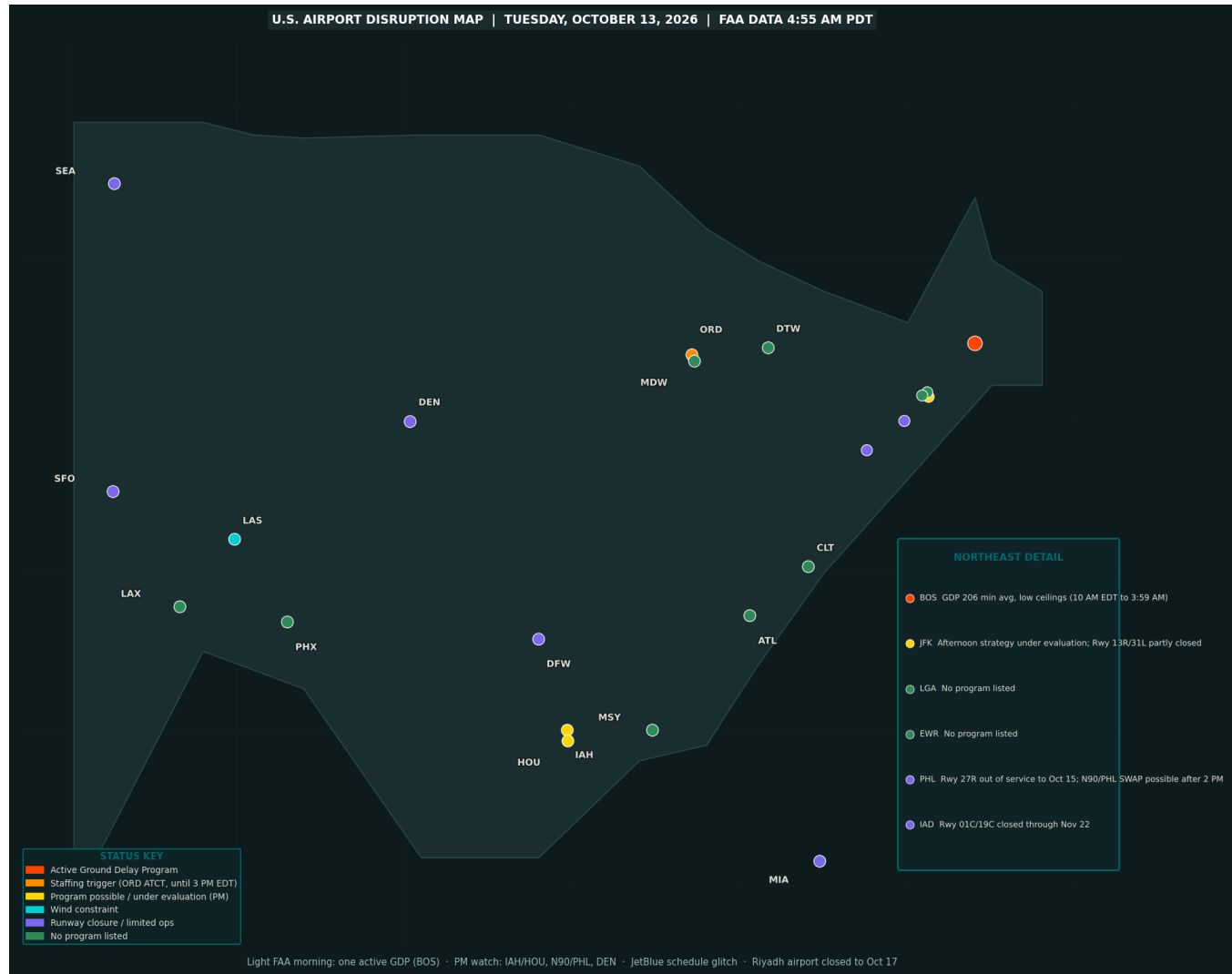


Daily Air Travel Disruption Briefing

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 · Run #55 (delayed run, resumed after a credit lapse; prior runs for Sep 4 through Oct 12 were not delivered) · Light FAA morning: one active ground delay program (BOS)



Active FAA Programs — 4:55 AM PDT (7:55 AM EDT)

