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To: Airport Manager, Dallas-Ft Worth Intl, (DFW), TX, FAA (ASW-600)

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

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

Re: DFW Taxiway Nomenclature Confusion

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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DATE / TIME	
Date of Occurrence	202608
Local Time Of Day	0601 to 1200
PLACE	
Locale	DFW.Airport
State	TX
Altitude - AGL	0
AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X	
ATC / Advisory - Tower	DFW
Make Model Name	Small Transport
Operating Under FAR Part	91
PERSON 1	
Function - Flight Crew	Captain
ASRS Report Number	2406324
EVENTS	
Anomaly	ATC Issue - All Types
Anomaly	Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Clearance
Anomaly	Ground Incursion - Taxiway
Anomaly	Ground Event / Encounter - Other / Unknown
Detector - Person	Air Traffic Control
Result - Flight Crew	Requested ATC Assistance / Clarification
Result - Air Traffic Control	Issued New Clearance

NARRATIVE 1

After landing at Dallas-Ft Worth Airport (DFW), we made wrong turn taxiing to the FBO. We were taxiing to the Ramp via Taxiway Z. We were talking to Tower on 126.55. We were holding short of Runway 17R. At XA:00, Tower gave us, “Aircraft X, at Zulu, cross 17R, continue via Juliet [pause] Zulu into Ramp.” This confused us, as Taxiway J does not intersect Taxiway Z. When the controller tried to clarify the instructions, we still heard “Juliet [pause] Zulu.” We turned right onto Taxiway K. At XA:35, the controller noted our error and said, “You turned onto Kilo… it was Zulu, Juliet Zulu… enter Ramp.” We then entered the Ramp via Taxiway J and Taxiway W. After playing back the audio, it appears the controller wanted us to continue west on Taxiway Z, then turn right onto Taxiway JZ, and enter the Ramp from the south entrance. We clearly got it wrong.

A contributing factor to our error is the confusing taxiway identifiers in this area, especially to a transient aircrew unfamiliar with the area. There are two small taxiways, taxiways JZ and JY, that link the longer taxiways Y and Z. There is also a Taxiway J in the area, but it does not connect to either taxiways JZ and JY. This taxiway naming convention scheme seems to lend itself to confusion. Taxiways JZ and JY might be better named taxiways JA and JB to reduce the chances of misidentification.

SYNOPSIS

Small transport Captain reported the confusing taxiway identifiers led the flight crew to turn onto the wrong taxiway at DFW.