

June 2023
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Advisory Board Meeting

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	SLCDA Airport Advisory Board June 2023		
Date	Media Outlet	Subject	Market Value
5/9/2023	KSL	Digital driver's license work at SLC	$363.94
5/9/2023	The Deseret News	Tips to use at airport security	
5/10/2023	KSL	SLC Airport seeks $600 million bonds	
5/10/2023	KSL Radio	SLC Airport seeks $600 million bonds	
5/11/2023	Fox 5 - Atlanta	Frontier Airlines adds service at SLC	
5/11/2023	RusTourism Network	Frontier Airlines adds service at SLC	
5/13/2023	The Deseret News	SLC Airport seeks $600 million bonds	
5/15/2023	KSL Radio	SLC Airport seeks $600 million bonds	
5/16/2023	The Salt Lake Tribune	Opening of Concourse A-east	
5/16/2023	The Deseret News	Opinion: More flights needed to D.C.	
5/16/2023	KUTV	Opening of Concourse A-east	$258.40
5/16/2023	KUTV	Opening of Concourse A-east	$464.80
5/16/2023	KUTV	Opening of Concourse A-east	$761.60
5/16/2023	KUTV	Opening of Concourse A-east	$928.00
5/16/2023	KUTV	Opening of Concourse A-east	$1,510.94
5/16/2023	KUTV	Opening of Concourse A-east	$1,746.60
5/16/2023	ABC4	Opening of Concourse A-east	$89.60
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5/16/2023	ABC4	Opening of Concourse A-east	$256.00
5/16/2023	ABC4	Opening of Concourse A-east	$139.50
5/16/2023	ABC4	Opening of Concourse A-east	$233.59
5/16/2023	ABC4	Opening of Concourse A-east	$1,236.15
5/16/2023	ABC4	Opening of Concourse A-east	$1,559.53
5/16/2023	KSL	Opening of Concourse A-east	$88.80
5/16/2023	KSL	Opening of Concourse A-east	$227.20
5/16/2023	KSL	Opening of Concourse A-east	$420.00
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5/16/2023	Delta News Hub	Opening of Concourse A-east	
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5/17/2023	Fox 13	Delta adding flights at SLC	$1,326.80
5/17/2023	St. George News	Opening of Concourse A-east	
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5/17/2023	Travel Pulse	Opening of Concourse A-east	
5/18/2023	The News Tip	Opening of Concourse A-east	
5/18/2023	Home Shopping Network	SLC Airport best airport in nation	
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5/22/2023	The Deseret News	Memorial Day travel	
5/23/2023	KSL	Memorial Day travel	$227.20
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5/26/2023	KUER	Memorial Day travel	
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5/29/2023	KUTV	Memorial Day travel	$1,481.06
5/29/2023	KUTV	Small plane crash near SVR	$2,706.00
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5/30/2023	Telemundo	Small plane crash near SVR	
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6/12/2023	KUTV	Phase 3 escalators	$9,870.75
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SLC Airport News

SLC International opens 5 new gates; 17 more opening on Halloween

by Matthew Jacobson, KUTV
Tue, May 16th 2023, 8:55 AM MDT



The Salt Lake City International Airport on Tuesday, May 15, 2022, unveiled five new gates as part of Phase 2 of its construction plan. The second phase includes a total of 22 new gates, with the remaining 17 gates scheduled to open Oct. 31, 2023. (Photo: Chris May, KUTV)

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SALT LAKE CITY (KUTV) — With more gates come more flights, or at least a better experience for passengers waiting for their flights.

That's what officials with the Salt Lake City International Airport unveiled on Tuesday, May 9, as five new gates went into service as part of Phase 2 of the airport's construction phase.

The newly-constructed portion of the airport sits where the majority of the city's old airport and parking lot once stood.

Passengers early Tuesday morning boarded the first official flight out of the new addition to Concourse A-east, heading to Atlanta on Delta Flight No. 394.

In total, Concourse A will have 22 new gates when Phase 2 is complete. The remaining 17 gates are scheduled to open on Halloween.

The Central Tunnel is scheduled to open in 2024.

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1st addition to new Salt Lake City airport opens, adding 5 new gates ahead of busy year

By Carter Williams, KSL.com | Posted - May 16, 2023 at 11:07 a.m.



Salt Lake City Mayor Erin Mendenhall and Salt Lake City International Airport director Bill Wyatt cut a ribbon to open the first five gates of the Concourse A-East project Tuesday morning. The project is slated to add 17 additional gates by the end of October. (Derek Petersen, KSL-TV)

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Memorial Day weekend.

AAA published a report Monday estimating holiday travel will return to about 99% of pre-pandemic levels this year, with more people taking to the skies than in 2019. Brian Ng, senior vice president of membership and travel marketing for AAA Utah, added that air travel "could hit an all-time high" in 2023.

That's why both Salt Lake City International Airport officials and Salt Lake City leaders say they believe the next stage of the airport's growth is starting to become available at the right time. In fact, it's already here, as the first five gates of the Concourse A-East project opened Tuesday morning just in time for Delta Air Line's Flight 394 to Atlanta.

Salt Lake City Mayor Erin Mendenhall, airport director Bill Wyatt and Delta Air Lines officials gathered to move aside a 45-foot-wide, 14-foot-tall curtain to reveal a portion of the new facility. They later cut a ribbon to ceremoniously open the facility before the first flight departed.

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Tuesday's ceremony marked the first addition to the new Salt Lake City International Airport since it opened in September 2020.

"It's very exciting," Wyatt said, before noting all the additional changes expected in the coming years. "Every year — for the next three years — we're opening something pretty substantial."

airport, specifically, the old Concourse D.

Once complete, Holder-Big-D construction crews will have used 9,625 tons of steel, more than 250,000 cubic yards of concrete, 200 tons of ductwork, 426.2 miles of electrical wiring, 101.6 miles of communications wiring and 65.7 miles of mechanical piping to complete the second phase of the new airport, according to airport officials.

The facility won't just add 22 gates by the fall — during a busy travel year — it will also alleviate an "inconvenient experience" that some passengers have had to deal with since the new airport opened in 2020, Wyatt explained. The airport has used a hardstand for some of its Delta flights, where passengers board a bus to reach their flight or get to the terminal from an incoming flight.

"It was the only option that we had available back in September of 2020 when we had to make all these choices," he said. "But it allowed us to maintain enough seats for passengers, and that starts to go away (Tuesday), slowly. By Oct. 31, it will be gone, altogether."

Meanwhile, Tuesday's opening came a week after airport officials asked the Salt Lake City Council to approve a resolution that would authorize the issuance of up to $600 million in bonds. The new funds would help pay for the completion of the Concourse A-East project, build a new central tunnel between Concourse A and Concourse B, and add four new gates on Concourse B, according to Brian Butler, chief financial officer at the airport.

The council is scheduled to vote on the proposal Tuesday night.

The central tunnel is expected to help reduce the dreaded walk between the two concourses when it opens in the fall of 2024. The airport is slated to add even more gates between 2025 and 2027, as it doubles the number of gates in the coming years.

Mendenhall contends that all the new projects will make the airport easier to navigate as it expands.

"The more that we open, the better the experience is going to get," she said.

Contributing: Karah Brackin and Adam Small

New gates unveiled at Salt Lake City airport ahead of expected busy travel season

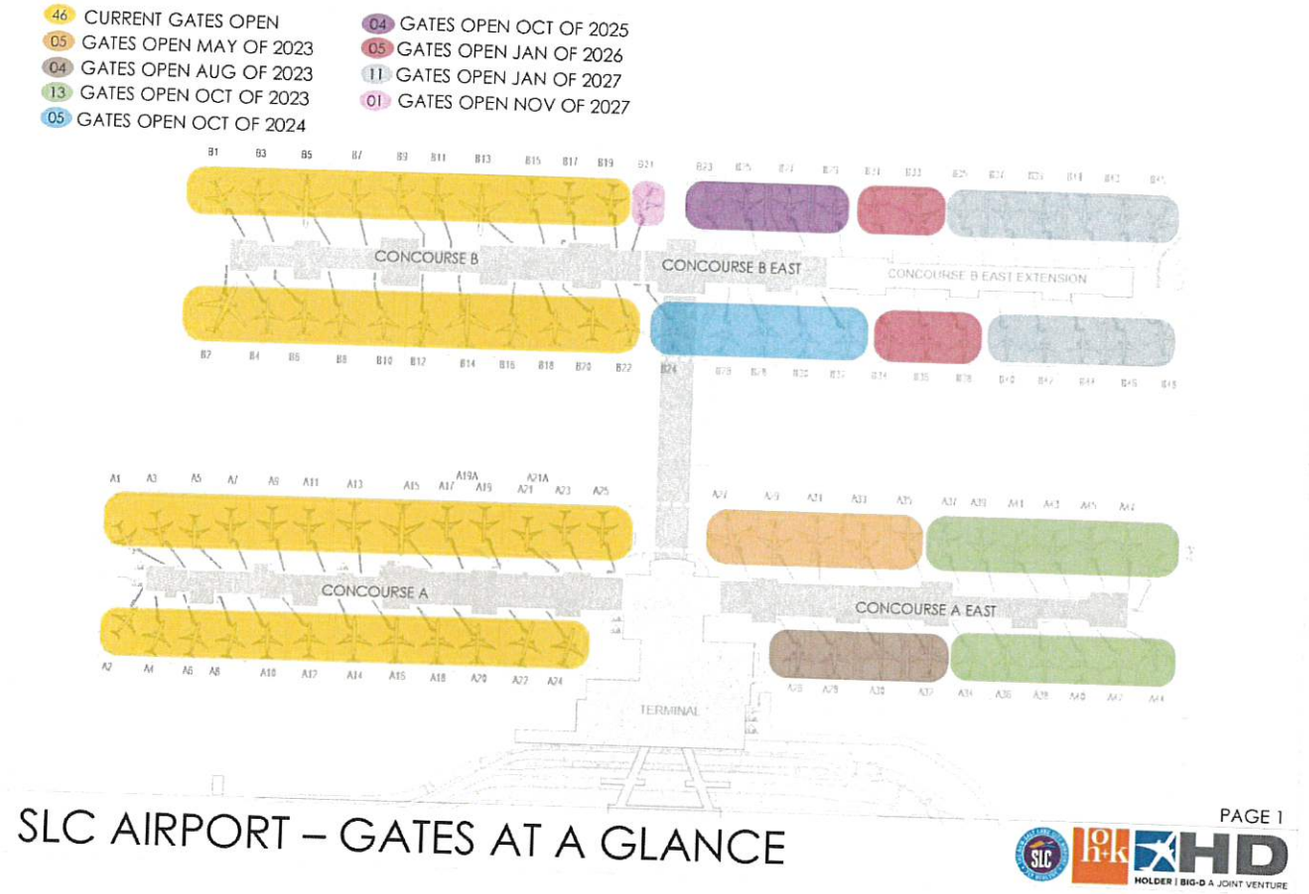
SALT LAKE CITY — Before the kickoff to summer travel season during Memorial Day Weekend, the Salt Lake City International Airport and Delta Air Lines unveiled five new gates in an effort to serve even more customers.

