

# Progress Update 02

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# Agenda



PROJECT  
OVERVIEW



DESIGN CHANGES



UPDATED COST  
ANALYSIS



REGULATIONS



SEATING  
CONFIGURATIONS

# Requirements



Fixed-wing passenger aircraft



10-20 passengers



Highlight new technological innovation



Environmentally considerate



Noise reduction



Optimized cost for short-haul flights

# Aircraft Regulations

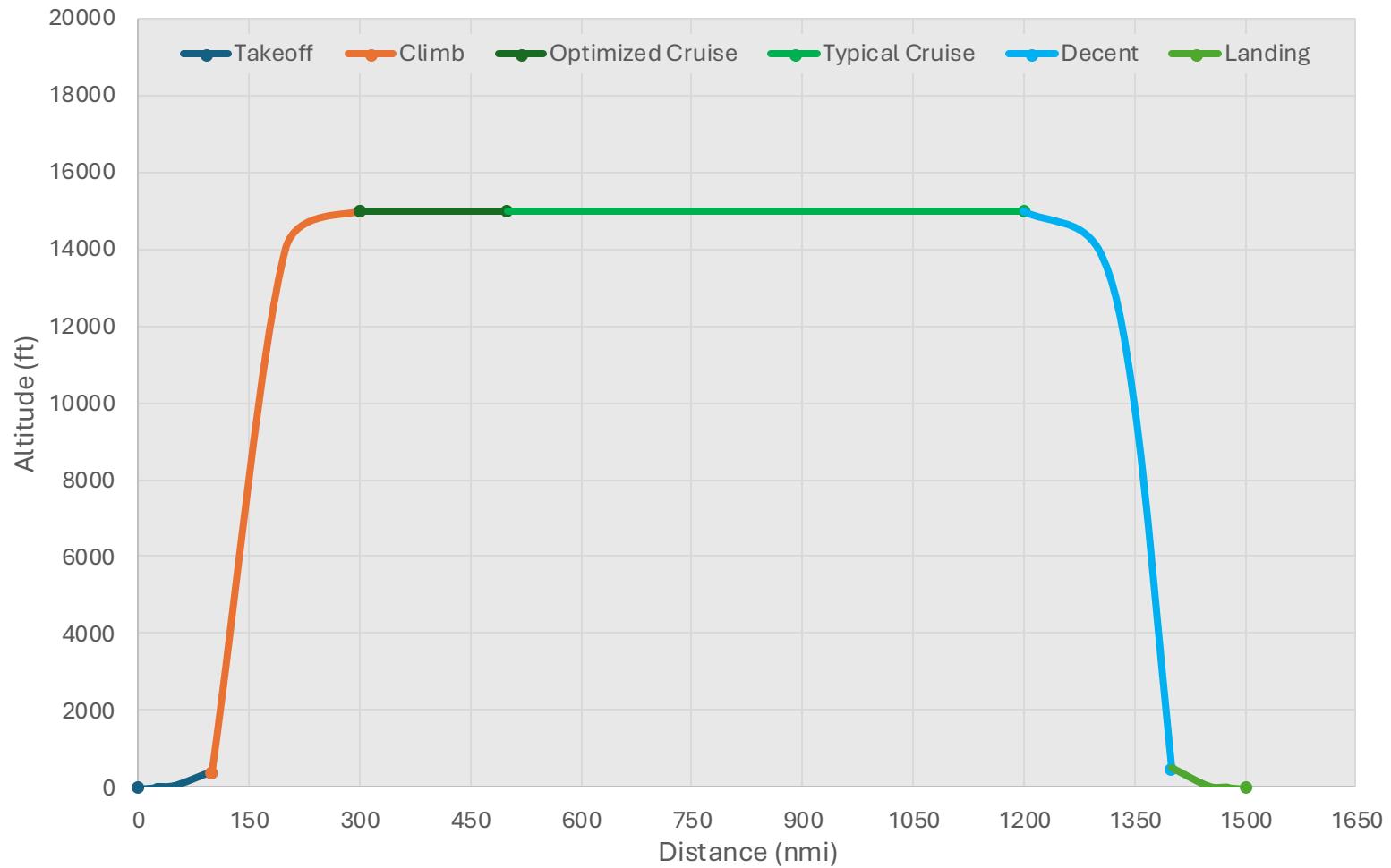


The aircraft falls under FAA 14 CFR Pt. 23

Customer Requirements		Regulatory Requirements	
Passengers:	10-20	MTOW:	≤19,000 lbs
Range:	1,500 nmi optimized for 500 nmi	Maximum Seating:	10-19
Technical Innovation:	Hybrid-electric Propulsion system	Max Operating Speed (High Speed):	>250 knots
Reduce Environmental Impact:	Fuel efficiency, lighter materials, noise reductions, ...	Service Ceiling :	20,000 ft

