USDOT Airline Passenger 40% Origin & Destination Survey

Industry Update Meeting (Virtual)

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Housekeeping

- Today begins a collaborative and interactive journey between USDOT and the Airline Industry as we progress through milestones toward cut-over to Final Rule (July 1, 2025)
- This meeting will start with presentations by DOT and Steer, and then questions will be entertained through the Teams chat platform
- Given the meeting's size and one-hour timeframe, we may not get to all questions, but we will try to address as many as possible
- If time runs out, we have a process for follow-up questions (after the session) and resources to be made available
- Keep in mind this is just the first of a series of such meetings



Housekeeping

- O&D40% Systems Process Assessment and Requirements Analysis project is underway.
- Deliverables will chart the course forward for the Implementation Phase of the overall O&D40% project.
- Given we are still in the early innings of developing Technical Requirements, our latitude to discuss specifics regarding final processes and procedures remains limited. Particularly, presenters cannot discuss or answer hypotheticals such as what 'may be' or what 'is likely'.
- Also, OAI cannot release or discuss certain matters specific to the Instructions to Carriers documentation until after the O&D40 requirements study is completed.



Agenda

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Background and Status of OD40 Rule Implementation
- 3. Listening Session on Airline Perspectives
- 4. Tentative Calendar for Upcoming Industry Stakeholder Airline Meetings
- 5. USDOT Working Relationship with Airlines

Introductions

USDOT

- Office of Airline Information
- Bureau of Transportation Statistics
- Office of Aviation Analysis

Steer Group



Agenda Item 2

BACKGROUND & STATUS OF OD40 RULE IMPLEMENTATION

Regulations Governing Collection

- Federal Code of Regulations:
 - ➤ Part 241, Section 19.8
 - ➤ All Carriers that issue passenger tickets for commercial travel are required to report
- For Carriers that submit data via 14 CFR Part 298.60 (Air Taxi and Commuter Carrier) Regulations, O&D Collection has been amended to add this collection

Importance of Data

- ➤ Data analyzed extensively by the Air Carriers, DOT, DOJ, and other Government agencies, for use in:
 - Considering of increasing service
 - ➤ Participation in Mergers and Code-Share Alliances
 - ➤ Air Carriers for better views of the marketplace

Compiling/Submission of Data

- ➤ 40% Sampling of Passenger Tickets Issued
 - > Tickets to be submitted identified by sequence number ending in "0", "2", "7", "9"
 - > (if sequence number is not used, an alternate method can be used as approved by Office of Airline Information (OAI) Director)
- Monthly Basis: Itineraries collected in a particular month of travel are evaluated to determine if to be reported
- ➤ If Issuing Carrier is a Reporting Carrier, based on the Reporting Carrier List created by OAI, Issuing Carrier reports the itinerary
 - > Otherwise, carrier who operates the first segment in the itinerary reports the itinerary (even if not first segment)
 - Example: Alaska Airlines (AS) issues ticket, AS is a reporting carrier, AS reports
 - ➤ 4M (Lan Argentina) issues ticket and AS is first operating carrier on any segment, AS reports the itinerary as 4M is not a reporting carrier



Sample Passenger Ticket

- ➤ Date of Travel: October 4, 2024
- ➤ Origin of Travel: ANC-Anchorage, AK
- > Destination of Travel: SEA-Seattle, Washington
- > Price Paid:

Base Fare: \$234.05 (includes base fare, taxes and any fees/charges for passenger to board aircraft; does not include baggage fees, seat upgrades)

Taxes: \$ 32.45 (Passenger Excise Tax 7.5% (\$17.55), plus, Passenger Facility Charge-ANC, \$4.50, Federal Security Charge, \$5.60, Federal Flight Segment Charge, \$4.80)

- ➤ Issuing Carrier of Ticket: Alaska-AS
- ➤ Operating Carrier of Ticket: Alaska-AS
- > Purchase Window Group (21AP, 2290, 91UP): 21UP (21days before travel)
- > Dwell Time (time between landing and take-off, if applicable): Null
- ➤ Via point (intermediate points on a 'direct'/'through' flight): Null
- > Record Identification Number: Carrier Assigned Number for each Itinerary: TBD



Sample Submission

	Field	Data
Applies to All Records in Data Set	Reporting Carrier, Reporting Year, Reporting Month,	AS, 2024, 10,
Applies to Single Records in Data Set	Record Identification Number, Issuing Carrier Identifier, Total Amount, Tax Amount, Purchase Window Group,	TBD, AS, 234.05, 32.45, 21UP,
Applies to First Segment of Travel	Airport Code, Operating Carrier Code Marketing Carrier Code, Via Point, Scheduled Flight Year, Scheduled Flight Month,	ANC, AS, AS, (Null), 2024, 10,
Applies to Finish First Segment of Travel & Each Additional Segment of Travel (if applicable)	Airport Code, Dwell Time, Operating Carrier Code, Marketing Carrier Code, Via Point	SEA, (Null), (Null), (Null), (Null)

When Should Submission Begin?

➤ Not Yet!

- ➤ Office of Airline Information (OAI) is working on a new system for the data collection
 - ➤ Timeframe of Test Submission: May 1, 2024 (more information to come)
 - First Month of Data Collected: July 2025
 - To be reported: September 15, 2025
 - > File Submission Process
 - Format of data file: TBD(more information to come)
 - > Submission Method: TBD(more information to come)

More information, once determined, can be found on the website coming up in 2 more slides



What Happens After Submission?

Submitted Data are validated against the T100 and the Official Airline Guide (OAG)

- ➤ OAI contacts the carrier with any questions
 - > Carrier revises and re-submits

Release dates (planned): 60 Days after submission

Where to Get More Information?

- ➤ Questions, including questions we do not have time to address today: James Bouse, OAI, <u>james.bouse@dot.gov</u>
- Federal Code of Regulations:
 - ➤ Part 241, Section 19.8
- ➤ https://esubmit.rita.dot.gov/OD-US-40.aspx
 - > As Project Progresses, information will be posted here
 - > Instructions to Carriers will be posted here once all details are finalized

Agenda Item 3

LISTENING SESSION ON AIRLINE PERSPECTIVES

Listening Session and Ongoing Feedback

- Understand any air carrier uncertainties about the rule
- Determine air carriers' current plans for submitting data
- Collect information about how USDOT can help existing OD10 and new OD40 air carriers

Discussion Questions & Feedback

- Question 1
- Question 2
- Question 3
- Question 4

We encourage you to also send us questions after the meeting to OAI, (james.bouse@dot.gov)



Please use the raise hand feature



Please ask questions via the chat box

Agenda Item 4

TENTATIVE CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING STAKEHOLDER AIRLINE INDUSTRY MEETINGS

Upcoming Timeline (subject to changes)

We are expecting three additional industry meetings over the coming months - please look out for invites





We will schedule other smaller meetings as requested and necessary.



Agenda Item 5

USDOT WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH AIRLINES

Wrap-Up/Conclusion

Thank you for attending today!

Presentation will be made available shortly:

https://esubmit.rita.dot.gov/OD-US-40.aspx

