

Frequently Asked Questions

What is The Green Build?

The Green Build consists of a series of needed improvements to San Diego International Airport (SDIA).

What improvements are included in the program?

The following improvements are part of The Green Build:

- 10 new gates to reduce terminal congestion and provide expanded, more comfortable passenger waiting areas
- Dual-level roadway to relieve curb-front traffic congestion by separating arriving and departing passengers
- Enhanced curbside check-in, allowing passengers to print boarding passes, check baggage and view gate information at an easy-to-use curbside kiosk before entering the terminal
- More security lanes to improve flow of passengers through the terminal
- Expanded concessions area providing more dining and shopping options
- Additional aircraft parking to eliminate the need for planes to taxi across the runway
- Taxiway improvements to enhance the flow of aircraft traffic

Why are these improvements needed?

The Green Build will help meet current demand at SDIA, as well as make the traveling experience more comfortable and enjoyable for San Diego County residents and visitors. The airlines support these improvements, as they are necessary to accommodate expected passenger growth. Experts estimate that by 2030, 27–33 million passengers will travel through SDIA, compared to 17 million in 2010, an increase that SDIA's current facilities couldn't accommodate without The Green Build.

Why did you start construction during an economic downturn?

An economic downturn is actually a good time to start construction, due to decreased construction costs and increased bargaining power. The Green Build construction also presents an opportunity to provide much-needed jobs for San Diego County residents and small businesses during a time when construction is at a low. In addition, these types of projects take a number of years to plan, design and build, so starting construction now is necessary in order to meet the timeframe for demand.

How many jobs will The Green Build create?

At the peak of construction, the project is expected to create approximately 1,000 construction-related jobs. The design/build contractors, in coordination with the Airport Authority's Small Business Development Department, are actively outreaching to local businesses to communicate about construction-related business opportunities, and a number of contracts totaling \$38.1 million have been awarded to small businesses, and contracts totaling \$146.8 million have been awarded to local businesses. In fact, the Authority recently received awards from the San Diego Chapter of the American Subcontracting Association and from the Airport Minority Advisory Council for its small business outreach efforts. Visit www.san.org/business to learn more.

How much will this cost?

The Airport Authority estimates costs for The Green Build at approximately \$1 billion – \$865 million for the project and the remainder in financing costs.

How are these improvements being funded?

The Green Build will be funded by user fees, airport revenue bonds, airport cash and FAA grants.

When will construction be complete?

Construction is expected to be complete in 2013.

What is the construction timeline?

2009

- Construction began on apron improvements and additional aircraft parking
- Construction began on new USO facilities

2010

- Terminal construction began
- Terminal 2 pedestrian bridges demolished
- Some Terminal 2 parking spaces temporarily relocated

2011

- All Terminal 2 parking temporarily relocated
- Temporary, 1,350-space parking lot opened
- Dual-level roadway construction began
- Terminal steel work completed

2012

- Terminal and dual-level roadway construction continues
- Portions of Terminal 2 parking reopened

2013

- New gates, facilities and roadway improvements open to the public
- Terminal 2 parking reopened

Will parking be impacted by construction?

The airport will continue to provide the same number of parking spots throughout construction. In April 2011, all parking in front of Terminal 2 was temporarily relocated, and a new, temporary 1,350-space parking lot opened west of Terminal 2. Free shuttle service is provided to the terminals, or passengers can choose to take the pedestrian walkway, a 5-10-minute walk to Terminal 2. Airport visitors accessing Terminal 2 should proceed to McCain Road, just west of the airport, to reach the new parking lot. For information about airport parking lots, text 'park' to 45995.

Where is the best place to park at the airport during construction?

In addition to limited short-term parking in front of Terminal 1 and the Commuter Terminal, the airport offers valet parking at Terminal 1, with drop-off points curbside and in the parking lot, and curbside only at Terminal 2. Rates are \$34/day. The airport opened a temporary parking lot west of Terminal 2 to offset the temporary closure of the parking lot in front of Terminal 2. The lot offers 1,350 spaces at \$13/day. Free shuttle service is provided to the terminals, or passengers can choose to take the pedestrian walkway, a 5-10-minute walk to Terminal 2. Motorists should follow the yellow parking signs on Harbor Drive and turn on McCain Road, then turn right on Spruance Road, to reach the new parking lot. Additional parking is available at the following lots:

SANPark NTC

Located just west of the airport, SANPark NTC is a good choice for those traveling out of Terminal 2; a pedestrian walkway connects the lot to the terminal. A free shuttle is available to all the terminals. SANPark NTC is located off McCain Road and has 1,000 spaces available at \$16/day.

SANPark Harbor Drive

SANPark Harbor Drive offers 800 spaces at \$17/day. The lot is located on Harbor Drive westbound, before you reach the airport terminals, and offers a free shuttle to/from the airport.