The new gates are located on the eastern side of Concourse A and are the first half of the bigger Concourse A-east project overall.

At a grand opening Tuesday morning, Salt Lake City leaders, including Mayor Erin Mendenhall, as well as airport and Delta representatives cut a cake before pulling back a curtain to unveil the new gates.

"This airport is going to the next level," Mendenhall said. "With every one of these openings, we make Salt Lake, this region, more accessible and it is a very attractive place for people all over the world to visit and it's getting easier and easier to do so."

Later this summer, four more gates will open in the terminal and in October, 13 gates additional gates will be unveiled, bringing the total number of gates in the Concourse A-east to 22.



Salt Lake City International Airport

"With these next 5 gates that we opened this morning and the rest of the terminal that we will open later this year, we welcome the world in an even better way," Mendenhall said.

The new gates will house Delta Air Lines, which recently extended its lease in the airport for another 20 years.

"We're proud to further cement our position as a global carrier in Salt Lake City," said Adam Ryan, Managing Director for Delta Air Lines. "Earlier this year, extending our lease agreement to 2044 and increased our commitment from 55 gates to 66 once the project is completed."

The added gates come "just in time," Ryan explained, as the travel industry gears up for a busy summer.

"We're ready for a busy travel season as it approaches and thankful to all the customers who will be joining us," he said.

The first flight out of the new gates was right on time as passengers flooded into the area moments after the unveiling to catch a flight to Atlanta.

But before it was business as usual in Utah's largest airport, Mendenhall recognized the work of many who have been hard at work to make the unveiling possible.

"Thank you, most of all, to all of you in the safety vests who painted, driven a screw, driven a forklift, raised a beam, finished drywall, and laid this beautiful terrazzo flooring for us," she reflected. "Well done and let's keep going."

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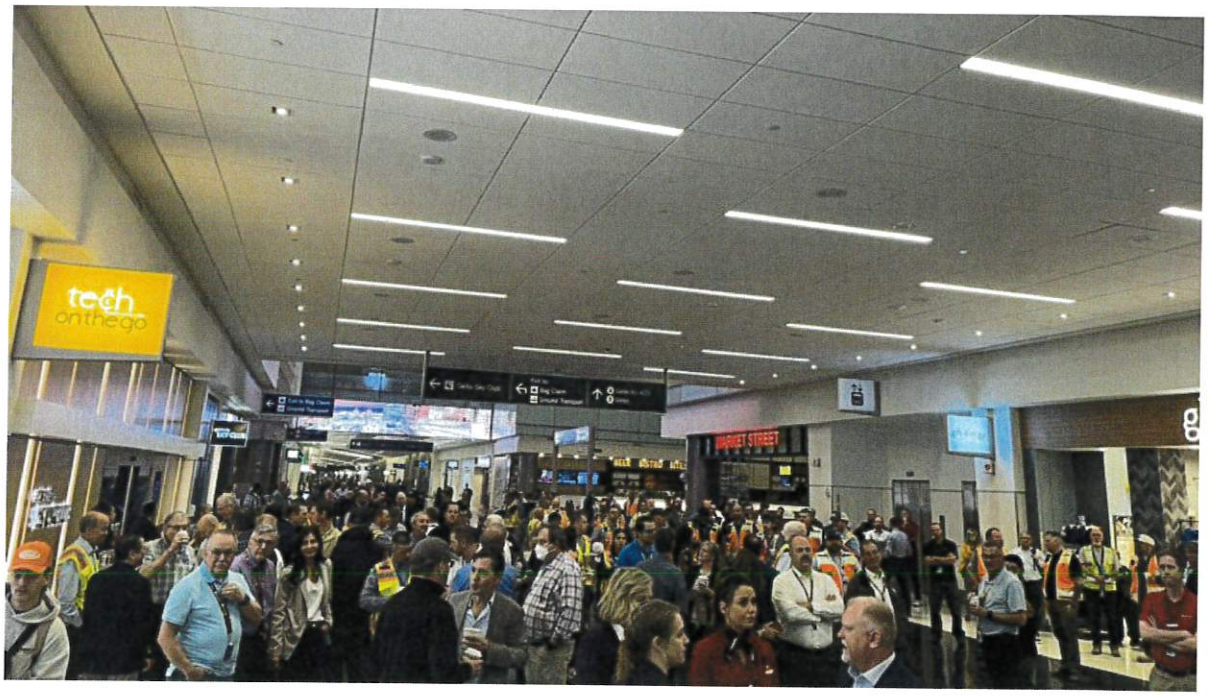
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New gates opened at Salt Lake City International Airport

May 16, 2023, 9:30 AM | Updated: 10:29 am



A new concourse opened at Salt Lake City International Airport on Tuesday, one that will cut down on the amount of walking to get to flights. The concourse will boast more gates by the end of October 2023. (Adam Small, KSL NewsRadio)

BY ADAM SMALL, SIMONE SEIKALY

KSL NewsRadio Staff

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SALT LAKE CITY — "This is a big deal," Salt Lake City Mayor Erin Mendenhall told reporters on Tuesday as new gates were opened at the Salt Lake City International Airport.

Instead of making a "hard left" after passing through security, travelers can now turn right. That's where they'll find the first five gates of Concourse A.

"With these five gates, thousands of people will be able to have a more convenient experience here at our airport," Mendenhall said. The rest of the gates of Concourse A-East will open later in 2023.

The new concourse at Salt Lake City International Airport opened in September 2020, in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic said Bill Wyatt, the executive director of airports for Salt Lake City.

"We're standing on the bones of the old airport, this was Concourse D ... to have that out of the way, all of the demolition completed, and this concourse well on its way is very exciting for us."

Wyatt said the next milestone isn't that far off, four additional gates will open in the new concourse in August. Then, the entire concourse will open at the end of October.

This is particularly good news for travelers who've grown accustomed to bussing and walking a half-mile to get to their plane.

"That'll all be gone at that point (end of October, 2023.)" Wyatt is referring to what airport officials called "the hard stand," or, the process of walking to Concourse B and then taking a shuttle bus to a passenger's plane.

The new gates are the first step to eliminating that work-around.

The first flight to depart from Concourse A-East on Tuesday was Delta flight 394 to Atlanta. One passenger described the experience

as being very different than the old airport.

"Very very different, this is a nice new gate," the passenger told KSL. "It's huge," his traveling companion said.

(Utah's Morning News interviewed airport spokeswoman Nancy Volmer about the new concourse, the full segment is below.)



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How Salt Lake City International Airport's 'new direction' will ease travel for some

Passengers now can turn right to reach five new gates on concourse A.



(Rick Egan | The Salt Lake Tribune) A woman waits near the baggage carousel at Salt Lake City International Airport on Friday, Dec. 23, 2022. Five new gates have opened in concourse A.

By Blake Apgar | May 16, 2023, 11:51 a.m. | Updated: 12:13 p.m.

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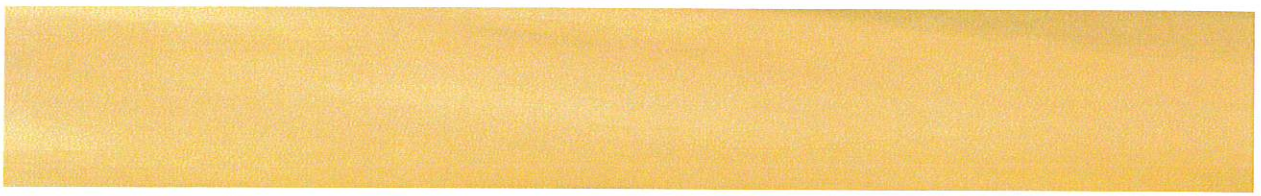
Travelers passing through security at Salt Lake City International Airport will finally get to turn right to catch a flight.

The airport opened the first five gates of concourse A's east side early Tuesday, marking another step in the expansion of the growing facility.

"Our airport is changing and growing to keep up with our capital city," Mayor Erin Mendenhall said in a news release, "and I'm thrilled that these new gates are now open to better serve our residents and travelers."

The new gates are the first to open since October 2020, when airport officials unveiled gates on concourse B. The old airport was demolished to make way for the concourse A expansion.

"Launching the initial east-side gates is very rewarding," airport Executive Director Bill Wyatt said in the release. "We have been working nonstop since opening Phase 1 more than two years ago to get to this point. To be here today took a lot of demolition work, a lot of steel and a lot of paving."



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A Delta Air Lines flight bound for Atlanta — where the company is headquartered — was the first to pull out of the newly minted A gates. Delta, which recently signed an extension to be a hub carrier in Utah's capital, will occupy all of concourse A when the new wing is fully built out.

The new gates won't add new flights to the daily schedule but will make travel more convenient for some passengers who have had to take a shuttle from concourse B to their plane.

Four more gates of the concourse A expansion are due to open Aug. 22, with the remaining 13 gates slated to go on line Oct. 31. When the full east side of the concourse is complete, it will feature 19 shops and restaurants, including Millcreek Coffee Roasters, Vessel Kitchen and Red Rock Brewery.

The next major peg in the airport's expansion is expected to come in October 2024, when officials are set to shorten the dreaded trek to the B gates by opening the Central Tunnel.

Travelers who pass through the tunnel will be greeted on concourse B by the beloved terrazzo world map from the old airport.



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SLC International and Delta Air Lines unveil half of Concourse A-east

by Press Release / May 16, 2023 /

Salt Lake City—During an early morning ceremony, a 45' wide by 14' tall curtain opened to unveil half of Concourse A-east and the first five operating gates. It is the first look the public has had of the east side of Concourse A, which will mirror Concourse A-west when completed.

"Our airport is changing and growing to keep up with our capital city and I'm thrilled that these new gates are now open to better serve our residents and travelers," Mayor Erin Mendenhall said.

It has been 31 months since the last gate opening celebration took place on Concourse B-west in October 2020. During that time, the former airport was demolished and the infrastructure to build the eastern portion of Concourse A began.

"Launching the initial east-side gates is very rewarding," said Bill Wyatt, Salt Lake City Department of Airports, executive director. "We have been working nonstop since opening Phase 1—more than two years ago—to get to this point. To be here today took a lot of demolition work, a lot of steel and a lot of paving." Wyatt added.