# Mission Profile

- Passenger transport
- Point-to-point
- Optimized for short-haul flights
- Cruise ~15,000 ft



# Markets for Solaris

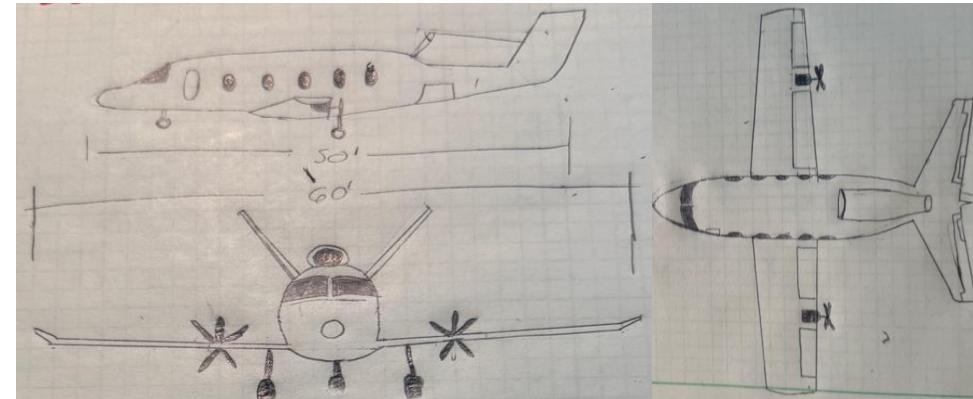
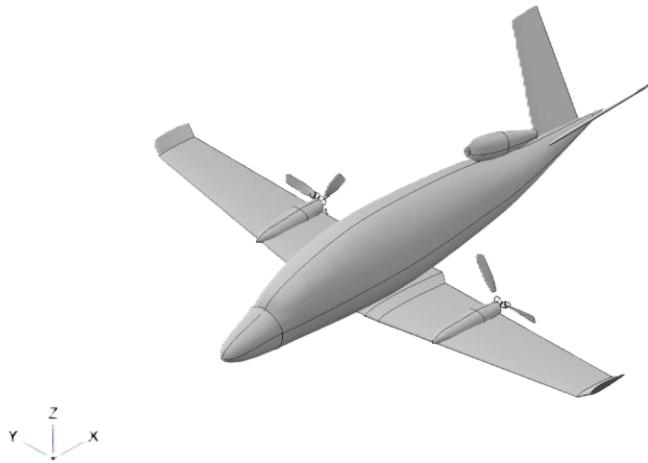
- Geneva → Paris ~221.16NM
- Istanbul → Ankara ~197.38NM
- Milano → Rome ~262.08NM
- Nice → Paris ~375.17NM
- Larnaka → Tel Aviv ~183.19NM



YTD CURRENT YEAR	AIRPORT 2	AIRPORT 1
304	Paris Le Bourget	LFPB
173	Ankara Esenboğa	LTAC
161	Roma Ciampino	LIRA
139	Paris Le Bourget	LFPB
119	Tel Aviv International	LLBG
	Geneva International	LSGG
	Istanbul Atatürk	LTBA
	Milano Linate	LIML
	Nice Côte d'Azur	LFMN
	Larnaka International	LCLK

# Chosen Design

## Solaris XIL-1



- Meets desired criteria
- Reduces emissions and optimizes short-haul flights
- Most feasible while also having power innovation
- Aesthetically pleasing and unique

