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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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1795003

To: Airport Manager, Chicago O'Hare Intl, (ORD), FAA (AAS-1)

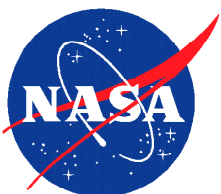
Info: FAA (Director of Air Traffic Operations CSA North, AJV-A, ATM ORD Tower, AAS-300, AVP-1, AVP-200, AGL-600, AFS-280, AFS-200, AJI-144, Runway Safety Team), A4A, AAAE, ALPA, AOPA, APA, ASAP, ATSAP, ATSG, CAPA, IATA, ICASS, IFALPA, IPA, NATCA, NBAA, NTSB, RAA, SWAPA

From: Becky L. Hooey, Director
NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System

Re: ORD Airport Taxiway Markings

We recently received an ASRS report describing a safety concern that may involve your area of operational responsibility. We do not have sufficient details to assess either the factual accuracy or possible gravity of the report. It is our policy to relay the reported information to the appropriate authority for evaluation and any necessary follow-up. We feel you should be aware of the enclosed deidentified report.

To properly assess the usefulness of our alert message service, we would appreciate it if you would take the time to give us your feedback on the value of the information that we have provided. Please contact Dr. Becky Hooey at (408) 541-2854 or email at becky.l.hooey@nasa.gov.



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ACN 1795003

DATE / TIME

Date of Occurrence	202103
Local Time Of Day	1201 to 1800

PLACE

Locale	ORD.Airport
State	IL
Altitude - AGL	0

ENVIRONMENT

Flight Conditions	VMC
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AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

ATC / Advisory - Tower	ORD
Make Model Name	B737 Undifferentiated or Other Model
Operating Under FAR Part	121

PERSON 1

Function - Flight Crew	First Officer
Function - Flight Crew	Pilot Not Flying
ASRS Report Number	1795003

EVENTS

Anomaly	ATC Issue - All Types
Anomaly	Ground Incursion - Taxiway
Detector - Person	Flight Crew
Result - General	None Reported / Taken

NARRATIVE 1

The taxiway centerline markings on ORD Taxiway K, K3 and A9 are worn off. The line is almost gone in a number of locations. At night using a 737 taxi light, it's very hard to see where you are going. This area is away from the large bright lights of the terminal, and is a mass of darkness with a lot of blue lights. It's even worse on a night when it is raining.

SYNOPSIS

B737 First Officer reported the centerline markings on several taxiways at ORD Airport are worn and difficult to see at night.