The ATD-2 Integrated Arrival, Departure, and Surface (IADS) traffic management system extends integrated traffic sequencing all the way from the gate to the overhead stream and back again for multi-airport, metroplex environments. NASA and the FAA are developing the IADS system in close coordination with industry partners.

Ramp controller displays and scheduling tools enable surface metering for reduced ramp and taxiway congestion.

Expected Benefits: The ATD-2 IADS system will improve the predictability and efficiency of the air traffic system, while reducing fuel usage and emissions. This will be accomplished by sharing data among pilots, controllers, flight operators, and airport operators to produce a fully coordinated schedule.

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ATD-2 Integrated Arrival, Departure, and Surface (IADS) Operations – Flight Deck Coordination

Typical Pushback Procedures

No Surface Metering

Ramp: “Cleared to push. Expect Runway 18C.”

Pushback without delay

Surface Metering at Gate

Ramp: “Surface Metering in effect. Expect pushback in “x” minutes. Expect Runway 18C.”

Wait “x” minutes; Communicate pushback time to pushback crew

Ramp: “Cleared to push. Expect Runway 18C.”

Pushback without delay

Wheels-up Time Procedures

EDCT

Pre-Departure Clearance provides EDCT time

Before Closing Doors:
Call Ramp to request Pushback Time advisory

Ramp: “Expect to push at <time>. Expect Runway 18C.”

At specified pushback time:
Ramp: “Cleared to push. Expect Runway 18C.”

Wheels-up Time

Pre-Departure Clearance: “Contact Clearance Delivery for wheels-up time.”

5 minutes before Pushback:
Call Clearance Delivery for wheels-up time

Clearance Delivery provides wheels-up time

Contact Ramp to request pushback advisory

Ramp: “Expect to push at <time>. ATC-advised runway is 18C.”

At specified pushback time:
Ramp: “Cleared to push. Expect Runway 18C.”

Call Ramp only when ready to pushback

Receive Departure Clearance. Note any wheels-up time constraints.

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ATD-2/IADS Information Flow

The ATD-2 Integrated Arrival, Departure, and Surface (IADS) traffic management system integrates schedule and current flight information from flight operators, ATC and Center to allow Ramp and Air Traffic Controllers to efficiently manage pushback, taxi and runway usage.

Planned and Current Flight Schedule Information from Airline

Calculated Take-off Time from ATC and Center

Ramp Controller Algorithms and Displays

**Pilot Procedures**

**What’s new?**

The IADS system relies on early and accurate information sharing between pilots and ramp control.

- When in effect, about 50% of flights will experience gate holds with durations similar to current ops. This does not add flight delay, but allows aircraft to remain at gate longer to reduce fuel/ emissions.
- Ramp will be aware of wheels-up times and will schedule pushback to meet that time. Meeting wheels-up times is important for overall system efficiency.
- When Departure Fixes are closed, Ramp will inform you of the closure.
- If there is a gate conflict, and you are moved to a hardstand or holding area, Ramp will coordinate hardstand release to meet the schedule.

**What to do?**

1. Call Ramp when ready to push. Do NOT call before you are ready; this will increase delay.
2. Ramp will provide ATC-advised runway assignment.

**Special cases:**

1. If a specific runway is required for operational necessity, contact Ramp as soon as known.
2. If pushback delay is anticipated, contact Ramp as soon as known.
3. If APU INOP, coordinate with ramp and ground crew for timely air start to meet pushback time.

**Surface Metering**

1. Call Ramp when ready to pushback as per current ops.
2. Ramp may clear you to push immediately OR provide an expected pushback time.
3. Communicate expected pushback time to pushback crew.
4. Monitor Ramp. Expect Ramp to contact you at the specified time with pushback clearance.
5. Be prepared to push without delay at specified time.

**Wheels-Up Time**

1. Check PDC to see if EDCT or Flow Control Wheels-Up Time applies to flight.

**EDCT:**

1. Contact Ramp prior to pushback to receive updated wheels-up time.
2. After receiving wheels-up time, contact Ramp for pushback.

**Departure Fix Closures**

1. If instructed by Ramp control, contact Clearance Delivery for new departure route.
2. After receiving new departure route, contact Ramp for pushback.

**Gate Conflict**

1. Move to hardstand as directed.
2. When available, Ramp will provide a ‘Ready time’ which is the time when you can expect to be released.
3. Monitor Ramp Control frequency.
4. Be prepared to taxi at assigned ‘ready time’.

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In order to see system benefits from Surface Metering at KCLT, pilots are reminded to call Clearance Delivery (CD) for their Wheels-Up Time PRIOR to calling for pushback. Please check the PDC for instructions to contact Clearance Delivery (CD).

**Pilot Procedures Reminder: Wheels-Up Time**

When a flight is assigned a Wheels-Up Time, the PDC will state:

"CTC CD 127.15 JUST B4 PUSHBACK"

Prior to pushback, pilots should contact Clearance Delivery (CD), and then contact Ramp to request pushback advisory.

**Average Monthly Benefits**

- **30,490 lbs. of Fuel Saved & 47 Tons of CO₂ Eliminated**
  - by small holds at gate
- **1.7 Minute Reduction**
  - in northflow AMA taxi out times
- **11.2 Hours of Delay Saved**
  - by efficient overhead stream merges
- **21,412 lbs. of Fuel Saved**
  - by scheduling release times at the gate

**Wheels-Up Time Procedures**

**EDCT**

- PDC: Provides EDCT time.
- **PRE-DEPARTURE CLR**
  - EDCT 14:30Z
- Before Closing Doors:
  - Call Ramp to request Pushback Time advisory.
- Ramp: “Expect to push at <time>. Expect Runway 18C.”
- At specified pushback time:
  - Ramp: “Cleared to push, Expect Runway 18C.”

**Clearance Delivery (CD) provides wheels-up time.**

- **PDC: Contact Clearance Delivery (CD) just before pushback.**
- **PRE-DEPARTURE CLR**
  - CTC CD 127.15 JUST B4 PUSHBACK
- 5 minutes before Pushback: Call Clearance Delivery for Wheels-Up time.
- Contact Ramp to request pushback advisory.
- Ramp: “Expect to push at <time>. ATC-advised runway is 18C.”
- At specified pushback time:
  - Ramp: “Cleared to push. Expect Runway 18C.”

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