# Wing & Tail Selection

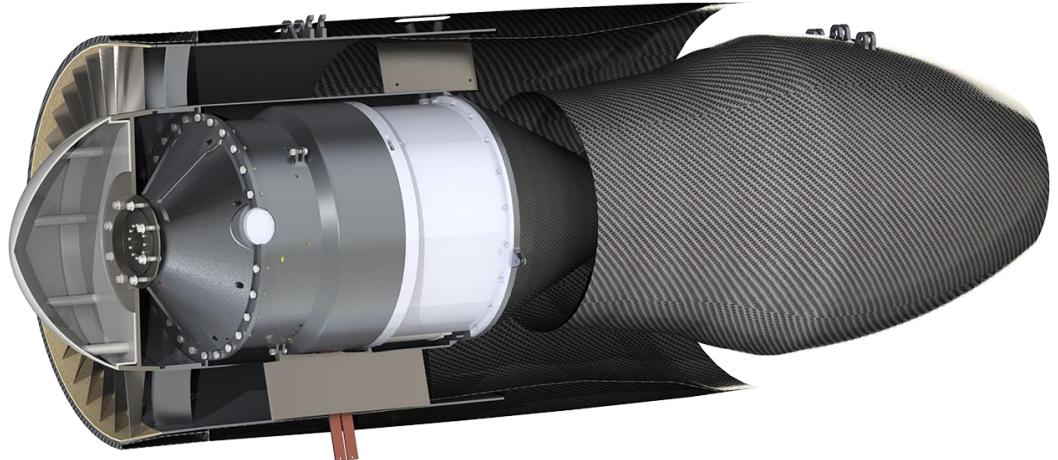
- Low-Wing
  - Housing for retractable landing gear
  - Easy maintenance and refueling
  - Lower drag than high-wing
- V-Tail
  - Structural weight reduction
  - Lower drag
  - Aesthetics



# Propulsion

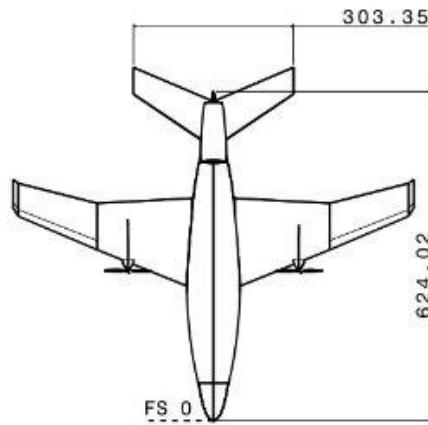
Looking at ways to improve performance

- VerdeGo Aero VH-5
  - Hybrid-electric turbofan
  - Can generate power in series and/or parallel
  - Full thrust at takeoff, low power during cruise
  - Entry Service Date: 2031
- Electric Puller-Props
  - Previously pusher-props, design change to improve aerodynamics
  - Driven by two MAGIDRIVE 500 kW motors
  - Powered by the Amprius 420 Wh/Kg High Energy Battery
  - Reliant on battery at takeoff, powered by VH-5 during cruise

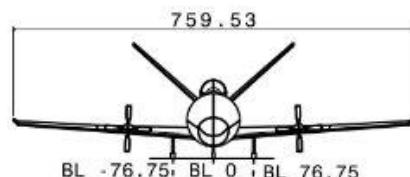


# Technical Drawing

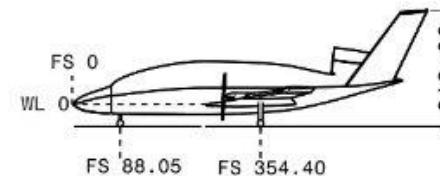
## First Draft



Top View



Front View



Right View

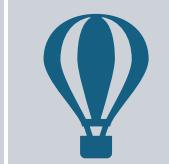
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# Cost analysis

