

Improvements take flight at San Diego International Airport

Have you heard the news? In July, the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority broke ground on a series of much-needed improvements to Terminal 2 and the airfield. The Green Build is the largest project in San Diego International Airport's history, and includes the construction of 10 new jet gates, which will help meet current and future airport demand. The project is designed to improve the traveler's experience and increase operational efficiencies at the airport.

The Green Build will act as an important economic stimulus for the San Diego region, adding to the \$10 billion the airport already pumps into the local economy each year. The Airport Authority estimates the project will cost approximately \$1 billion. It will be funded by user fees, airport revenue bonds, airport cash and FAA grants.

In addition, The Green Build is expected to create more than 1,000 jobs at peak construction. The design/build contractors, in coordination with the Airport Authority's Small Business Department, are actively outreaching to local businesses to communicate about construction-related business opportunities. Visit www.san.org/business to learn more.

The Green Build improvements fit within the long-term vision for the airport, and will enhance the flow of passengers, enabling them to move more quickly through security checkpoints, as well as provide facilities and services to make passenger travel more comfortable and convenient.

Construction will begin first on the apron and remain-over-night aircraft parking area. In 2010, work will begin on Terminal 2 and a dual-level roadway to separate departing and arriving passenger vehicular traffic.

The Green Build also means good things for the environment, as it aims to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification. Some of the key opportunities for incorporating sustainable design principles and LEED guidelines into The Green Build, include decreased water usage, reduced energy consumption and use of alternative energy sources.

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