The airport will open an additional four gates on the south side of Concourse A-east on Aug. 22, 2023. The remaining13 gates and all 19 new restaurants and shops will open on Oct. 31, 2023. https://slcairport.com/thenewslc/phase-2-concessions/

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A unique feature of the aircraft gates is the SAFEGATE Aircraft Docking System, which provides pilots active guidance to support safe, efficient and precise automated aircraft parking during all operating conditions. For passengers, the gate-hold areas have electronic power plug-ins at each seat for convenience.

In keeping with the art theme of The New SLC-Phase 1, the four new restrooms open on Concourse A-east each have a unique "Whimsy Wall," artwork created by the following local and national artists: Amy Cheng—The Happiness and Prosperity; Traci O'Very Covey—On the Wing; Whitni Jo Parry—Big Horn;

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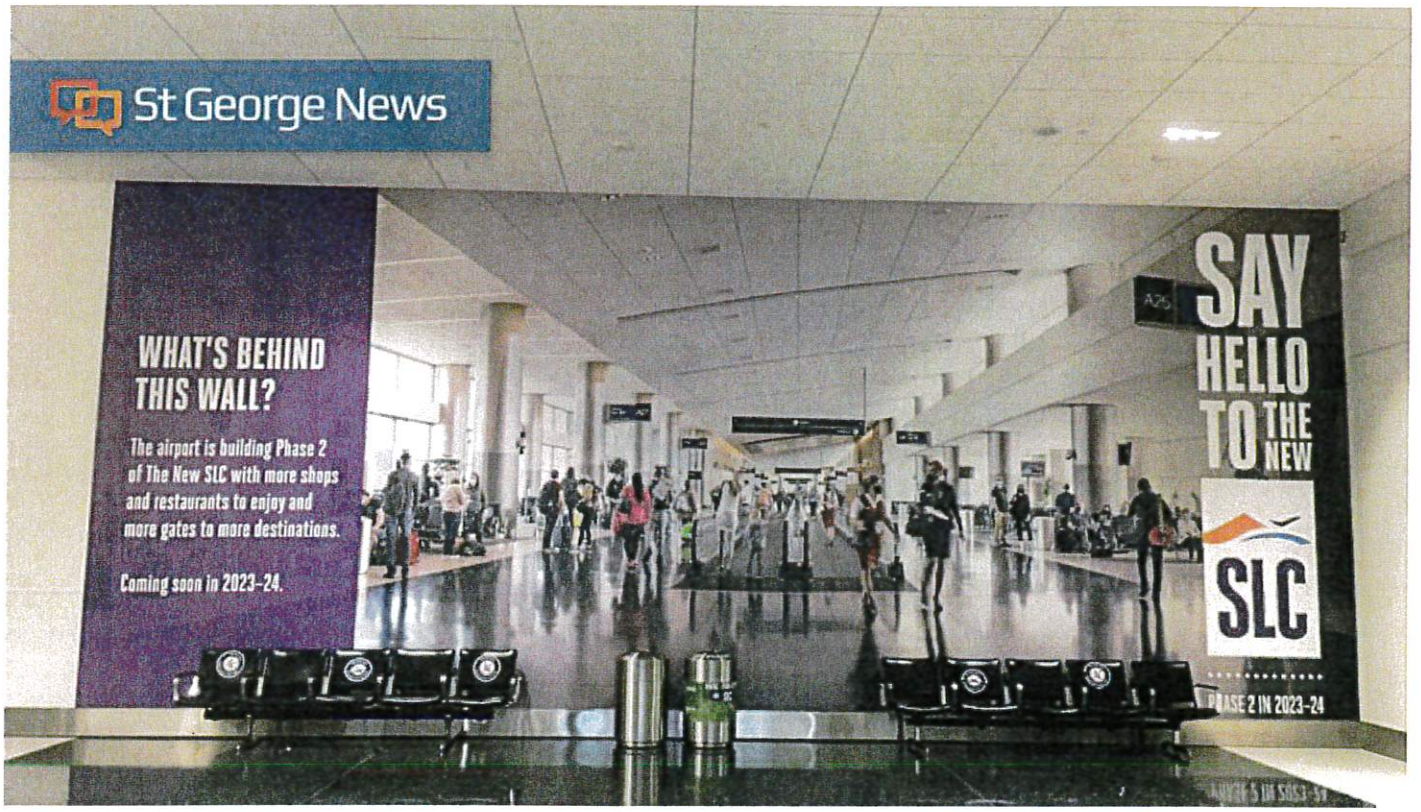
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Flying to Salt Lake City out of St. George or Cedar City? Concourse A-east awaits you.

Written by Vin Cappiello May 17, 2023



A large banner inside Salt Lake City International Airport advertises the ongoing construction project, undated photo | Photo courtesy of Salt Lake City International Airport, St. George News

SALT LAKE CITY — Travelers from St. George or Cedar City who have been dealing with the construction challenges at Salt Lake City International Airport's "A" concourse can breathe a little easier. There's light at the end of the runway.



Aircraft park outside Concourse A at Salt Lake City International Airport, undated photo | Photo courtesy of Salt Lake City International Airport, St. George News

The first flight to depart from SLC International Airport's Concourse A-east pulled back from Gate A-29 at 7:05 a.m. Tuesday on Delta Air Line's flight 394 to Atlanta with approximately 200 passengers on board, according to a news release from the SLC airport. During an early morning ceremony, a 45-by-14-foot curtain opened to unveil half of Concourse A-east and the first five operating gates.

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The "Whimsy Wall" is one piece of art featured in the new construction at Salt Lake City International Airport, undated photo | Photo courtesy of Salt Lake City International Airport, St. George News

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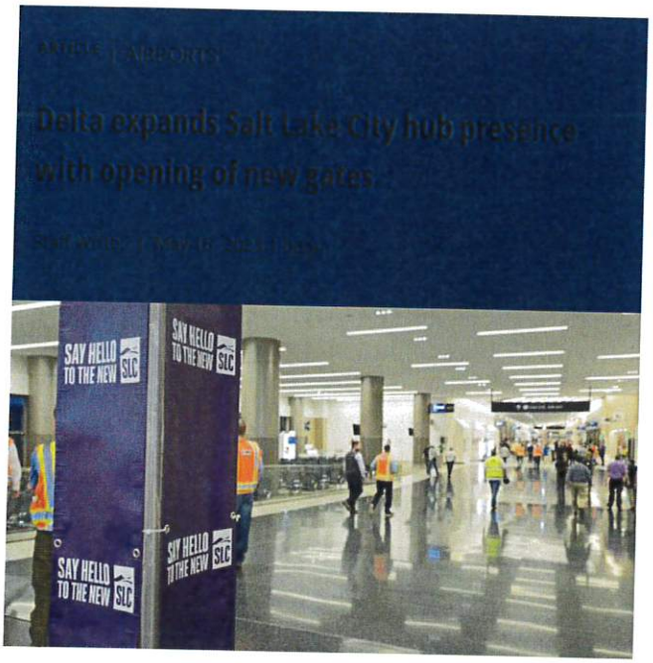
St. George Regional Airport and Cedar City Regional Airport offer daily flights to and from Salt Lake City via the regional carrier SkyWest Airlines. Delta was recently recognized by WalletHub and Forbes as the top airline in the nation.

WalletHub based its rankings on 2021 U.S. Transportation Department data on the nine largest U.S. airlines along with two regional carriers that report to the agency. The data covered 16 key metrics across four major categories: baggage, departures and complaints; animal incidents; in-flight comfort and cost; and safety.

"This award is one among many Delta people achieve as we serve our customers with a safe, on-time and enjoyable experience around the world every day," Delta spokesperson Morgan Durant told St. George News in an email.

SkyWest Airlines, whose headquarters are based in St. George, ranked third in the same study. SkyWest als operates regional flights out of St. George via United Airlines (United Express), which was fourth, and American Airlines, which was ninth.

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IN SUMMARY

This summer, Delta will operate more than 230 peak-day flights from Salt Lake City to nearly 90 destinations across the globe, with added frequencies to Austin, Charlotte, Nashville, Philadelphia and more.

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Photos by Stuart Ruckman Photography for Delta Air Lines

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The new eastern portion of Concourse A will ultimately feature 22 gates and **19 restaurants and shops**. More gates will open later this summer, and the entire portion will be operational by Oct. 31, 2023. All gates on Concourse A are leased and operated by Delta.

Bill Wyatt, Executive Director for the Department of Airports, executive director, called the launch "very rewarding."

"We have been working nonstop since opening Phase 1—more than two years ago—to get to this point," he said. "To be here today took a lot of demolition work, a lot of steel and a lot of paving."





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Delta launches service at new Salt Lake City airport as part of $12B investment in U.S. airports

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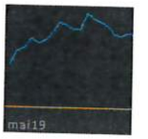


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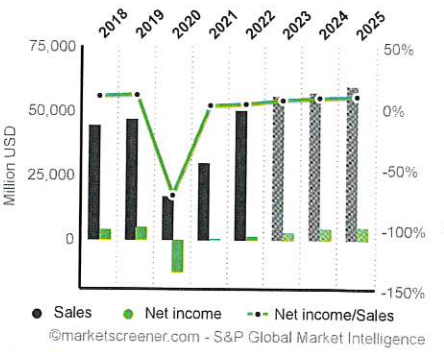
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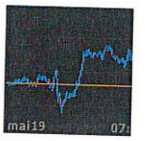
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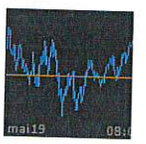
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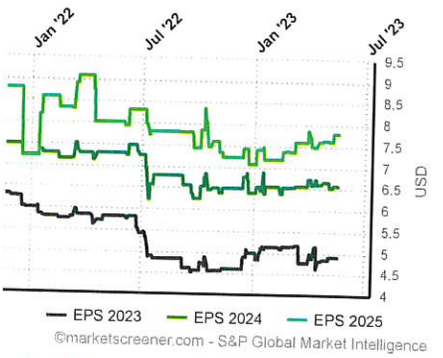
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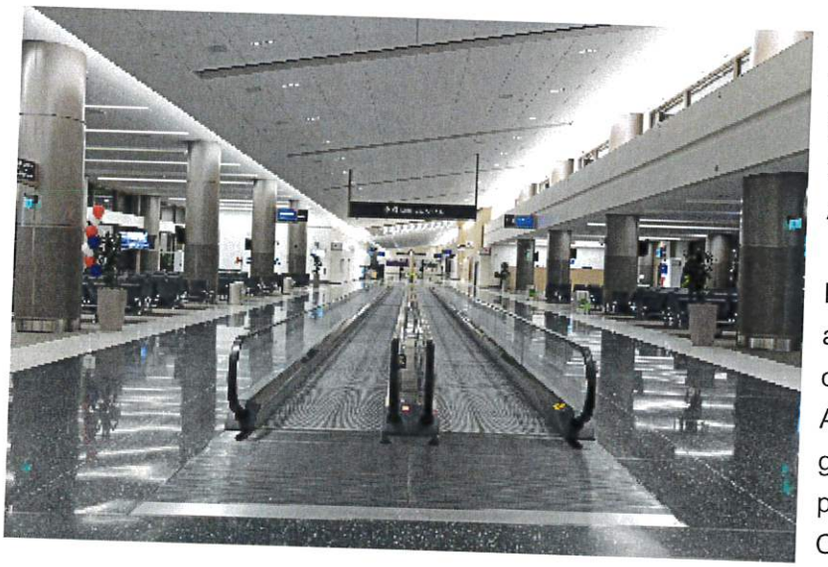
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During an early morning ceremony, a 45' wide by 14' tall curtain opened to unveil half of Concourse A-east and the first five operating gates. It marked the first time the public has seen the east side of Concourse A, which will mirror Concourse A-west when completed.