Airport	Program	Window EDT	Avg Delay	Cause
BOS	Ground Delay Program	10:00 AM EDT Oct 13 to 3:59 AM EDT Oct 14	206 min	Low ceilings forecast into the evening; tall ship movement may add delay; Rwy 09/27 and 15R/33L limited ops
JFK	None (under evaluation)	Afternoon	n/a	FAA says a 13L/R overflow 22L configuration should avert a program; Rwy 13R/31L SE portion closed to Oct 20
ORD	Staffing trigger	Until 3:00 PM EDT (1900Z)	n/a	ORD tower staffing; no national initiatives foreseen

Planned (possible, not active): IAH/HOU ground stop or delay program after 2:00 PM EDT; DEN after 6:00 PM EDT (DEN and SAN were removed from the morning plan). En route: BOS and N90/PHL CDRs/SWAP after 2:00 PM EDT; IAH/HOU CDRs after 2:00 PM EDT; DFW/DAL arrival routes after 4:00 PM EDT; Lake Erie routes after 2:00 PM EDT. Thunderstorms over Houston and nine en route centers; LAS wind. Data note: the FAA map page and the NAS status page showed different snapshots (the status page listed no BOS program at 4:55 AM PDT); the BOS program is confirmed by the FAA operations plan (ADVZY 048) and the NAS status list view.

Runway and taxiway constraints: PHL 27R out of service to Oct 15; JFK 13R/31L SE portion closed to Oct 20; BOS 09/27 limited to Oct 31 and 15R/33L limited to Nov 1; MIA 08L/26R closed to Oct 31; DEN 16R/34L closed to Nov 5; SEA 16C/34C closed to Nov 15; SFO 01R/19L and TWY W to Nov 15; IAD 01C/19C closed to Nov 22; HOU 04/22 to Dec 31 and 13L/31R to Jan 9; BNA 13/31 to Jan 1; DFW 18L/36R to May 15, 2027.

Recent System Context

The most recent national totals I could confirm are for Sunday, October 11: 4,182 delays and 225 cancellations, led by Las Vegas wind delays and Boston and Philadelphia ground delay programs, per Travel Tourister citing Travel and Tour World. I could not find a reliable national total for Monday, October 12. Raleigh-Durham had two ground stops on Monday (a cut fiber line late morning, then an equipment outage from 6:45 to 8:00 PM) and about 261 delayed flights, with repairs still ongoing Tuesday morning per WRAL. Hurricane Isaias made landfall near Destin as a Category 2 storm on Friday night, October 9; Pensacola reopened to commercial service on Sunday, October 11.

Date	Delays	Cx	Notes
Sun Oct 11	4,182	225	LAS 417 del / 45 cx (wind); BOS 255 del; PHL 248 del
Mon Oct 12	n/a	n/a	National total not found; RDU two ground stops, about 261 delays
Tue Oct 13	n/a	n/a	Count not yet reliable at 5 AM PDT; FAA shows one active program (BOS)

Airline Waivers and Advisories

Airline	Scope	Dates	Notes
JetBlue	System-wide schedule display error	Travel Oct 11-16	Flights for Oct 13-14 vanished from searches; JetBlue says original itineraries were reinstated, but some seat assignments and partner bookings were still being repaired. A travel-agent waiver covers rebooking Oct 11-16.
Delta, American, Southwest, United	Hurricane Isaias, Gulf Coast	Travel Oct 8-10	Expired. American stated its window closed Oct 11.
Lufthansa Group, Air France-KLM, Etihad, Qatar	Riyadh (RUH) and Gulf routes	Through Oct 16 to end of Oct	Riyadh airport closed to Oct 17 after a Houthi attack; Delta postponed Atlanta-Riyadh to March 2027

International Operations Note

Saudi authorities extended the closure of King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh to 2100 GMT on Saturday, October 17, after a Houthi attack. The FAA advised US carriers to exercise caution flying to or over Saudi Arabia, and EASA widened its Saudi airspace warning. Lufthansa Group cancelled Riyadh flights through October 16, Air France-KLM extended its suspension to the end of October, Etihad cancelled Abu Dhabi-Riyadh through October 19, and Qatar Airways suspended Riyadh and Dammam. Mexico: Puerto Vallarta airport was due to reopen Tuesday, October 13 after Hurricane Simon.