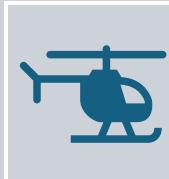
- **Phase 1:**
  - Still verifying R&D costs.
  - Forecasting ~18% of net due to hybrid approach
- **Phase 2:** Supplier validation:
  - Engine costs: \$2,208,839
  - Composite costs are still in talks
- **Phase 3:** Comparing with industry standards
  - Ex. Mitsubishi Regional Jet (MRJ) estimated development cost of \$1.9 billion
  - Gulfstream G200 (6M total price),
    - Annual costs: 1.5M variable, 256K fixed
- **Phase 4:** Integrate with production scaling & break-even analysis.
  - Quantity discount factors to be considered when produced in bulk

Job Divisions	Annual Wage
Research and development	\$128,020
Aerospace parts and products manufacturing	\$126,780
Control instruments, electromedical, and navigational devices manufacturing	\$121,530
<u>Engineering services</u>	\$120,640

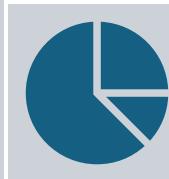
# Cost Analysis continued



Targeting regional airlines & charter markets.



Maintenance cost advantages over legacy aircraft.



Markup Strategy (10-15%) based on estimated break-even costs.

# Cost Analysis continued

Certification Cost: \$52,152,500 For 500 AC

Development Cost: \$3,190,000 For 500 AC

Manufacture/production Cost: \$116,500,000 for 500 AC

- \$233,000 per AC

Break Even Point: 338 units.

- Total Fixed Cost: \$52,152,500
- Unit Variable Cost: \$377,500

Operational: \$294,000 per year

- \$534 per flight hour

# Marketing Budget

## Budgeting (in millions)

Branding	10.0%	\$1.80
Digital Campaign	25.0%	\$4.50
Traditional Advertisement	12.5%	\$2.25
Events & Trade Shows	20.0%	\$3.60
Customer Engagement	15.0%	\$2.70
Partnerships	17.0%	\$3.06
Miscellaneous	0.5%	\$0.09
	100.0%	\$18

# Marketing Approach

- Target Companies:
  - Flexjet
  - NetJets
  - Regional companies
  - Charter companies

# Seating and Cabin

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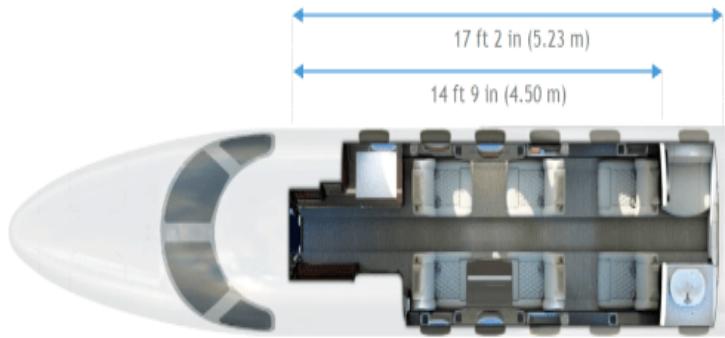
- ❖ Economy seating of 10-14 passengers
- ❖ VIP seating 6-10
  - Generous recline
  - Tables for conversation or work
- ❖ Rear lavatory
- ❖ Small forward galley



