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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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To: Airport Manager, San Diego Int'l Airport (SAN), CA, FAA (AAS-1)

2219157

Info: FAA (AAS-300, AVP-1, AVP-200, AWP-600, AFS-260, AFS-200, Director of Air Traffic Operations WSA, Runway Safety Team), A4A, AAAE, ALPA, AOPA, APA, ASAP, CAPA, ATSAP, ATSG, IATA, IBT, ICAO, ICASS, IFALPA, IPA, NATCA, NBAA, NTSB, RAA, SWAPA

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

Re: SAN Taxiway Markings

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.



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ACN 2219157**DATE / TIME**

Date of Occurrence	202503
Local Time Of Day	1801 to 2400

PLACE

Locale	SAN.Airport
State	CA
Altitude - AGL	0

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

ATC / Advisory - Tower	SAN
Make Model Name	Commercial Fixed Wing
Operating Under FAR Part	121

PERSON 1

Function - Air Traffic Control	Ground
ASRS Report Number	2219157

EVENTS

Anomaly	ATC Issue - All Types
Anomaly	Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Clearance
Anomaly	Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Published
	Material / Policy
Anomaly	Ground Incursion - Taxiway
Anomaly	Ground Event / Encounter - Ground Equipment Issue
Anomaly	Ground Event / Encounter - Weather / Turbulence
Detector - Person	Flight Crew
Result - Flight Crew	Requested ATC Assistance / Clarification

NARRATIVE 1

Aircraft X landed on Runway 9 and exited runway Taxiway D and switched to GC during poor weather conditions. Aircraft instructed to taxi to the Ramp via B, A2, A, B. Aircraft turned onto A1 a non-movement area. Aircraft stopped in Ramp area at A1 and called saying they made a wrong turn. This caused a blockage of the taxiway and required pushback onto the taxiway by a tug significantly increasing the workload as while this aircraft was stuck it required all Runway 9 arrivals to exit to the north requiring a runway crossing and then subsequently when switching back to Runway 27 the departures to cross to the north. It has been brought up many times to both Management and the Airport Authority that this is a multiple time occurrence due to the lack of barriers and/or proper markings.

Recommendation: Either barricades need to be put up, markings need to be better or something needs to be done. The status quo of multiple aircraft ending up on a Ramp area without a Plan B besides blocking the one and only taxiway is unacceptable.

SYNOPSIS

SAN Tower Controller reported an aircraft had turned into a non-movement area and needed assistance to get out, which caused a blockage on the taxiway and led to congestion related to the rerouting. The reporter noted that poor weather, insufficient markings, and lack of barricades contributed to the event.