

## Airport Construction Update

### September 27, 2007

#### New Skyport Connector to Open Friday, October 5

The interim Skyport Connector will open early next Friday morning, October 5. It will link the Airport's terminal roadway directly to Skyport Drive during the construction of terminal area improvements over the next three years.

Drivers will find the new road easier to navigate to Skyport and Route 87 because it will cut off the long southern loop of the terminal road and reduce roadway confusion. Using the temporary connector, drivers can leave the Airport via Skyport to reach Highway 87 much more directly. Drivers also will be able to return to the terminals and parking by turning left, and they will be able to exit the Airport south to Coleman Avenue and I-880.

As a result of the connector, however, the roadway area near the Terminal C baggage claim may become a little more congested at times, and distances for drivers to make decisions will be a bit shorter.

When construction is completed in 2010 for the New Airport and roadway improvements, the interim connector will be taken out because it will be in the location where a future parking garage is planned.

Please drive carefully, and please slow down while on the Airport roads as we change traffic patterns and parking during construction. And, all travelers should add a little more time for getting around the Airport.



#### Canopies for Terminal C Curbsides will be Installed Starting This Weekend

Over the next week or so we will be building canopies to provide better shelter for the sidewalks in front of the Terminal C baggage claim and ticketing areas. Although we expect to do much of the work at night, during construction we might have to block off parts of the curbside from time to time, which could limit access for drivers dropping off and picking up passengers at Terminal C. When we're done in early October, passengers will have better protection from the elements while standing outside the terminal.

#### More Changes Coming in October and November

- Terminal C – number of short-term parking spaces will be reduced in mid-October.** We're starting construction on the new terminal roadways now, which will require us to reduce the number of parking spaces in the short-term Terminal C parking lot. There's still plenty of short-term parking available in the Terminal A garage, and it's very easy to catch a blue shuttle bus to get to Terminal C that runs every few minutes between the terminals.

- **Relocation of Terminal C short-term parking lot in late November.** After Thanksgiving, we are currently scheduled to open a new short-term parking lot on the south side of the Terminal C baggage claim building and to close the current lot in front of the terminal. This schedule is still under review. The parking lot changes will be necessary for work to begin on our new 3350-space consolidated rental car and public parking garage that will go up where the surface lot now is.
- **Consolidation of security checkpoints in Terminal C in early November.** A more efficient consolidated security checkpoint will open in Terminal C that will provide better customer service and reduce waiting for passengers. By bringing three separate checkpoints together, security staff will have more flexibility handling peak travel times. In addition, most food and beverage services now will be post-security, which will make it easier for travelers before boarding their flights. Coffee and snacks will be available pre-security near the baggage claim area.

### **Lane Changes at Airport Entrance at Skyport Drive**

The left lane of Skyport Drive as it enters the Airport roadway system is now closed. Drivers entering the short-term parking lot for Terminal C (off Airport Blvd. coming from the Skyport entrance) now must cross several lanes of traffic on Airport Boulevard to get to the parking lot entrance. Please drive carefully and please slow down!

### **Temporary Water Outage at Terminal A on Saturday Night, September 29**

Construction on the water system at Terminal A and the Terminal A garage will require shutting down water lines Saturday night, September 29. This will take place after the last scheduled flight arrives for the day, and therefore should have minimal impact on Airport customers.

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