their perspective on STMPs. That said, the only STMP I have had any involvement in during the years I have spent in this office is for Oshkosh. If you decide you would like to go down this road I can send you an example of the letter that you will need to submit to the Central Service Area Director. Additionally, the timelines for requesting a STMP can be found in the 7210.3 Chapter 17-13. I would be happy to speak to you about this further, but I suggest talking to Mr. Snell initially. Hope this helps. Have a great day!

**From:** Mara, Kurt T (FAA)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 07, 2018 2:53 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Michael (FAA) <[Michael.Chambers@](mailto:Michael.Chambers@)>  
**Subject:** FW: FAA Slot reservation system

Good Afternoon Mike,

Please review my emails below regarding a possible SMTP program for the NCAA final four in Minneapolis next year. Wondering what your thoughts and if your available sometime next week for a conversation regarding this?

*Thank you,*

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**From:** Jones, Delvyn D (FAA)  
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**Cc:** Chambers, Michael (FAA) <Michael.Chambers@[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** RE: FAA Slot reservation system

Good Afternoon Kurt,

The STMP program itself (Special Traffic Management Program) is basically just reserving a parking slot at the airport. We do not officially run the programs anymore. The NFL ran the program for the Super Bowl this year. I did also hear that the STMP program was not very useful also. I do know there is a 90 day requirement or more I believe if you wanted to request one. I will refer you to our procedures office. The number is [REDACTED] which should be Mike Chambers.

Delvyn Jones  
National Traffic Management Officer  
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**From:** Mara, Kurt T (FAA)

**Sent:** Friday, September 07, 2018 11:32 AM

**To:** Jones, Delvyn D (FAA) <delvyn.d.jones@[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** FW: FAA Slot reservation system

Good Morning Delvyn,

I was told you might be able to help me with questions regarding the SMTP program. In previous years, the local airports have utilized a slot reservation system similar to the PPR system we used for the super bowl. Our local airport authority was looking at creating their own system but have found it to be more difficult than they predicted. They have now pushed back on the FAA to utilize the SMTP program. My understanding from when it was discussed for the Super Bowl was that the program was not very useful. Can you provide me any information or input on the tool?

*Thank you,*

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**From:** Ditto, Richard (FAA)

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 05, 2018 6:01 AM

**To:** Mara, Kurt T (FAA) <kurt.t.mara@[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** RE: FAA Slot reservation system

Hi Kurt,

I have a contact for you. His name is Delvyn Jones (<delvyn.d.jones@[REDACTED]>) and he is currently a NTMO at the command center. I'm assuming that he is getting promoted to NOM since he is getting the responsibility of working

with us, CSA. I made him aware of your search for information and he is ready to work with you. Feel free to contact him at your convenience. If you would like our office to be involved, I'd be happy to set up a telcon. I don't have a specific office number for him. If he has one, I should get it later today. For now, you have to just call the ops number to get hold of him, [REDACTED].

Richard

**From:** Mara, Kurt T (FAA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 04, 2018 7:43 AM  
**To:** Ditto, Richard (FAA) <richard.ditto@[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: FAA Slot reservation system

Good Morning Richard,

I'm not so sure I agree that a program wouldn't be needed. In the previous events, they have been using programs similar to the PPR program that we used for the Super Bowl to manage the flow. We can go without a program, but my fear is that it will turn out like the PHX super bowl issue from years back. If the FAA is not willing to use a STMP program, I will continue to push MAC to build their own PPR. Otherwise, I believe there will be some upset GA traffic out of MSP on those days. I don't think it is so much an airport issue, but an airspace issue.

I have shared the data I received from SAT and PDARs regarding the numbers. I think it was managed well by the program they used. I'm reluctant to take a stance that we can manage the traffic volume without some kind of program. I think that could be an ugly event.

So, with those thoughts, I'm wondering about the STMP program and if it would be something we could utilize. Who can I discuss this with to get a better handle on how it works and if we want to go down this path?

*Thank you,*

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**From:** Ditto, Richard (FAA)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 31, 2018 9:32 AM  
**To:** Mara, Kurt T (FAA) <kurt.t.mara@[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: FAA Slot reservation system

Hi Kurt,

I just talked to someone at the command center about this. You and I can chat about it or, if you prefer, I can refer you to my counterpart there.

Getting down to brass tacks, no one will think that a STMP will be needed based on previous experience at other airports including ATL. DCC will watch the volume along with your own folks. Some possible TMIs include the standard

set (routes, MIT) and the addition of a possible STMP or GAAP. Secondary airports should be aware of the possible extra traffic and are expected to staff appropriately.

I am also going to send an email to the NBAA rep at DCC. I'd like to know his/her thoughts on the subject.

Feel free to call me anytime. I'll get back in touch after talking with NBAA.

Richard

**From:** Mara, Kurt T (FAA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 30, 2018 9:34 AM  
**To:** Ditto, Richard (FAA) <richard.ditto@[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** FW: FAA Slot reservation system

Good Morning Richard,

I'm hopeful you have some time today to chat regarding the STMP program. MAC is pushing for this system to be used for the NCAA final four. I know there are some concerns with the system. I am not knowledgeable enough regarding it and am hopeful you have some more experience with it or could point me in the direction of someone that has.

*Thank you,*

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What if we used it and it was not available for anyone except the FBO to schedule?

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**Subject:** RE: FAA Slot reservation system

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Good Afternoon Clydia,

The FAA's STMP program has many flaws. The first and foremost is that it does not limit the number of times a crew can schedule a flight. Therefore, if they are not sure what time they want to arrive/depart, they can put in an unlimited number of reservations. This would limit the availability for other operators to schedule useable slots. This was discussed at length for the Super Bowl, and it was deemed unusable.

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**Subject:** FAA Slot reservation system

Hi,  
I just found out about this system that the FAA has slot reservation systems for special events, as the Air Traffic Control system has capacity constraints as well. For example see: <https://www.fly.faa.gov/estmp/index.html>

Would this work to satisfy the short-term need for the Final Four?

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