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All of the new gates have the SAFEGATE Aircraft Docking System, which provides pilots active guidance to support precise automated aircraft parking during all operating conditions. All gates on Concourse A are leased by Delta.

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A unique feature of the aircraft gates is the SAFEGATE Aircraft Docking System, which provides pilots active guidance to support safe, efficient and precise automated aircraft parking during all operating conditions. For passengers, the gate-hold areas have electronic power plug-ins at each seat for convenience.

In keeping with the art theme of The New SLC-Phase 1, the four new restrooms open on Concourse A-east each have a unique "Whimsy Wall," artwork created by the following local and national artists: Amy Cheng—The Happiness and Prosperity; Traci O'Very Covey—On the Wing; Whitni Jo Parry—Big Horn; and Adam Bateman—Books.

Facts about Phase 2 Construction:

· Contractor: Holder-Big-D a Joint Venture (HD-JV)

· All gates on Concourse A are leased by Delta Air Lines

· The first 5 gates to open on May 16 are A-27, A-29, A-31, A-33, A-35

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Delta Air Lines Adds More Gates At Salt Lake City Hub

Delta Air Lines has opened five additional boarding gates at its Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC) hub, building on a new long-term lease agreement.



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Delta Air Lines has opened five additional boarding gates at its Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC) hub, building on a new long-term lease agreement signed by the airline and airport earlier this year.

SLC and Delta opened a new 900,000-ft.^{2} "Concourse A" at SLC in 2020, when the first phase of the project was completed—with a promise to continue adding gates. The five new gates are part of a concourse that will eventually comprise 22 gates, all leased and operated by Delta.

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Adam Ryan, managing director of Delta's SLC operations, adds: "Delta operates more flights out of SLC than all other carriers combined, and the latest phase of this exciting airport project is completed in time to support one of our busiest summer seasons yet."

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Delta and SLC in January signed a new long-term agreement extending Delta's lease of gates at the airport to 2044 and committing the airline to $2.8 billion in payments. The lease agreement calls for Delta to operate 66 gates at the airport by 2027.

The agreement has two five-year options for renewal, so Delta could operate on the accord's terms through 2054.

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Why the Salt Lake City airport is seeking up to $600M in new bonds this year

SALT LAKE CITY — Work began at the new Salt Lake City International Airport in 2014, six years before the facility was functional in its initial stage.

But so much has changed over the past decade, and what city officials originally had in mind for the airport isn't exactly what they expect the airport to look like when the first four phases are complete in 2027, says Bill Wyatt, the airport's executive director. The current estimate is that the entire cost of the airport will reach about $5.14 billion by that point.

"It's a 13-year capital construction project that has seen several scope changes, which is basically an addition to the work, etc. That accounts for an increase of budget, which accounts for our continuing need to finance the program," he told the Salt Lake City Council Tuesday.

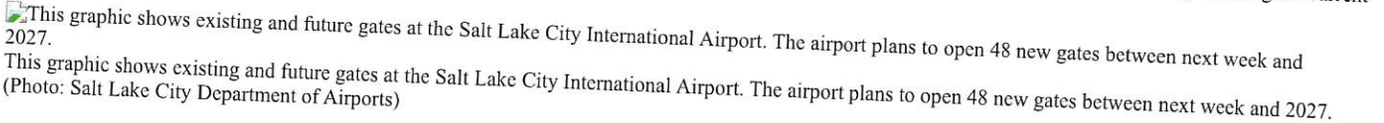
So, as the airport continues to expand, executives are looking for new funds to help with all the new adjustments associated with its sudden growth, especially as they find themselves running out of money before they can reach what's expected in the next four years.

They are asking for the Salt Lake City Council to approve a resolution that would authorize the issuance of up to $600 million in bonds, though they plan to sell a little over $450 million in debt. This would help fund the airport's ongoing projects that are expected to go online in the next year.

Of course, it all depends on how the market is doing.

The airport's incoming growth

The Salt Lake City International Airport is already expanding this year, as the first five gates of the new Concourse A-East building are slated to open next week. The remaining 17 gates are still on schedule to open in October. These are the first 22 of 48 new gates expected to open by the end of 2027, effectively doubling the current number of gates at the airport.


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That's where bonds come into play. Bonds are issued by governments to help pay for massive projects, generating money off the bat before those bonds are repaid to creditors either through taxes or other sources of income.

In this case, residents won't bear the cost of the bond, unlike the $85 million general obligation bond that Salt Lake City residents passed in November, according to the Salt Lake City Department of Airports. The airport plans to pay the bond off through various airport revenues, such as landing fees, terminal rentals and other fees that airlines pay the airport, as well as other revenue collected by the airport, so it doesn't impact the city's general fund.

Salt Lake City previously approved the issuance of $900 million in par bonds in 2021, which helped fund the ongoing construction projects for about 21 months, but the airport has now spent all of the bond proceeds, said Brian Butler, chief financial officer at the airport.

They'll need the bonds to keep up with the current timeline.

"We're coming back to you to ... get another year's worth of construction costs, and these are really to finish out those gates on Concourse A-East, as well as the tunnel and those first four gates up there on Concourse B," Butler told the City Council.

A new bond request

While airport officials are asking to receive clearance of up to $600 million in new bonds, the current plan calls for nearly $456.6 million in new debt. This would generate about $400 million in new funds for construction, while the rest goes toward fees and other costs associated with issuing the bonds.

Wyatt explained that the airport's bonds are specifically timed to help provide financial resources for construction when the money is needed, typically using the funds "within the scope of a year." It's a big reason why airport executives anticipate the bonds will only help finish out the projects expected to open by the end of 2024.

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This particular bond request is also a bit smaller than previous bonds because of higher interest rates at the moment, he added. The current interest rate is nearly double the rate the city received two years ago, so the plan is to issue bonds that can be refinanced after about a decade and save long-term costs.

Butler said there will be a 30-day "no contest period," where residents can submit comments either for or against the plan to add more debt, once the City Council votes on the measure. Airport executives plan to meet with rating agencies in June before any bonds are issued — if the council approves the plan.

The airport plans to have the bonds issued by the end of July unless the interest rate soars past 6%.

"If the market just goes crazy, we're not going to issue debt," he said. "If we get to the bond market and rates are above 6%, we'll kill the deal. We will just not issue (and) we'll have to come back to the drawing board (to) seek your approval."

The City Council is tentatively scheduled to vote on a resolution during its May 16 meeting, while also holding a public hearing on the matter on June 6.

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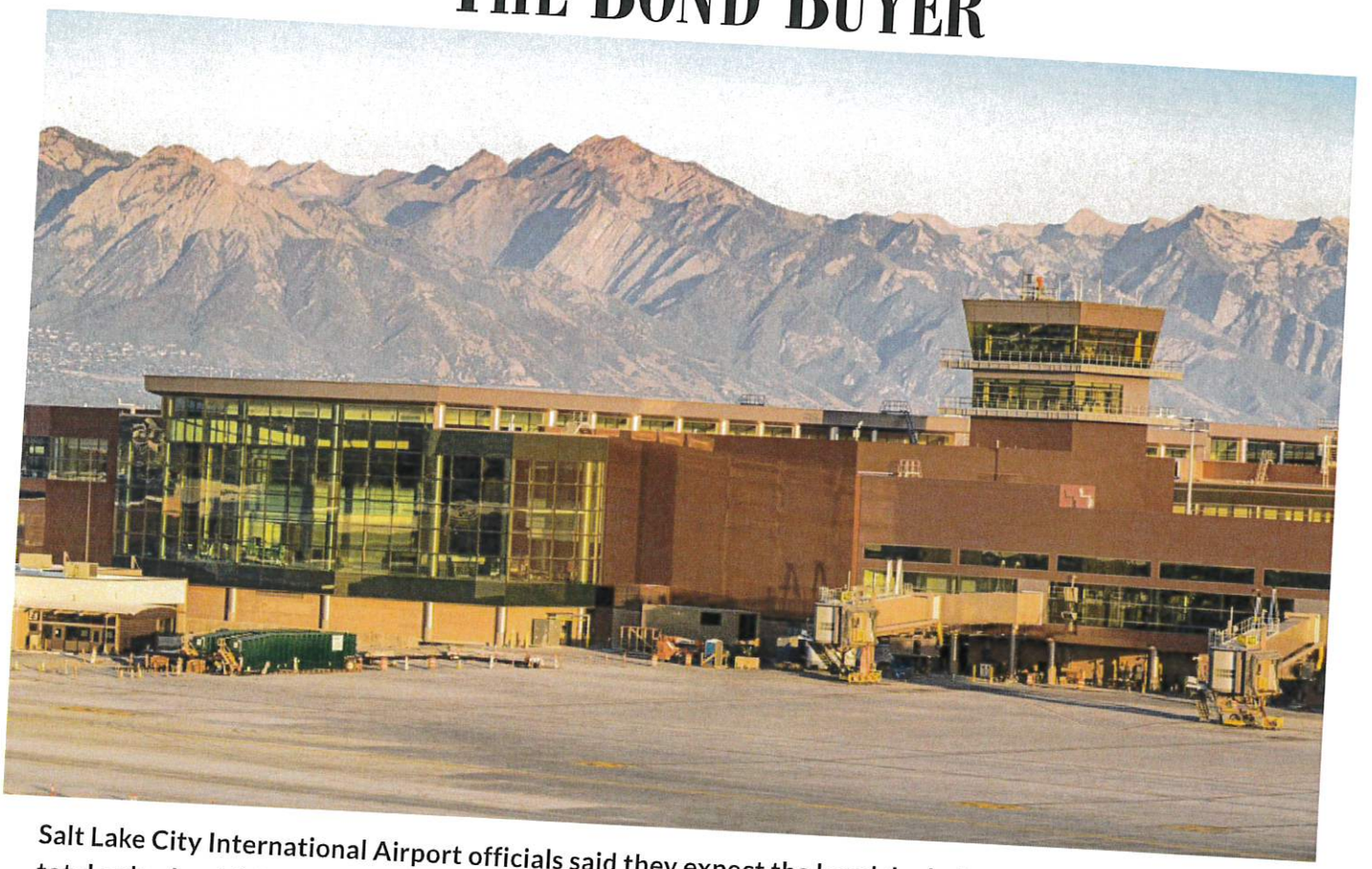
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The Salt Lake City Council late Tuesday approved the issuance of up to $600 million of bonds for an ongoing $5.1 billion project to substantially replace landside and terminal complex facilities at the city's airport.