SANPark Pacific Highway

With more than 2,800 spaces available at \$11/day, SANPark Pacific Highway is the airport's largest lot and a "best buy" when it comes to long-term parking. It is located off Pacific Highway just north of Palm Street and offers a free shuttle to and from the terminals.

Cell Phone Lot

Those picking up friends and family at the airport are encouraged to use the airport's free [cell phone parking lot](#) to reduce the need to loop around airport roadways.

Text 'park' to 45995 to receive information about parking at the airport, or call 888.2-FLY-SAN.

Will access to the terminal be impacted by construction?

As construction on the dual-level roadway moves forward, the number of traffic lanes in front of Terminal 2 may be temporarily reduced to allow for construction, potentially impacting curbside access. Airport visitors should plan ahead and allow extra time when traveling to the airport to arrive at the terminal, park and check-in for their flights.

How will construction affect traffic on surface streets surrounding the airport?

All roadway modifications are limited to on-airport roadways. Throughout construction, on-airport traffic may be impacted and rerouted on surrounding surface streets. However, the Airport Authority will make every effort to minimize potential inconveniences to travelers.

Customer service is one of our top priorities and we are committed to minimizing impacts and to keeping the public informed about changes in traffic patterns and possible delays. For up-to-the-minute construction alerts, visit www.san.org to sign up for e-alerts, text 'alert' to 45995 to sign up for text alerts, follow SDIA on [Twitter](#) or become a fan of San Diego International Airport on [Facebook](#).

How will construction activity affect traffic at the airport itself?

Additional traffic at the airport will be minimal, with only a small increase in traffic due to construction-related vehicles. The majority of construction vehicles will be routed down McCain Road, at the west end of airport property.

How will the public be notified about construction, road closures, etc.?

The Airport Authority will be notifying the public about potential construction-related impacts using a variety of communications, including construction e-alerts, SMS text alerts, news media, the SDIA website [\[www.san.org\]](http://www.san.org), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and the [Ambassablog](#). The Airport Authority will make every effort to keep the public up to date on The Green Build construction. We encourage the public to visit www.san.org and sign up for updates using their preferred means of communication.

Will construction affect flights?

Flights will not be impacted by construction.

Is a parking garage part of The Green Build?

The previously proposed parking garage has been separated from The Green Build. After additional environmental review, the Airport Authority Board may again review needs for short-term parking.

What environmental mitigation measures are you taking?

The Airport Authority outlined in-depth, comprehensive environmental mitigation measures as part of its Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for this project. These measures include constructing additional travel lanes on certain high-volume roadways, utilizing construction methods and taking precautionary measures that minimize impact on Least Tern habitat and minimizing air emissions through the use of construction employee shuttles and low- and zero-emitting construction equipment whenever possible. The Airport Authority is committed to protecting the environment. To view the EIR, visit http://sanplan.com/review_env_docs.asp.

Will the construction incorporate green building methods?

Yes. Sustainability and environmental sensitivity are hallmarks of The Green Build. The project will incorporate sustainable design principles with the goal of meeting Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. For instance, construction material waste from the project, such as concrete, is being recycled and reused on site. Some of the opportunities for incorporating sustainable design include:

- Decreased water usage
- Reduced energy consumption
- Use of alternative energy sources

What improvements has the NTC Landfill contributed to The Green Build?

The Airport Authority navigated numerous hurdles to perform an innovative clean closure—under budget and on schedule—of a closed municipal solid waste disposal site on the airport property. The site was part of the Naval Training Center (NTC) San Diego and used as a municipal waste landfill from 1950–1971. The Airport Authority spent \$45 million to clean up the NTC Landfill with minimal impact to the neighboring community throughout the process. This was Phase One of The Green Build.

Will the public have an opportunity to weigh in on the improvements?

Prior to approving the EIR for The Green Build, the Airport Authority went through a comprehensive public process that afforded members of the public and stakeholders an opportunity to comment on the improvements. Moving forward, Airport Authority Board meetings provide additional opportunities for public comment.

How is this different from Destination Lindbergh?

The Green Build is the precursor to Destination Lindbergh. The Green Build addresses needed immediate improvements at SDIA, while Destination Lindbergh looks ahead to long-term planning for optimizing SDIA, improving access to SDIA and enhancing the regional transportation network. Phase One of Destination Lindbergh is moving forward, which consists of a consolidated rental car facility and Intermodal Transit Center on the north side of SDIA.

What if I have specific questions about construction activity?

Please email greenbuild@san.org, call our construction hotline at (619) 400-2288 or visit www.san.org on your computer or mobile device. A member of the Airport Authority team will respond within one business day.

Where can I find more information?

For more information about The Green Build, visit www.san.org. The Airport Authority will continue to keep the public well-informed about changes at the airport.