UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD WASHINGTON, D.C.

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FORWARDED TO:
Honorable John H. Shaffer
Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
Washington, D. C. 20591

SAFETY RECOMMENDATION A-72-14

During a review of the status of the instrument approach procedures for Juneau, Alaska, Airport, as an outgrowth of the National Transportation Safety Board's continuing investigation of the accident on September 4, 1971, involving an Alaska Airlines Boeing 727, our staff has noted that the public Localizer Directed Approach (LDA) procedure has not been amended to reflect the commissioning of the Distance Measuring Equipment (DME) associated with the localizer. Inquiry made by personnel of your Flight Standards Service reveals that there is a revision of the approach chart in process, which will reduce the clutter on the current chart, but that there is no present intention to add data to this procedure reflecting the existence of DME.

We are aware that a revised special instrument approach procedure for use by the air carriers serving Juneau, incorporating the use of the DME as an integral part of the procedure, was approved by your agency's Alaskan Region on October 6, 1971. We recognize that the addition of DME to this procedure does not qualify it for lower landing minima. However, the Board believes that the additional data afforded any pilot executing an instrument approach to Juneau will serve to enhance the safety of this procedure and that this enhancement should be extended to cover all users of the airspace and not just to air carriers.

The Safety Board therefore recommends that the Federal Aviation Administration:

Amend the public instrument approach procedure for the LDA approach to Juneau, Alaska, Airport to reflect the addition

of DME as a means of determining the location of fixes on the final approach course of the localizer.

This recommendation will be released to the public on the issue date shown above. No public dissemination of the contents of this document should be made prior to that date.

Reed, Chairman; Laurel, McAdams, Thayer and Burgess, Members, concurred in the above recommendation.

By: John H. Reed Chairman