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Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Request Includes Over \$1 Billion for GPS Program

President Obama's budget request for FY 2015 includes \$1.0135 billion in Air Force funds for the main GPS program and another \$27 million in DOT/FAA funds for designated civil GPS requirements. The Air Force request includes funds to procure one GPS III satellite in FY 2015, compared to two in FY 2014. DOT's request includes a legislative proposal to authorize the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology to accept funding from modal administrations for support of GPS activities. To review the detailed budget justification documents for all known line items, visit www.gps.gov/policy/funding/2015.

Air Force Line Item	FY 2015 Request	DOT Line Item	FY 2015 Request
Procurement: GPS IIF Satellites	\$52.090 million	Civil GPS Requirements	\$27.0 million
Procurement: GPS III Satellites	\$292.397 million	Wide Area Augmentation System	\$103.6 million
Development: GPS III Satellites	\$212.571 million	Alternative Positioning, Navigation & Timing	\$3.0 million
Development: Next Generation Operational Control System	\$299.760 million	Nationwide Differential GPS	\$5.6 million
Development: Military GPS User Equipment	\$156.659 million	GPS Spectrum Protection	\$1.0 million
Air Force Total	\$1.0135 billion	DOT Total	\$140.2 million

Air Force Launches Fifth GPS IIF Satellite Into Orbit



On February 20, the Air Force successfully launched a new GPS satellite into orbit aboard a Delta 4 rocket. It is the fifth of twelve Boeing-built GPS Block IIF satellites that include a third civilian signal for increased reliability and accuracy, especially for NextGen and other transportation safety applications. Two other GPS IIF launches are scheduled for this May and July to continue sustaining and modernizing the GPS constellation. Learn more about GPS modernization at www.gps.gov/systems/gps.

Coast Guard Bill Suggests Pursuing Enhanced LORAN as GPS Backup

Last month, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee passed its 2014 Coast Guard authorization bill (H.R. 4005) with language barring DHS from dismantling decommissioned LORAN infrastructure for a year unless the Secretary determines it is not required to provide a backup to GPS. The provision also allows public and private partnerships to convert LORAN infrastructure into an Enhanced LORAN system. Per the 2010 DHS Appropriations Act, the Coast Guard has already dismantled all but eight of the legacy LORAN towers. To learn more, see www.gps.gov/policy/legislation/loran-c.



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