

VATUSA ALBUQUERQUE ARTCC AND VATUSA EL PASO ATCT

LETTER OF AGREEMENT

EFFECTIVE: 07/06/2007

SUBJECT: AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SERVICES

- 1. PURPOSE.** This Letter of Agreement delegates authority, defines responsibility, and established procedures for El Paso (ELP) Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) and Albuquerque Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) to provide Air Traffic Control service to aircraft departing, arriving, and transitioning the ELP terminal area. This agreement supplements procedures found in FAA Order 7110.65.

- 2. DISCLAIMER.** Information contained herein is designed and specifically for use in a virtual controlling environment. It is not applicable, nor should be referenced for live operations in the National Airspace System (NAS).

- 3. CANCELLATION.** Reserved

- 4. GENERAL PROCEDURES**
 - a. Coordination.** Deviations from procedures contained in this document are authorized on an individual aircraft basis after coordination between involved controllers.

 - b. Traffic Flow**
 - (1) ELP shall notify the ARTCC of the flow in use at ELP (see Annex 2).

 - (2) ELP shall restrict aircraft transiting ATCT airspace and CJS approach control to cross the U.S. / Mexico border at or below 17,000' MSL.

 - c. Transfer of Control.** Upon completion of a radar handoff and transfer of communications:
 - (1) ATCT releases control on departing aircraft for climb and turns up to 30 degrees.

 - (2) ARTCC releases control on arrivals for descent and turns up to 30 degrees.

 - d. Departures to Mexico**
 - (1) Aircraft requesting 17,000' MSL or below, or aircraft west / southwest bound requesting any altitude shall be routed via CJS.

 - (2) Aircraft requesting FL180 or above proceeding south / southeast bound shall be routed via KEYLO..CUU or KEYLO.J141.DEL.

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5. RADAR PROCEDURES

a. ELP Terminal Area Departures. The ATCT shall:

- (1) Provide the ARTCC 5 NM radar separation, constant or increasing, between aircraft.
- (2) Issue the destination airport as the clearance limit and clear aircraft via the filed route, except where significant corrections are necessary.
- (3) Assign altitudes as follows:
 - (a) Aircraft requesting 17,000' MSL or below shall be issued the requested altitude or the minimum IFR cardinal altitude for direction of flight, whichever is higher.
 - (b) Aircraft requesting FL180 or above shall be issued 17,000' MSL and advised to expect the requested altitude 10 minutes after departure.

b. ELP Terminal Area Arrivals. The ARTCC shall:

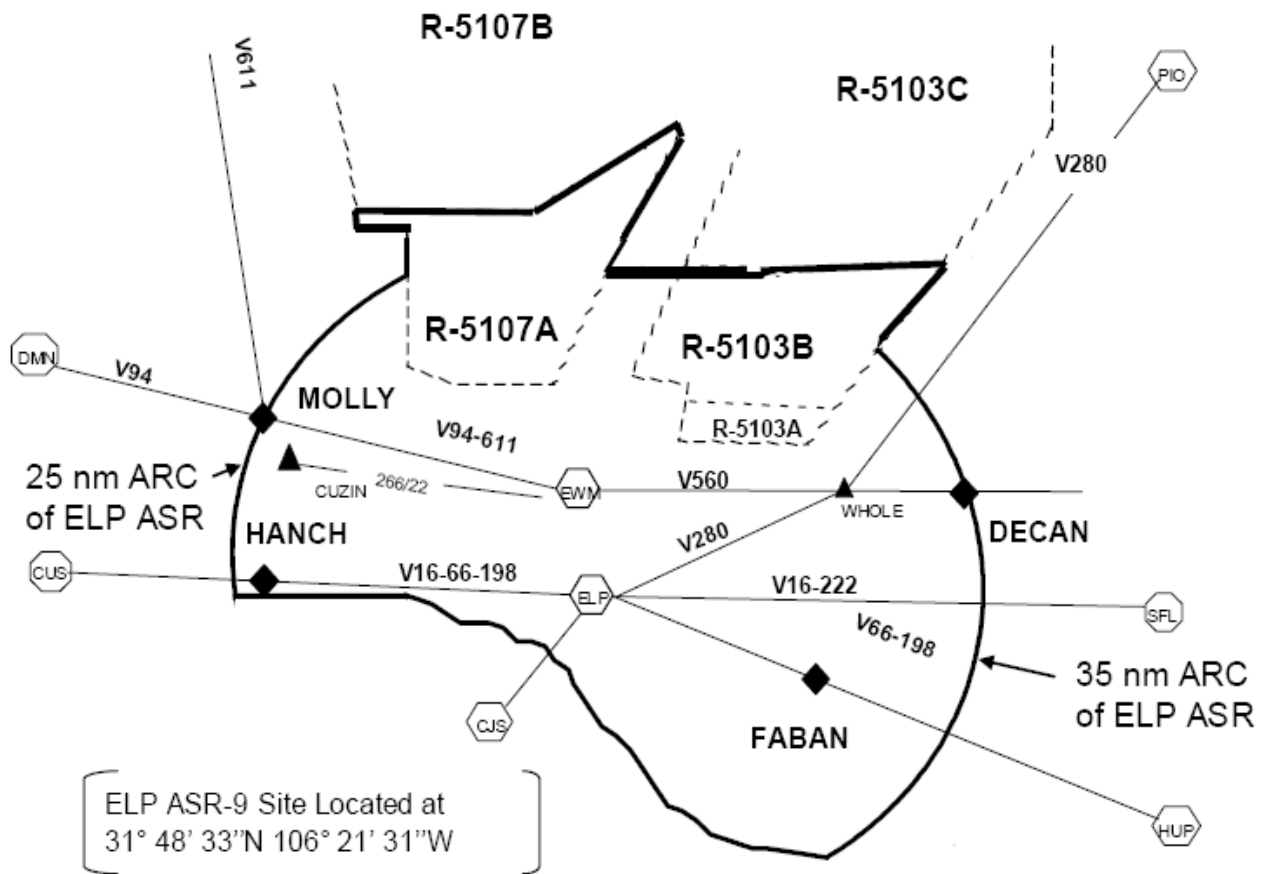
- (1) Issue the destination airport or FANNY DME fix as the clearance limit, as appropriate.
- (2) Issue routes and altitudes appropriate for the flow in use as described in Annex 2.
- (3) FANNY Procedures (ELP HI-ILS RWY 22 or HI-VOR/DME or TACAN RWY 26L):
 - (a) ELP has control to issue one turn in the FANNY holding pattern and an approach clearance without coordination with the ARTCC.
 - (b) When multiple aircraft are holding at FANNY, ELP has control for descent and approach clearances on aircraft established in holding. ELP shall notify the ARTCC as altitudes in the holding pattern become available.

