

Fact Sheet

For more than 80 years, San Diego International Airport (SDIA) has served the air transportation needs of the San Diego County region. Nearly 17 million passengers traveled through the airport in 2010, and this number is projected to increase to 27–33 million by 2030. To accommodate this increase in demand, SDIA is moving forward with much-needed improvements to enhance the traveler's experience and improve airport efficiency.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Green Build is the largest project in the history of San Diego International Airport. Called “The Green Build” due to the Airport Authority's commitment to sustainability and the environment, as well as positive economic impact, The Green Build will create approximately 1,000 jobs at peak construction and provide contract opportunities for small businesses. Project highlights include:

- **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

CONSTRUCTION: WHAT TO EXPECT

Construction on The Green Build will continue through opening day in 2013. In April 2011, all parking spaces in front of Terminal 2 were closed, and a temporary, 1,350-space parking lot opened just west of Terminal 2, with access via McCain Road. Passengers can reach the terminal via complimentary, frequently running shuttles or by taking the convenient pedestrian walkway, a 5-10-minute walk to Terminal 2. For information on airport parking lots, passengers can text 'park' to 45995. As construction continues, passengers should plan ahead and allow extra time to arrive, park, get to the terminal and check in at the airport. Stay up-to-date by signing up to receive construction e-alerts at www.san.org or SMS text alerts by texting 'alert' to 45995.

CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

2009 – Construction began on apron improvements, additional aircraft parking and new USO facilities

2010 – Terminal construction began; portion of Terminal 2 parking relocated, Terminal 2 East and West pedestrian bridges demolished

2011 – All of Terminal 2 parking temporarily relocated; dual-level roadway construction begins

2012 – Terminal and dual-level roadway construction continues

2013 – New gates, facilities and roadway improvements open to the public

ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE

The environment is a top priority for San Diego International Airport. In fact, SDIA was the first major airport to implement a sustainability policy. The Green Build further supports SDIA's efforts to be environmentally friendly. The project is designed to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, using “green” design principles such as use of alternative energy sources, recycled materials and renewable resources, leading to decreased water usage and reduced energy consumption. In fact, construction material waste from the project, such as concrete, is being recycled and reused on site.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

The Green Build, a \$1 billion project, will add to the airport's economic impact, providing work for local, small, disadvantaged and minority-owned businesses, and creating approximately 1,000 jobs at peak construction. Improvement projects such as The Green Build also ensure that the airport can continue to support the region's vital industries, including tourism, technology and life sciences.

SMALL BUSINESS OUTREACH

The Airport Authority is committed to providing business opportunities to local small businesses, including women- and minority-owned and disabled veteran businesses on an ongoing basis. In fact, the Authority recently received awards from the San Diego Chapter of the American Subcontracting Association and the Airport Minority Advisory Council for its small business outreach efforts. A number of contracts totaling \$38.1 million have been awarded to small businesses; contracts totaling \$146.8 million have been awarded to local businesses. For more information about contract opportunities, visit www.san.org/smallbusiness.

SDIA'S FUTURE

The Green Build will ensure that San Diego International Airport can continue to serve the region's economy and vital industries, including technology, life sciences and tourism, in the years ahead. The Airport Authority is also exploring other options and alternatives to meet San Diego County's air transportation needs for the next 30 years and beyond. Some of the options being studied include:

Destination Lindbergh – The Airport Authority is moving forward with Phase One of Destination Lindbergh, which includes a consolidated rental car facility on the north side of the airfield. Environmental work is currently under way. In addition, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and the City of San Diego are exploring plans for an intermodal transit center on the north side.

Transit and off-airport roadway improvements – Plans are being developed in partnership with other agencies to improve the airport's connections to the surrounding transportation network.

Regional Aviation Strategic Plan (RASP) – The Airport Authority recently completed the RASP, which evaluates the ways to optimize the public use airports in the region. The RASP has been provided to SANDAG for incorporation into the 2011 update of the Regional Transportation Plan. The decision to implement the findings provided by the RASP will be up to each individual airport and operating jurisdiction.

Beyond our borders – The Airport Authority is reaching out to neighboring counties and Mexico to explore more productive interaction between all airports in the Southern California region.

COST AND FUNDING

The Green Build is being funded by user fees, airport revenue bonds, airport cash and FAA grants. The Airport Authority estimates The Green Build project will cost approximately \$1 billion – \$865 million for the project and the remainder in financing costs.

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