9/30/2024 **FOR YOUR INFORMATION** 2024-184/5-62

To: Airport Manager, Chicago O'Hare Int'l, (ORD), FAA (AAS-1, AJV-A), 2155696

Jeppesen Sanderson Inc.

Info: FAA (Director of Air Traffic Operations CSA, ATM ORD ATCT, AAS-300, AVP-1,

AVP -200, AGL-600, AFS-260, 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 Taxiway Charting and Signage

We recently received ASRS reports 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.





ACN 2	155696
DATE / TIME	
Date of Occurrence	202408
Local Time Of Day	1801 to 2400
PLACE	
Locale	ORD.Airport
State	IL
Altitude - AGL	0
ENVIRONMENT	
Flight Conditions	VMC
AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X	
ATC / Advisory - Ground	ORD
Make Model Name	Medium Transport, Low Wing, 2 Turbojet Eng
Operating Under FAR Part	121
PERSON 1	
Function - Flight Crew	Captain
ASRS Report Number	2155696
PERSON 2	
Function - Flight Crew	First Officer
ASRS Report Number	2155695
EVENTS	
Anomaly	Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Clearance
Anomaly	Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - FAR
Anomaly	Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Published Material / Policy
Anomaly	Ground Incursion - Taxiway
Detector - Automation	Air Traffic Control
Detector - Person	Air Traffic Control
Result - Flight Crew	Became Reoriented
Result - Air Traffic Control	Issued New Clearance
NARRATIVE 1	

During taxi out from the Y, ORD Ground Control instructed us to turn left on U. Seeing the U taxi sign ahead and to my right, I turned right initially to then head left on U, which was not what the Ground Controller requested. We were pointed in the wrong direction on the taxiway and the Ground Controller gave us instructions to maneuver out of the way of aircraft taxiing inbound to their gates with Ramp Control.

Cause: We were rushed due to previous plane arriving late and having maintenance issues which compressed our preflight times.

Suggestions: Increase scrutiny of the parking gates chart vs just the normal Jepp airport charts would have cleared up the confusion.

## **NARRATIVE 2**

We were positioned on the "Y" when we got our taxi instructions on ground for "Runway 22L via U, A, A18, and V" and read the instructions back as such. We realized we made a wrong turn when ATC advised us and gave us a reroute to join the C taxi line and contact ramp. From there, Ramp directed and sequenced us for taxi with no further issue.

Cause: Per the Jeppesen chart, it looked as if taxiway U was a right turn to then join for taxiway A, so we made a right turn to join rather than left. It is only displayed in another Jepp chart that U was the taxiway in front of the "Y." There was lots of construction that made some of the taxiway signs hard to see. This is my second time flying into ORD.

Suggestions: Review the charts to ensure proper taxiway direction. Verify with ATC on direction of turn from the ramp to join the proper direction of what the Controller intended.

## **SYNOPSIS**

Flight crew reported a taxiway incursion at ORD after turning in the wrong direction for the departure runway. Crew expressed confusion with charting and signage.