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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

2026-232/5-71

To: Airport Manager, Chicago O'Hare Int'l, (ORD), IL., FAA (AGL-600, ATM ORD Tower) 2367413

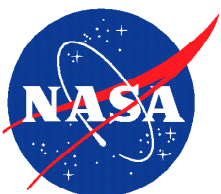
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From: Becky L. Hooey, Director
NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System

Re: ORD Scenic Pad Parking Concerns

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 2367413**DATE / TIME**

Date of Occurrence	202605
Local Time Of Day	No Local Time Of Day Stated

PLACE

Locale	ORD.Airport
State	IL
Altitude - AGL	0

ENVIRONMENT

Flight Conditions	VMC
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AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

ATC / Advisory - Ground	ORD
Make Model Name	Commercial Fixed Wing
Operating Under FAR Part	121

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT Y

Make Model Name	Any Unknown or Unlisted Aircraft Manufacturer
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PERSON 1

Function - Flight Crew	Captain
ASRS Report Number	2367413

EVENTS

Anomaly	ATC Issue - All Types
Anomaly	Conflict - Ground Conflict, Less Severe
Anomaly	Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Published Material / Policy
Anomaly	Ground Event / Encounter - Other / Unknown
Detector - Person	Flight Crew
Result - General	None Reported / Taken

NARRATIVE 1

While waiting for gate availability, we were directed to “park in the scenic pad facing the north tower.” No natural direction faces the north tower. There were four planes there all facing different directions. More importantly, there are no taxi or parking markings. It was up to each crew to decide if they had safe wingtip clearances. There was no control or order parking in the scenic pad.

SYNOPSIS

Air carrier Captain reported the procedures for holding at the scenic pad at ORD are unclear and there are no taxi or parking markings.