The council's resolution also sets a June 6 public hearing on the bonds, which will be priced the week of July 17 in a deal led by BofA Securities and J.P. Morgan. Airport officials said they expect to only issue about $450 million of bonds with a likely final maturity in 2053 and an assumed interest rate of 5%.

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Salt Lake City International Airport officials said they expect the bond deal, slated to price in July, to total only about $450 million and have a likely final maturity in 2053. *Salt Lake City International Airport*

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Salt Lake City International Airport projected a large passenger turnout for Memorial Day weekend (Courtesy: SLC Airport).

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SALT LAKE CITY (KUTV) — Coming off a busy winter season for airline travel with a record-breaking President's Day in the mix, the Salt Lake City International Airport projected a large passenger turnout for Memorial Day weekend.

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Nearly 36,000 passengers came into the airport on President's Day, a record number for the new airport. In terms of Memorial Day weekend, the airport projected to see roughly 26,000 passengers on Thursday scheduled to depart the airport. However, on Friday, Volmer confirmed roughly 27,840 came through on that day.

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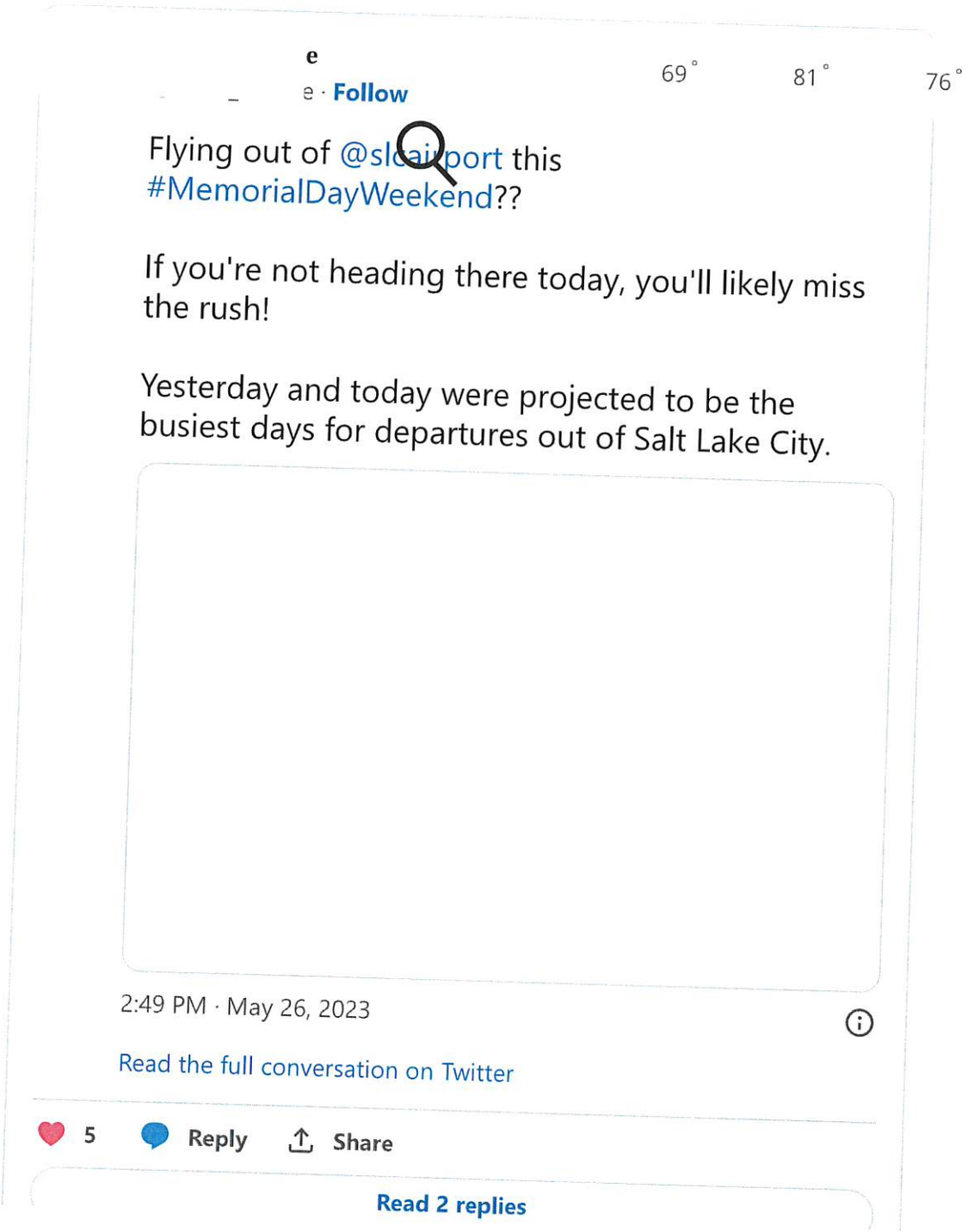
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"Just allow plenty of time because you never know how long it's going to take to get parking, check your bag and get thru security," advised Volmer. "On the parking note, I don't think a lot of people are aware that you can actually reserve parking in advance here at the airport, you can go online and do that so if you want to streamline your experience at the airport that's something you can do in advance."



Thursday and Friday of Memorial Day weekend were projected to be the busiest at the airport. On a national level, air traffic is expected to be up 11 percent over last year, according to AAA Travel.

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Just getting back to pre-pandemic volumes is no longer the metric of reference as holiday travel over the upcoming Memorial Day weekend is projected to blow by those numbers and could come in as one of the busiest since 2000 for the traditional start to the summer travel season.

And while both gas prices and airline fares are down from recent peaks, travel this Memorial Day weekend, regardless of chosen mode, is going to be significantly more expensive than before COVID-19 hit. And, industry experts are projecting Memorial Day 2023 will see some of the highest travel volumes since 2000.

AAA travel in partnership with S&P Global released an analysis last month that estimates over 42 million Americans will travel 50 miles or more from their homes over the upcoming holiday. Analysts project 42.3 million will hit the roads, skies and rails this

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Per the report's forecast, travel is expect to continue its rebound from historic lows during the pandemic, with this year's volume being the third highest in the last 20 years. Over the holiday, the report forecasts 37.1 million to travel by automobile, 3.39 million to fly and 1.85 million will get to their destinations via bus, train or other modes.

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While automobile travel volumes are projected to be about where they were at in 2019, air travel is expected to come in above pre-pandemic levels.

"This is expected to be the third busiest Memorial Day weekend since 2000, when AAA started tracking holiday travel," said Paula Twidale, senior vice president of AAA Travel, in a release. "More Americans are planning trips and booking them earlier, despite inflation. This summer travel season could be one for the record books, especially at airports."

be Saturday and Sunday. Major metro areas like Boston, New York, Seattle and Tampa will likely see travel times double compared to normal.

"With lower fuel prices and more travelers on the road compared to last year, drivers should expect long delays this holiday weekend, especially in and around major metros as commuters mix with Memorial Day travelers," said Bob Pishue, transportation analyst at INRIX, in a press release. "Knowing when and where congestion will build can help drivers avoid the stress of sitting in traffic. Our advice is to avoid driving during peak hours or use alternative routes."

Nationally, gas prices have dipped over $1 per gallon since this time last year and according to AAA data, the average cost for a gallon of regular was $3.54 on Monday. Gas in Utah has been running well high of the national average for months and was at $4.10 per gallon across the state on Monday. But, Utah prices this holiday weekend are down around 50 cents per gallon from 2022.



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The cost of airline travel this year has been impacted by both fuel prices and overall seat volumes that were slashed amid the worst of pandemic conditions and have yet to recover even as the collective urge to hop and a plane for getaways has ballooned.

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According to the latest Consumer Price Index data from the Labor Department, the average airline fare of $294.55 was down .9% in April from the same time last year. And while the current average ticket price is well down from a peak of $329.85 in May of last

And holiday travelers can expect most of their other travel-related expenses are going to hit their pocketbooks harder than in 2022.

Overall inflation has been ticking down since peaking at 9.1% last June but was still running at 5% in April, according to the latest federal data. Per that same report, hotel rooms are up 3.3% over last year, eating out is 8.6% more expensive and recreation services cost 5.8% more than they did in 2022.

While overall airline ticket prices are similar to last year, AAA reports the cost of flying to some top travel destinations is significantly higher, in some cases up 40% over 2022.

Hot spots for Memorial Day travel this year include Orlando, New York City and Las Vegas according to AAA. Surging interest in holiday cruises, up 50% over last year, will also drive bigger travel volumes to port cities in Florida and Alaska, as well as Seattle.

Interest in leaving the country for Memorial Day weekend boomed this year, with international bookings for the holiday up 250% over last year, per AAA. The most popular destinations are in Europe and include Rome, Paris, Dublin, London, Barcelona and Athens this year.

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Salt Lake City International Airport spokeswoman Nancy Volmer said the facility is prepared for a busy weekend on the traditional kickoff to the summer travel season.



Travelers wait to be picked up at the Salt Lake City International Airport in Salt Lake City on Friday, May 19, 2023. | Ryan Sun, Deseret News | Purchase Photo

Volumes on the peak days of travel for the Memorial Day weekend for the Salt Lake airport are expected on Thursday and Friday with 26,000 and 27,000 passengers expected, respectively, coming through the front doors. A similar number of arriving passengers are projected during those peak travel days.

The overall increase in international travel noted in the AAA report is also reflected in travel patterns through Salt Lake International, Volmer said.

"What we are seeing in general is now that travel restrictions have lifted globally more and more people are traveling internationally," Volmer said.