Fleet & Program Tracker

Program	Status	Key Detail	Next Milestone
737 MAX 10	Cert pending	FAA review board ruled on Oct 2 that a flight-computer (U14) software glitch on go-arounds is not a safety concern; Leeham calls certification back on track, no date given	FAA certification decision, no date
737 MAX 8/9, MAX 7	Flying / MAX 7 certified	MAX 7 certified Aug 3 per earlier briefings (not re-verified today).	Retrofit and deliveries
737 production	Below 47/month	Ortberg (Sep 16): driving at 47 a month but not yet stable; Renton wing flow is the constraint. Aug deliveries 41. FAA cap was raised to 42 in Oct 2025; 47 review passed May 2026	Rate 52 in 2027 needs the Everett North Line certified
Everett North Line	Ramping	First airframe (a 737-10 for WestJet) loaded in July ahead of line certification	FAA line certification
A320 family	Ramping	Sep deliveries 72 (59 A320 family); YTD 547, up 7.9%; Pratt and Whitney engine shortages constrain output	Needs 323 in Q4 for about 870 target; 70-75/month by end-2027
Airbus capacity	Expanding	Second A320 final assembly line in Tianjin delivered its first jet Sep 16; new Toulouse delivery centre opened Sep 15	Ramp support
787, A321XLR, Skywise	No change found	No new items today; prior status carried forward (787 normalized, United XLR in service, Skywise launched Apr 1)	n/a

The 3 Stories

Story 1 — Boston: 206-minute ground delay all day on low ceilings

Boston is the only active FAA program this morning: a ground delay averaging 206 minutes from 10:00 AM EDT to 3:59 AM EDT, per the FAA NAS status. The FAA operations plan says low ceilings are forecast to persist into the evening, and a planned tall ship movement could add delay. Runway 09/27 and 15R/33L are on limited operations.

Action: Expect your Boston-bound aircraft to be held at its origin; check your inbound flight status before leaving home and allow 3+ hours of schedule slack. Early-day departures from Boston are at less risk than evening ones.

Story 2 — JetBlue: two days of flights vanished from booking systems

JetBlue flights for October 13 and 14 disappeared from city-pair searches in what reports describe as an IT or schedule-display error. JetBlue said the cancellations were erroneous and that it reinstated original itineraries, though reports said seat assignments and partner bookings were still being repaired and the full recovery was unconfirmed. A travel-agent waiver dated October 7 covers rebooking for travel October 11 to 16.

Action: If you are on JetBlue today or tomorrow, open the app now and confirm your date, flight number and seat; screenshot it. If your trip was moved to another day, use the waiver window to rebook before heading to the airport.

Story 3 — Afternoon watch: Houston, Northeast and Denver programs possible

No ground stops are active, but the FAA flags possible IAH/HOU programs after 2:00 PM EDT and DEN after 6:00 PM EDT, with thunderstorms over the Houston, New York, Florida, Chicago and Denver centers. N90/PHL and Boston reroute and SWAP plans are possible after 2:00 PM EDT. JFK's afternoon plan is under evaluation; the FAA expects a runway configuration to avert a program. ORD has a tower staffing trigger until 3:00 PM EDT, and Las Vegas has a wind constraint.

Action: Houston, New York, Philadelphia and Denver travelers should favor morning departures and keep a backup flight in mind for afternoon and evening. Check fly.faa.gov before leaving for the airport.

TSA Checkpoint Reminders

- Correction: earlier briefings carried a running "TSA staffing gap" day count. I could not confirm a current shutdown-related staffing gap: the DHS-only shutdown ran Feb 14 to Apr 30, 2026, and a continuing resolution signed Sep 2 funds the government through Dec 11 (Travel Tourister). That count is dropped. Next funding deadline: Dec 11.
 - New: TSA confirmed Sep 29 that officers checking IDs must stand. On Oct 6 TSA said redesigned PreCheck lanes (eGates, body scanners) will reach seven unnamed airports over six weeks; existing lanes are unchanged until upgraded.
 - Standing policy carried from earlier briefings and not re-verified today: REAL ID enforcement with a \$45 Confirm.ID fee; shoes stay on; tightened power bank limits; clear carry-on bag pilot.
 - Suggested arrival: 2 hours domestic at major hubs.
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Outlook

Today looks lighter than the early-September sequence: one active program at 5 AM PDT, with risk building after 2:00 PM EDT in Houston, the Northeast mid-Atlantic and Denver. Boston delays should persist into the night. The Riyadh closure runs through October 17. The old Post-Easter day count is retired.

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