6. ATTACHMENTS

- a. Annex 1** – ELP ATCT and CJS Approach Control Airspace Depiction
- b. Annex 2** – Direct In / Direct Out Radar Arrival and Departure Procedures
- c. Annex 3** – Airports in the ELP Terminal Area

Annex 1

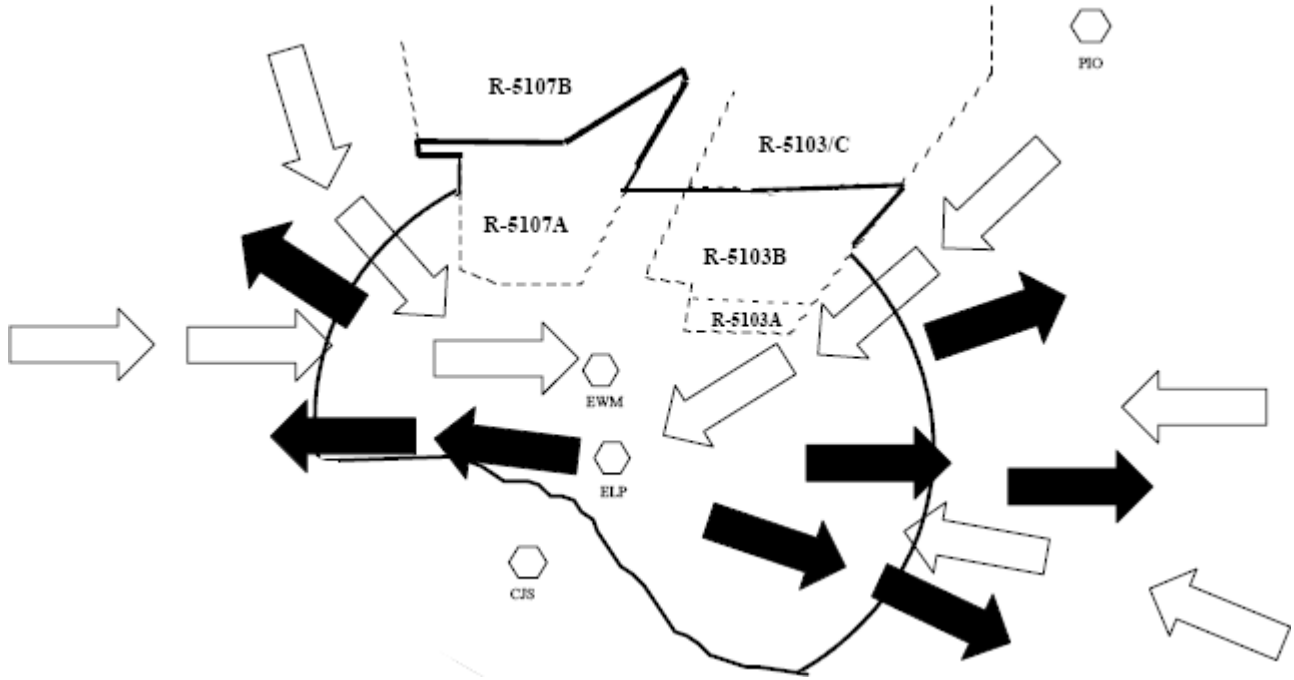
EL PASO ATCT SURFACE TO 17,000 feet MSL



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Annex 2

**Direct In / Direct Out
Radar Arrivals and Departures**



Procedures:

Direct In / Direct Out allows the most expeditious routing in to and out of the El Paso Terminal Area. Separation of departures from arrivals shall be maintained using radar procedures and coordination between controllers. ELP shall coordinate with the ARTCC when it is necessary to route arrivals via CJS, based on the flow in use.

Route Arrivals Via:

<u>ELP Flow</u>	<u>Route</u>
S/E or S/W	Direct EWM
N/E	Direct CJS

Assign Altitudes as Follows:

<u>Arrivals From:</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
Turbojets:	13,000' MSL	12,000' MSL
All Other Aircraft:	11,000' MSL	10,000' MSL

Note: Aircraft may be descending and need not be level prior to entering ELP Approach Airspace.

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Annex 3

Airports in the El Paso Terminal Area

Identifier	Name	Location
ELP	El Paso Int'l	ELP252005
BIF	Biggs Army Airfield	ELP284006
CJS / MMCS	Abraham Gonzalez Int'l	ELP204013
5T6	Donna Ana Co. / Santa Teresa	ELP270022
T27	Horizon	ELP147006
E35	Fabens	ELP147019
TA50	Cielo Dorado Estates (Private)	ELP280018