She also noted a shift in the motivating factors now driving travel with the worst of pandemic conditions receding further in the

"Last year the buzzword was 'revenge travel'," Volmer said. "Lately what we've been hearing, trendwise is a bigger focus on leisure travel and combing business and leisure while traveling."

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Volmer said the busy upcoming Memorial Day weekend will likely be setting the tone for a 2023 travel season that is going to be busier throughout.



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Salt Lake City International Airport

Passengers can make their travel experience less stressful by packing smart and allowing plenty of time to find parking, check luggage and go through security screening.

Memorial Day weekend is when summer travel takes off at the Salt Lake City International Airport. The staff have a few tips to help ease travelers' journeys from security to their seats.

About 27,000 passengers are expected to fly out of the Salt Lake City airport on Friday, May 26. The same number of passengers are expected to arrive at SLC as well,

Passengers can make their experience easier by packing smart and allowing plenty of time to find parking, check luggage and go through security screening. The airport recommends arriving two hours prior to boarding for a domestic flight and three hours prior to departure for an international flight.

The airport shared these reminders for passengers to help ease the journey from curb to gate:

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For drivers picking up passengers, SLC recommends checking incoming flight statuses before heading to the airport. Drivers are asked to remain in the airport's Park and Wait lot until passengers are curbside and ready to be picked up.

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Wi-Fi Face-Off: Which Airports Offer the Best Connectivity?

A study of free airport Wi-Fi around the world shows the US has the best internet service overall. If you're connecting via a celluar connection, China's the champ. Here are the top speeds by city.

By Emily Dreibelbis
May 26, 2023



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Airport Wi-Fi is an essential tool to help pass the time before a flight or to finish up that last work email, but connection speeds vary widely at different airports.

A new study from Ookla compared connection speeds at some of the busiest airports in the world during Q1, testing two specific aspects: free, airport-provided Wi-Fi and mobile connectivity. Here's where you'll get the most bang for your buck on your next journey.

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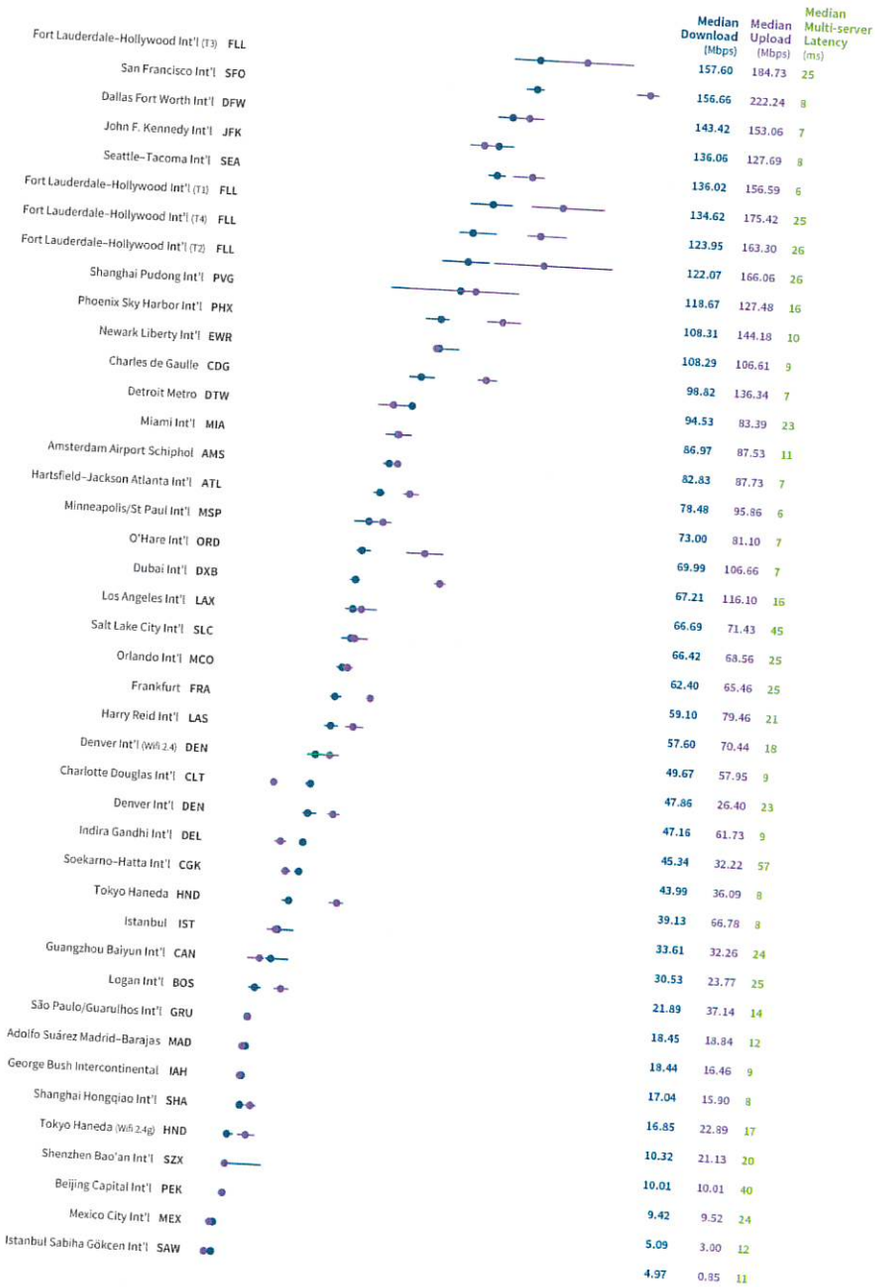
US airports offer the fastest free Wi-Fi, Ookla finds. The top five in terms of download speeds are Fort Lauderdale's Hollywood International Airport Terminal 3 (157.6Mbps), San Francisco International Airport (156.66Mbps), Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (143.42), John F. Kennedy International Airport (136.06), and Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (136.02).

Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson airport and SeaTac boast the lowest median multi-server latency, at 6 milliseconds each. "This means your device should see very little delay when relaying information across the web," says Ookla.

The worst latency can be found at Cancun International Airport, at 60ms. Cancun also has the slowest download and upload speeds, cementing its place at the bottom of the list.

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Dallas Fort Worth Int'l DFW	143.42	153.06	7
John F. Kennedy Int'l JFK	136.06	127.69	8
Seattle–Tacoma Int'l SEA	136.02	156.59	6
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4 ways tech can help you breeze through airport security

Here's how tech can make your travels easier

By Amy Iverson | May 9, 2023, 11:12am MDT

Airline passengers have new options when it comes to verifying identity at the airport. Depending on the airline and location, some of them could mean less stress and waiting time at the gate.

How can I make my airport security experience easier?

1. Digital IDs

Last week was my first time flying out of Salt Lake City International airport since the Transportation Security Administration announced it would accept digital IDs there. Utah is one of only a handful of states that have state-issued mobile digital IDs accepted by TSA.

I had signed up for my GET Mobile ID in Utah nearly two years ago, but had not yet had the opportunity to use it. Although I asked a few times whether a bank or retail establishment would accept it, the employees always seemed confused and asked for

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Here was my chance.

As a TSA PreCheck member for more than a decade, I have relished accessing a shorter line, keeping liquids and electronics in my bag and leaving my shoes on going through security. As I approached the TSA agent, I showed her my digital ID and she pointed to the QR code scanner at her station. I scanned and she waved me through. Easy peasy.

SLC is the first airport in the country to have second generation credential authentication technology deployed throughout its security checkpoints. As it scans the photo ID, a camera captures a real-time photo of the passenger at the same time. Software compares that photo with the one on the ID to confirm a match. The photos are not stored and travelers can always opt out. An earlier version of these credential authentication machines installed last year is what eliminated the need for passengers to show boarding passes at security.

But I hit the real jackpot when it comes to testing out new airport security features on my return flight. Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is the only one

When I received my Delta boarding pass on my phone, it asked me if I would like to opt into facial recognition verification. Atlanta and Detroit are the only airports offering biometric identification at this time. I said yes, yet was unsure of the exact benefit. My digital boarding pass already noted that I was a TSA PreCheck member and now also had a demarcation that I had a digital ID as well.

When I arrived at ATL, the regular security lines snaked around to my left. The PreCheck lane to my right was much shorter, as usual, and I headed that direction. But then I clocked a Delta employee standing near a Digital ID Checkpoint Entry sign. He told me I could go in either lane, but when I asked which was shorter, he pointed to the Digital ID lane. There wasn't one person in the line. I walked straight to the TSA agent.

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Then, since I had opted in to facial recognition, I didn't even have to pull out my phone at all. The camera scanned my face and I was in. Delta explains that those images are encrypted, stripped of biographic information and sent to U.S. Customs and Border Protection's facial biometric matching service to verify identities. The airline also says it does not save or store any biometric data, nor does it plan to.

This was the quickest I've ever made my way through an airport security checkpoint — and at the busiest airport in the world, according to Fortune.

3. Computed tomography scanners

The TSA is also moving toward a goal to allow passengers to keep laptops and liquids inside of people's carry-on bags. This is already the case for PreCheck passengers, but could soon be a reality for all. The TSA will spend more than a billion dollars for computed tomography scanners for luggage that is similar to the CT technology used in the medical field.

They create 3D images the officer can rotate 360 degrees to help them analyze contents. While these scanners should be in use at most checkpoints by this summer, the TSA told Condé Nast Traveler that we are still "years away from announcing a change to the current liquids rule."

4. Reserve a time to go through security

Another way to speed up airport security is the free option at some airports to reserve a time. You've likely seen the Clear lanes that, for a price, allow passengers to use facial identification to speed through. But that same company also offers something called Reserve powered by Clear.

Eleven North American airports — including Phoenix, LAX, JFK, Orlando, as well as some in Europe — allow travelers to reserve a time for up to 10 people. They'll receive a QR code to scan at the airport to head down the fast lane and each reservation has a 20-minute window for arrival. Move over, Disneyland.

Some of these features take planning ahead to make sure all goes smoothly once you reach the checkpoint. But all of these advancements in the efficiency and options at the airport means getting through security is less of a headache.

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Direct air travel between Utah and Washington, D.C., is severely limited due to an outdated regulation known as the "perimeter rule," a 1960s-era Federal Aviation Administration policy that restricts the number of flights that can land at or take off from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) beyond a 1,250-mile perimeter. Utah is one of 11 states that sits entirely outside of this decades-old artificial boundary.

