



## Tri-County Airport Authority (1J0) ("TCAA")

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# Advisory Frequency Transition Plan

TO: TCAA Board of Directors  
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DATE: January 27, 2020

Concerns were expressed at our last meeting around making a change to our advisory frequency regarding "casual" pilots who visit our field and who may not pay attention to the FAA's "Notice to Airmen" regarding things such as frequency changes. However, as also noted, the AOPA strongly suggests we make this change for safety reasons.

**I propose we consider taking the following steps to make the change while helping ensure a smoother, safer transition and to help mitigate safety risk:**

1. Discuss with the Birmingham FSDO and run any transition plan by them. (Done; they suggested adding point #5, below.)
2. Select a "target date" to make this effective far enough in the future that we effect the change with the FCC and the FAA as well as far enough into the future so that we can communicate this to the aviation community. I would propose making the change effective July 16, 2020, which is a new chart release date from the FAA according to their listed 2020 schedule.
3. Select a new frequency at our February meeting and file the paperwork with the FCC to begin the process. My recommendation is that we migrate from 122.8 to 122.725, since this frequency is currently unused within a 100 nautical mile radius.
4. Once approval is received from the FCC, submit the new frequency to the FAA and have them issue a NOTATM and request a chart and A/FD update with a July 16 change date. (We are allowed to communicate an "effective date".)
5. Submit the change to the FAA safety team so that they can publish on their website.
6. Send multiple email notices out to all of our tenants letting them know details.
7. Consider sending out a one page notice that can be posted on bulletin boards at all airports within a 50 mile radius, letting them know new frequency and effective date. See page 2 for suggestion.
8. Push a notice out to all EAA members in our local chapter as well as nearby chapter leadership.
9. If possible, use the EAA's notification service to push out a notice to all EAA members within a 50 mile radius about the frequency change. (As the local Chapter President I am allowed to do that in most cases, free of charge, but we'd have to craft it so that the notice is coming from our chapter.)
10. Have an inexpensive vinyl banner printed that we can hang by the gas pumps that let people know about our new frequency and the date of change. (These cost about \$30.)
11. Print some new business cards to put in our lobby that let people know about our new four letter code change (KTCF) along with our new frequency and some other basic details about us. (Cost of these is only \$16 per 500 heavy glossy color cards).
12. For at least the first thirty days after our transition, have our airport manager monitor 122.8 and also direct them to the new advisory frequency.



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## **(Proposed) NOTICE TO AIRMEN CHANGE IN TRI-COUNTY UNICOM FREQUENCY EFFECTIVE JULY 16, 2020:**

The Tri-County Airport in northwestern Florida has two important changes:

- Effective July 16, 2020, our new common traffic advisory frequency will change from 122.8 to 122.725.
- Also effective xxxxx, 2020, our new airport identifier code was changed from 1J0 to KTCF.

Airport Manager: For safety reasons we are concerned about pilots learning about the our upcoming frequency change. Please post this notice in a prominent place in your lobby where pilots can review, and thanks! Questions can be directed to me, below.

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