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New Stop Bars installed at Toronto Pearson (CYYZ)



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Nav Canada has announced the installation of an in-pavement stop bar system at Lester B Pearson International Airport (CYYZ) in Toronto. The stop bars will be installed on the rapid exit taxiways leading from runway 06R/24L as they approach runway 06L/24R. Nav Canada advise that the stop bars, which will be operated by tower controllers, *may* be in use when the airport configuration requires the use of this closely spaced runway pair.

IFALPA believes that stopbars at taxiway/runway interchanges are a vital tool in reducing the risk of runway incursions and it is a good idea to take the opportunity to review the procedures that will maximize the effectiveness of the stopbars as a safety tool.

 An illuminated red stop bar means **STOP!**

(When the stop bar is extinguished it *should not* be taken as clearance to cross the runway)

 Never Cross a runway without a verbal clearance

 If you have received a verbal clearance to cross a runway but the stop bar is illuminated **STOP** and tell the controller that the stop bar is on

 Always remember that the stop bar lights *may not* be in use at all times at this airport. Again, never cross a runway without specific instruction and always read back hold short instructions and crossing clearances

IFALPA argues that the best way to reduce runway incursions is to avoid runway crossing altogether but if this is impossible then they should be restricted to points where traffic on the active runway will have a low energy state. To find out more about the Federation's ideas for improving runway safety see the documents 09POS01 Runway Safety, 09AGEBL01 – Use of external lights to mitigate runway incursions and 08POS01 – Runway End Safety Areas which you can find on the IFALPA website www.ifalpa.org



As always an illuminated stop bar means only one thing - STOP - even if you have received clearance to cross the runway

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