Utah is a state on the move, economically and demographically, thanks to our massive population growth. This fact alone demands action now to meet the growing need for our business, government and community leaders to travel to Washington, D.C. Many decisions impacting Utah's future are made in the halls of government, where powerful institutions and individuals responsible for regulating and guiding business confer. One example is the annual trip of Utah business leaders, organized by the Salt Lake Chamber, to Washington, D.C., to meet with Utah's congressional delegation and other federal officials to share legislative priorities

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Utahns' current access to Washington, D.C., is already insufficient, especially for one of the country's premier economies and fastest-growing populations. Unfortunately, the current perimeter rule means there is only one daily direct flight between Salt Lake City International Airport and DCA, often making the trip inconvenient and expensive for Utah businesses.

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A recent study by Boston Consulting Group found "the perimeter rule is no longer necessary to support its original objectives," and that it is harmful to metropolitan communities and consumers. Additionally, DCA is currently underutilized and can handle thousands more passengers per day; however, those seeking to travel to Washington, D.C., face some of the most expensive ticket prices in the nation due to a lack of direct flight options.

Congress should take the logical next steps to address the lack of access Utah and other Western states have to our nation's capital when they take up the FAA Reauthorization bill later this year. Authorizing additional in- and beyond-perimeter flights at DCA will provide increased access to legislators for Utahns, more affordable ticket prices spurring travel, and the added convenience when flying. Thankfully, some Utah legislators are already on board, including U.S. Reps. Blake Moore and John Curtis. Removing this outdated and unnecessary regulation is something our entire delegation and leaders across the Western states should unite around.

Utah is home to world-class companies across many industries with a growing innovation hub that could benefit from direct linkages to our capital city. We ask Utah's Congressional Delegation to work with their colleagues on this issue to increase access to our nation's capital. Doing so will help better serve Utah's business community and residents across the state who are counting on more affordable, convenient access to Washington, D.C. As Utah and so many other Western states continue to grow, let's ensure the perimeter rule is growing with us!

Derek Miller is the president and CEO of the Salt Lake Chamber.

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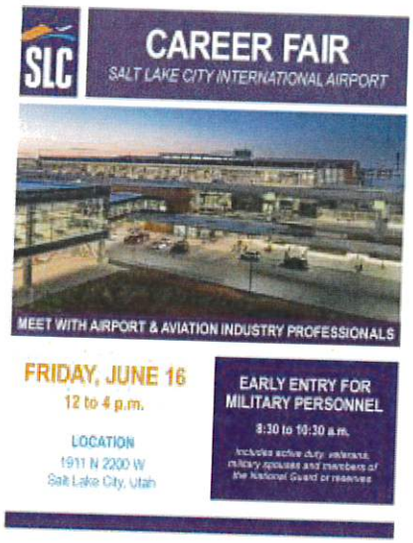
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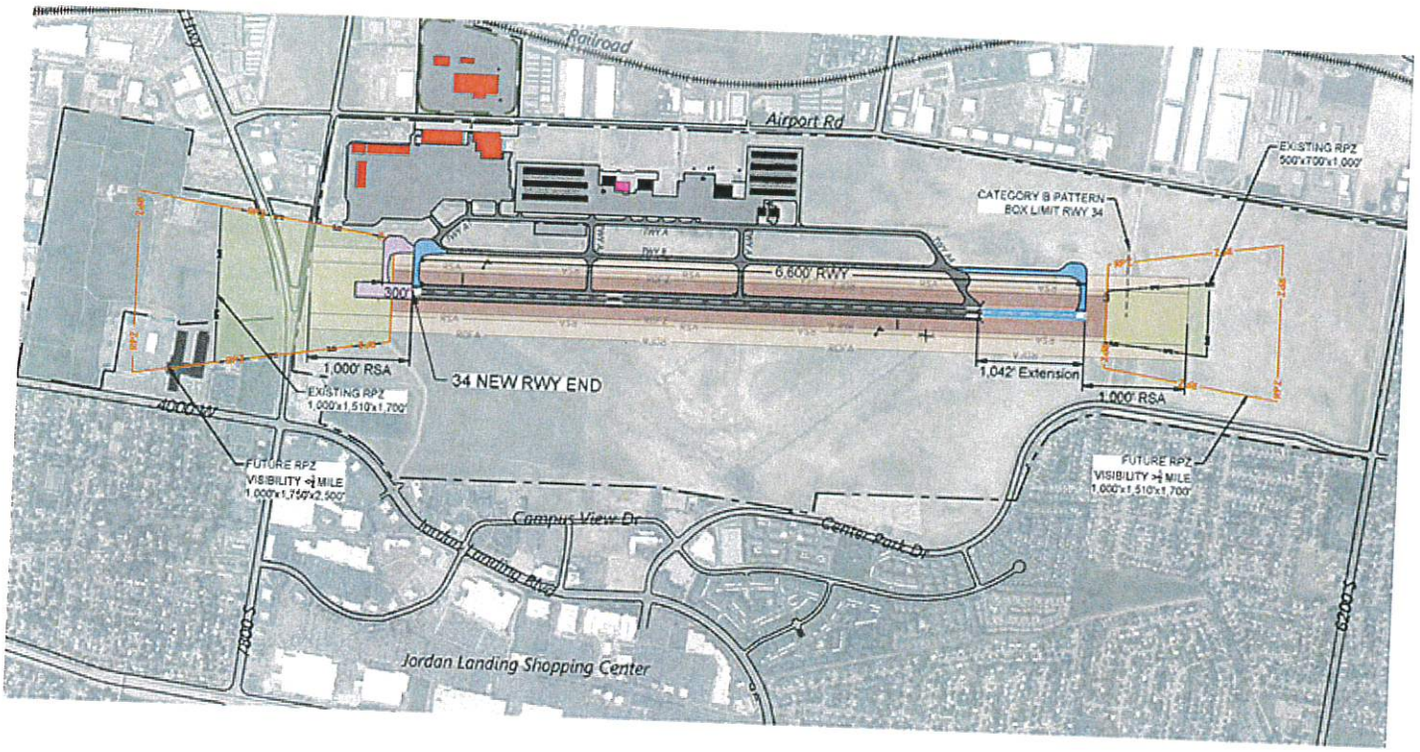
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South Valley Regional Airport's master plan gets off the ground

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There are big plans for the South Valley Regional Airport in West Jordan at 7365 S. 4450 West, but don't expect to see changes anytime soon.

The Salt Lake City Department of Airports is updating its master plan for the regional airport that is home to the Utah National Guard Army Aviation support facility, maintenance hangars, aircraft parking, airplane hangars and flight schools.

Brady Fredrickson, SLCDA director of airport planning, has been sharing the master plan with the public, getting feedback and talking about the changes that include lengthening the runway and building an air traffic control tower.

"The runway extension itself will be based on demand, and it's based on specific demand, and that would be corporate jets starting to fly in and out," he said. "When we see business jets that need to go to the East Coast, that's when the runway will be extended."

That growth could happen in five years, 10 years or longer. In fact, the 2006 SVR master plan that's being updated shows most of the same things discussed in the new plan, but it anticipated more aggressive growth.

By planning now, the airport can preserve space and start working with the Federal Aviation Administration who will need to review the plans and analyze the site for the air traffic control tower which is proposed to be placed on the east side of the airport.

With its proximity to Salt Lake International Airport, the SVR's need for a tower is becoming critical as the airports share an increasingly busy airspace.

"As operations have grown in South Valley, the need to control the airspace and make sure the aircraft are in proper position and separated is increased," Fredrickson said. "We're right on the cusp of needing [a tower]. It will take a while to

get one. If you start planning for a tower, it's not a couple of years before you get one. It could be five, six, eight or even longer. But we have to start now to plan for the future."

Another big change being proposed is increasing the runway to 6,600 feet. The current length is 5,562 feet and the master plan shows the runway extending north by 1,000 feet. That includes pushing the south end of the runway 300 feet to the north and moving the north end of the runway an additional 1,042 feet north.

"The reason we're shifting the 300 feet to the north is there's a required safety field that we want to make clear," he said. "It is a 1,000-foot safety zone and what that does is it shifts it off the road. And the runway protection zone moves off the West Jordan public utilities building."

Overall, Fredrickson said the airport serves the area well. Starting as an Army base in 1942, ownership of the airport was transferred to Salt Lake City after WWII. The SLCDA looks at SLI, SVR and Tooele airports as a system where what happens at the international airport affects what happens at the two smaller airports.

Air traffic at SVR includes aircraft training while Tooele is home to skydiving operations, something that can't be done over the international airspace of South Valley airport.

"As the valley grows, the system of airports is vital and each airport plays a vital role in that system," he said. "These systems interact with one another and create a good environment for recreation, commercial fliers and vital things like firefighting."

The next step in the master plan is to finalize alternatives, create an environmental analysis and dive into the details of cost and implementation of airport projects. For more information, visit SLCAirport.com. λ

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Small plane makes emergency landing on West Jordan soccer field

by: Tyson Romero
Posted: May 29, 2023 / 12:20 PM MDT
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WEST JORDAN, Utah (**ABC4**) — A small plane made an emergency landing on a West Jordan soccer field during the morning on Monday, May 29.

The plane, a Piper Archer, was forced to make the landing shortly after departing from the South Valley Regional Airport, according to a tweet from the SLC Airport's media account.

Small plane crashes in Southern Utah; pilot frees himself and denies medical treatment ›

No injuries were reported from the two passengers onboard and the landing has reportedly had no impact on airport operations.

The soccer field in West Jordan is located just south of the Salt Lake Valley Regional Airport.



Courtesy of Keaton Yoshinaga / KTVX

This is a developing story. More information will be released as it becomes available.

Small plane crashes near South Valley Regional Airport; no injuries reported

By **Gephardt Daily Staff** - May 29, 2023



West Jordan Police. File photo: Gephardt Daily/Monico Garza/SLCScanner

WEST JORDAN, Utah, May 29, 2023 (Gephardt Daily) — A small plane went down Monday morning just west of South Valley Regional Airport, in West Jordan.

"At approximately 10:54 a.m., a Piper Archer made an emergency landing shortly after take off," says a message issued by the Salt Lake City International Airport, which reports on issues at several smaller local airports. "No injuries are reported and it has not impacted airport operations."

Cpt. Blair Marshall, West Jordan Fire Department, said two occupants were on the plane, "and both were able to walk away."

The plane landed in a soccer field area of a park, Marshall said. No one was on the field.

"A few were enjoying the park, but no one was in the route of the plane."

The plane landed bottom down, and slid approximately 100 yards, Marshall said.

"There was not too much damage. Just some grass."

Marshall said he did not know why the small plane went down, and the National Transportation Safety Board will handle the investigation.

Plane makes emergency landing in West Jorda soccer field



Photo by: FOX 13 News



By: Jeff Tavss

Posted at 12:21 PM, May 29, 2023 and last updated 12:21 PM, May 29, 2023

WEST JORDAN, Utah — It was an eventful Memorial Day for the pilot of a small airplane that was forced to make an emergency landing in West Jordan.

the West Jordan Soccer Complex to the south.