## Floor plan configurations

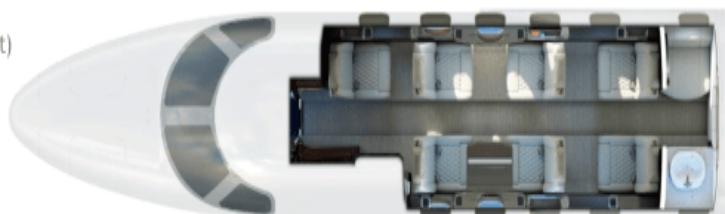
### LAYOUT 1

9 Occupants  
(optional belted lavatory)



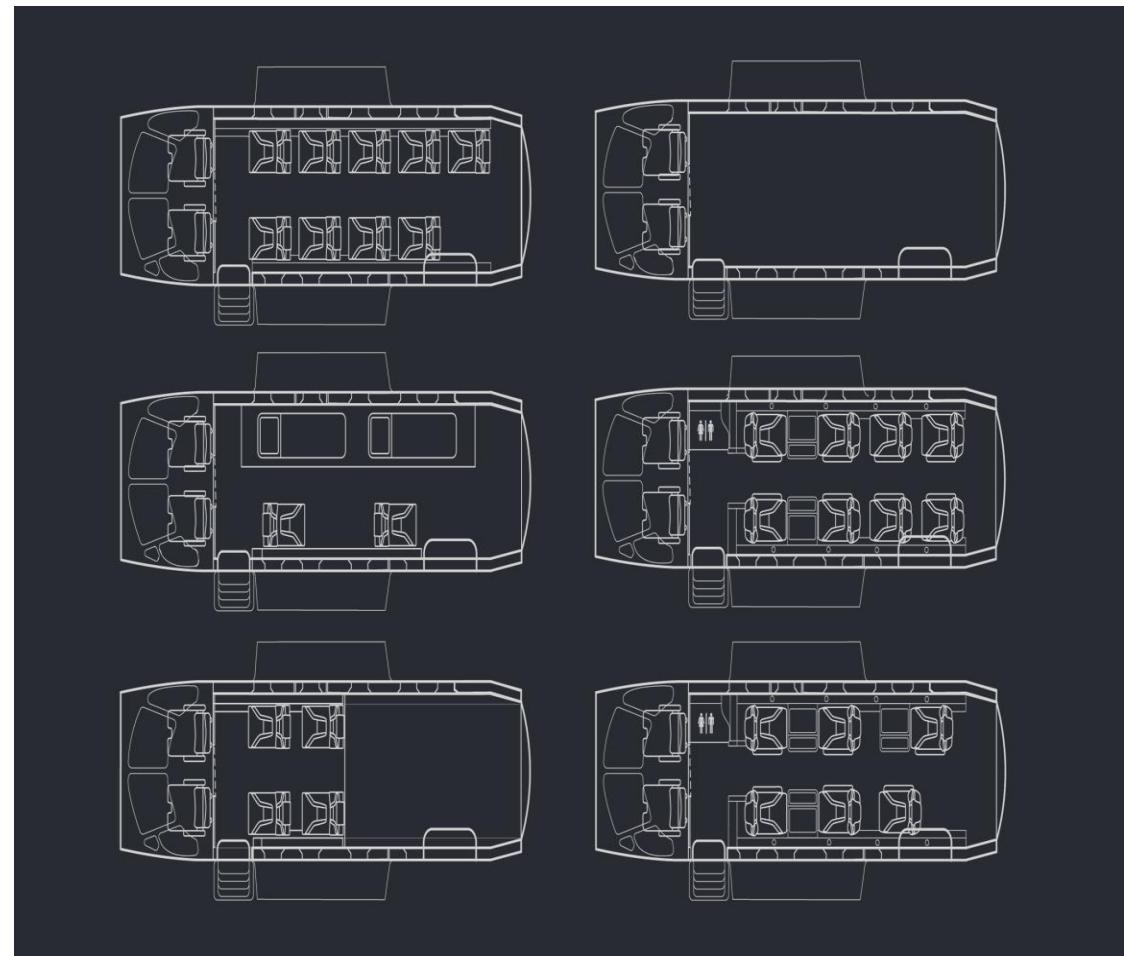
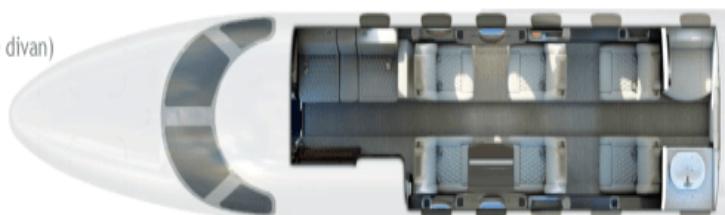
### LAYOUT 2

10 Occupants  
(optional belted lavatory and 7th seat)



### LAYOUT 3

11 Occupants  
(optional belted lavatory and 2-place divan)



# Development Plan

- Next Steps:
  - Stability and Control
  - Performance
  - Aerodynamics
  - Detail Sizing

