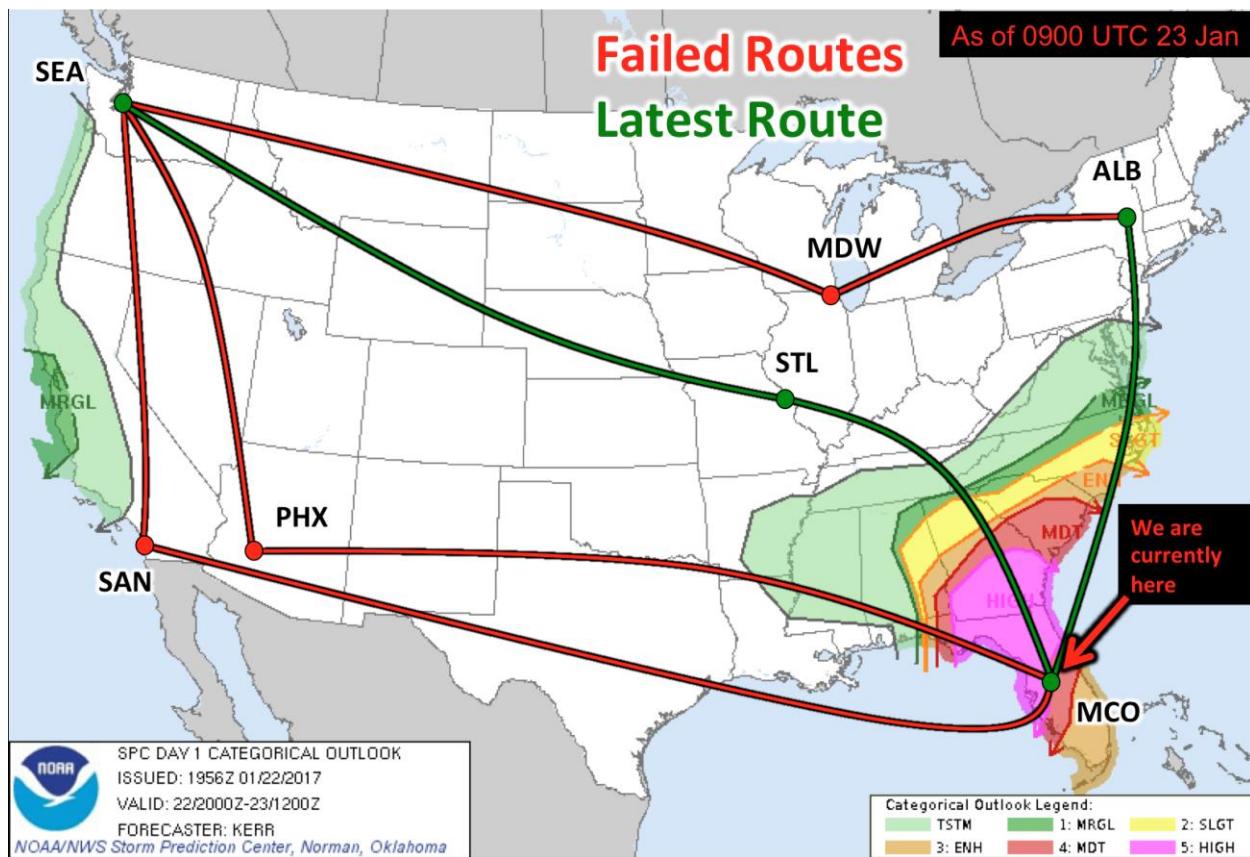


Hi Lance and Ryan,

As you may have heard from several of our colleagues, it was not smooth sailing for a large portion of the Albany crew as we tried to make our way to Seattle yesterday. I'm sitting here at the Orlando airport next to Stephanie and Travis, awaiting our first leg of today's planned route to Seattle (going MCO --> STL --> SEA).

As you can see on the map below, we had multiple planned routes yesterday that failed for various reasons. Let me list the ways:

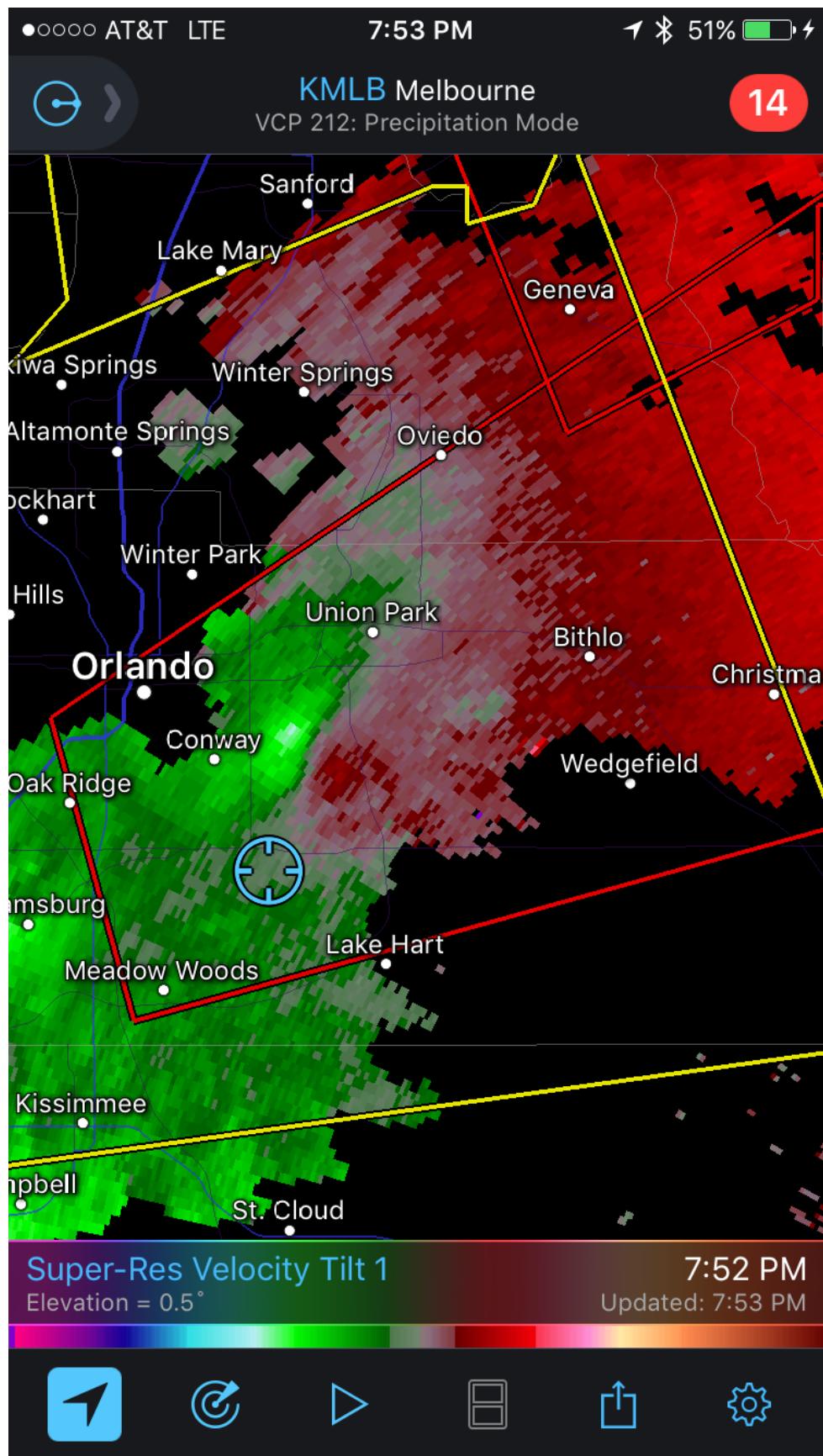


**1) Original route ALB-->MDW-->SEA:** Failed because our first leg to MDW was cancelled due to dense fog yesterday morning (which exacerbates the already short runway). See relevant METAR reports below:

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**2) Revised route ALB-->MCO-->SAN-->SEA:** Failed because our second leg from MCO to SAN became so delayed it would have guaranteed us to miss our third leg into Seattle. This prompted us to rebook to...

**3) Revised route #2: MCO-->PHX-->SEA:** Which ultimately failed because we got caught in the severe weather that was associated with the high risk area over northern Florida (see map above). In fact, we were taxiing away from the gate nearly about to take off to Phoenix when we encountered the cell below:



The tornado warning (red polygon) was issued while we were already on the runway and we could feel the plane shaking as the velocity couplet passed by just to our northeast. We would later learn this was when the airport recorded a wind gust to 44 kt, as you can see in the "long winded" METAR below

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KMCO 230053Z 21028G44KT 10SM -TSRA SCT029CB BKN050 OVC085 25/21 A2947 RMK AO2 PK  
WND 20044/0051 LTG DSNT ALQDS RAB29 TSE2358B00 SLP979 CONS LTGICCCC SW-OHD N-NE  
TS SW-OHD N-NE MOV NE P0000 T02500206
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Needless to say, we immediately went back to the gate, and after another 2 hours of on&off convection and high winds, our flight was cancelled. To make matters worse, Stephanie and Travis discovered that their checked baggage never got the memo that we had switched to revised route #2 and was on its way to being shipped to San Diego. After sorting some of this out, we made it to a hotel in Orlando for some brief sleep.

**3) Revised route #3: MCO-->STL-->SEA:** We have made it back to the MCO airport awaiting to board our first flight leg to St. Louis. The weather is much improved here in central Florida, so we are optimistic we will have better luck getting to Seattle. Unfortunately, we do have a significant layover in STL and won't be arriving in Seattle until 5:15pm PST at the earliest.

I apologize for the inconvenience of not being there on the first day of AMS Annual, but clearly mother nature had other plans for us. It does leave a good tale or us to share. It's certainly an adventure I'm not likely to forget anytime soon!

Cheers!  
-Philippe