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Ms. Edie Parish
Docket Management Facility
U.S. Department of Transportation
Docket Operations, M-30
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE.
West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140,
Washington, DC  20590-0001

Dear Ms. Parish:

Re: No. FAA-2007-0060 and Airspace Docket No. 07-ACE-1

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), representing more than 414,000 members, submits the following comments supporting the establishment of low altitude area navigation (RNAV) routes T-251 and T-272 in the St. Louis area, as proposed in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Docket number FAA-2007-0060.

AOPA began advocating for the establishment of charted RNAV airways in 2000, as part of the broad effort to move forward with a benefits-driven transition to RNAV. Strategic use of RNAV airways nationwide will reduce the cost of flying and provide aircraft owners more benefits from their Instrument Flight Rules (IFR)-certified GPS receivers.

AOPA appreciates the FAA’s commitment to implementation of RNAV T-Routes in the St. Louis area and fully supports the work already in process to expand upon this initiative in other terminal airspace areas.

Sincerely,

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