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Salt Lake City murder-suicide suspect's history with police

The pilot was able to execute the emergency landing and no one was injured in the incident, which came months after a similar landing in the same park in September.

On Sunday, another plane crashed in Washington County with the pilot also able to walk away from the crash site uninjured despite the aircraft crashing upside down.

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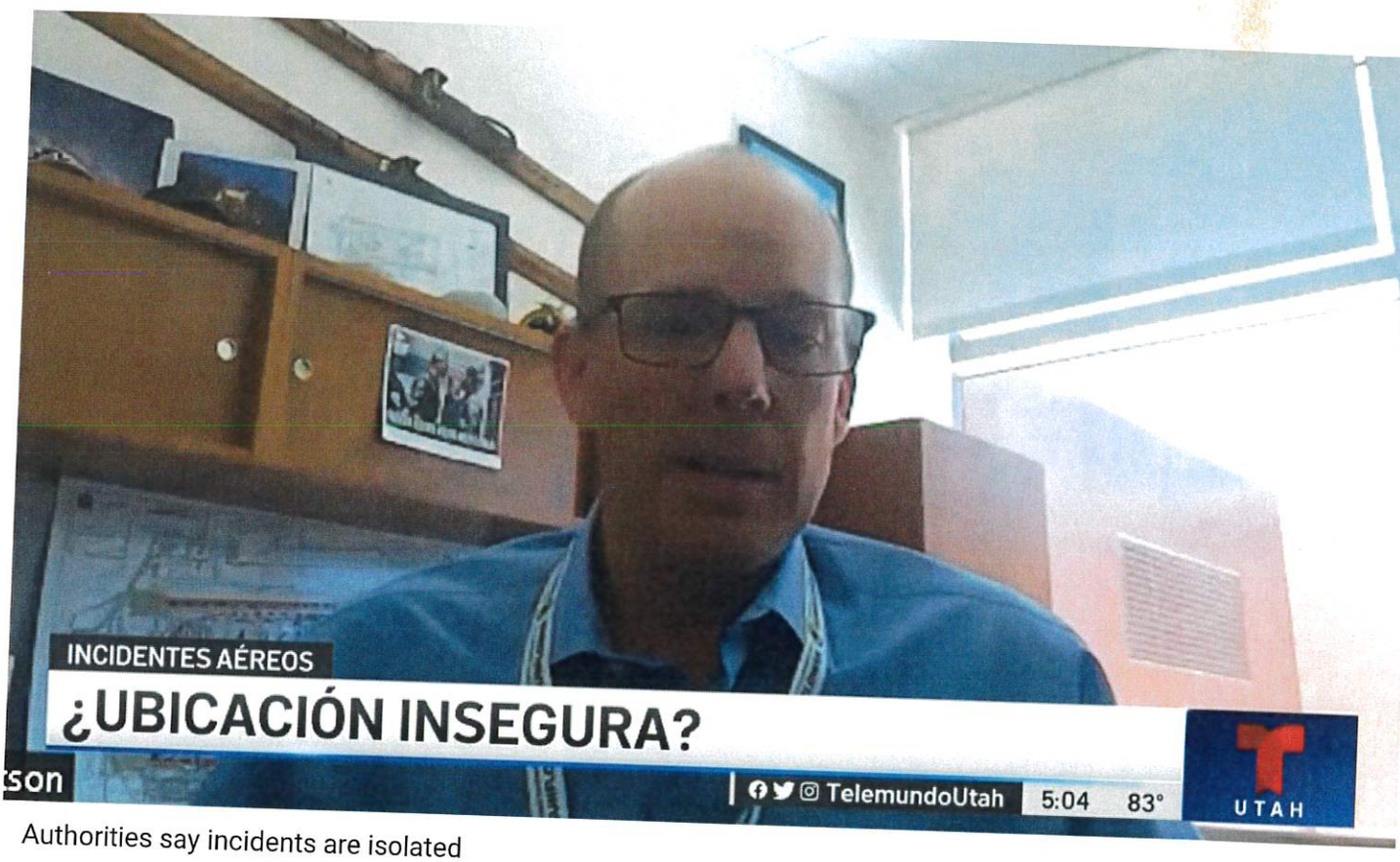


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PLANE CRASH

Utah Experts Say West Jordan Football Field Serves for Emergency Landings

By Jose Angel Galavis and Nathalie Avilan, TELEMUNDO UTAH • Posted May 30, 2023 • Updated at 6:39 pm on May 30, 2023



Authorities say incidents are isolated

Jordan, experts say that the place serves for these landings and the authorities could be planning to remove it permanently.

The football field is owned by South Valley Regional Airport.

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The decision to remove the football field is not yet final but is being considered. On the other hand, the authorities said that there is no specific reason why these accidents have happened, since each incident has been isolated from each other.

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Airline News

Delta Air Lines adding more flight options at Salt Lake City airport for summer travelers

SALT LAKE CITY — Travelers at Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC) will soon have more flight options.

Delta Air Lines announced it is adding new destinations while increasing service to some existing routes in and out of the airport.

Destinations with added or increased service include Milwaukee, Austin, Nashville, Charlotte, Newark, Philadelphia and Calgary.

"We are looking towards summer," said Adam Ryan, the managing director of airport operations for Delta at Salt Lake International.

"We are adding about 20 flights per day. We'll be up to 230 peak day departures for our summer schedule, serving over 90 destinations across the

The added flights coincide with the opening of new gates at SLC which give the airline room to welcome 2,500 additional passengers a day.

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The construction of additional gates is expected to be complete by fall 2023, giving the airline more room to grow at one of its west coast hubs.

"All those gates that accommodate aircraft from the CRJ-700 up to a 737-900 and then many more wide-body capable gates really diversify what we can do here," Ryan explained.

Summer 2023 is expected to break records with the number of travelers choosing to get to their destinations by air.

Those making plans are urged to book reservations early.

On the day of travel, arriving at the airport two hours prior to departure is recommended to avoid missing a flight.

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New Frontier nonstop flights from Atlanta announced, including Guatemala City

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ATLANTA - Frontier Airlines has announced the launch of nonstop flights from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) to Las Américas International Airport in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (SDQ), San Diego International Airport (SAN), and Ontario International Airport in Southern California (ONT), starting May 11.

On May 12, the airline will introduce nonstop service from ATL to La Aurora International Airport in Guatemala City, Guatemala (GUA), and Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC). The new service will take the airline's total nonstop destinations from ATL to 38.

Frontier Airlines is offering fares starting at $59 to commemorate the new service. Furthermore, for a limited time, the airline is providing the GoWild! All-You-Can-Fly Summer Pass at a discounted price of $499. This pass provides access to limitless flights between May and September, according to Frontier's press release. https://flights.flyfrontier.com/en/flights-from-atlanta

Team Frontier will also distribute free flight vouchers and GoWild! All-You-Can-Fly Summer Passes during a celebration in the West End neighborhood of Atlanta on May 11 at Best End Brewing Company from 5 to 8 p.m. Trivia games, a prize wheel, and free beer and wine for the first 100 guests who register and attend will be included in the event.

Proof of registration confirmation is required to play event games and gain access to the event games and attractions. The games will end at 8 p.m. and will be first-

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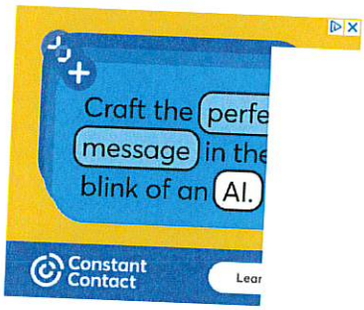
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Ultra-low-cost carrier Frontier Airlines has introduced nonstop flights from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) to Las Américas International Airport in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (SDQ), San Diego International Airport (SAN), and Ontario International Airport in Southern California (ONT). Tomorrow, the airline will also launch nonstop service from ATL to La Aurora International Airport in Guatemala City, Guatemala (GUA), and Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC). These new routes bring Frontier's total nonstop destinations from ATL to 38. To mark the occasion, the eco-friendly airline is offering fares as low as $59.

Additionally, Frontier is currently promoting its GoWild! All-You-Can-Fly Summer Pass™ for a discounted price of $499 for a limited time. The pass provides access to unlimited flights from May through September.



To celebrate Frontier's commitment to Atlanta, members of Team Frontier are distributing free flight vouchers and GoWild! All-You-Can-Fly Summer Passes™ today at an event in Atlanta's West End neighborhood. The event includes trivia games, a prize wheel, and free beer and wine for the first 100 registered and of-age guests to arrive. To participate, the public must register for the event in advance and provide proof of registration confirmation at the Best End Brewing Company registration table(s). Participation is not guaranteed and games will operate on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. Participants must be at least 18 years old to play games.

"We're thrilled to be in Atlanta to celebrate this exciting expansion of service," said Daniel Shurz, senior vice president of commercial, Frontier Airlines. "Atlanta is one of our fastest growing markets and serves as a large international gateway for Frontier. Connecting Atlanta to Guatemala City and Santo Domingo, while continuing to build out our domestic options, is all part of a major growth push at ATL that represents our strong commitment to Atlanta. We're pleased our growth at ATL means even more affordable and convenient travel options for those across the Atlanta metro thanks to Frontier's 'Low Fares Done Right."

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Airline employee injured after emergency slide deploys in plane

Story by Aubree B. Jennings • Sunday



Airline employee injured after emergency slide deploys in plane
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SALT LAKE CITY (KTVX) – A Delta crew member was injured by an emergency slide Saturday after the flight made a diverted landing due to mechanical issues.

The plane, flying from New York's JFK International to Los Angeles International, was diverted to Salt Lake City for a mechanical problem, according to a Salt Lake Airport representative.

While flying to California, the captain reportedly announced to the 168 passengers on board that there was a problem with the backup system's temperature instrument, according to the New York Post and a passenger who spoke with Nexstar's KTVX.

The Post reported the flight landed without incident and the issue was fixed quickly.

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After passengers were reboarded and the flight was about to take off, the emergency slide accidentally deployed inside the plane. That's when the crew member was injured, according to Delta representatives. The employee was hospitalized and has since been discharged.

A passenger recounted the incident to KTVX, saying they were just a few rows away from the incident.

A Delta representative said the passengers were then relocated to a secondary plane which landed at LAX later that evening.

"We apologize for the delay to their travel plans," a Delta spokesperson said in a statement. "Nothing is more important than the safety of our customers and people."

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Delta aircraft slide accidentally deploys after plane diverted to Salt Lake City

Tina Burnside

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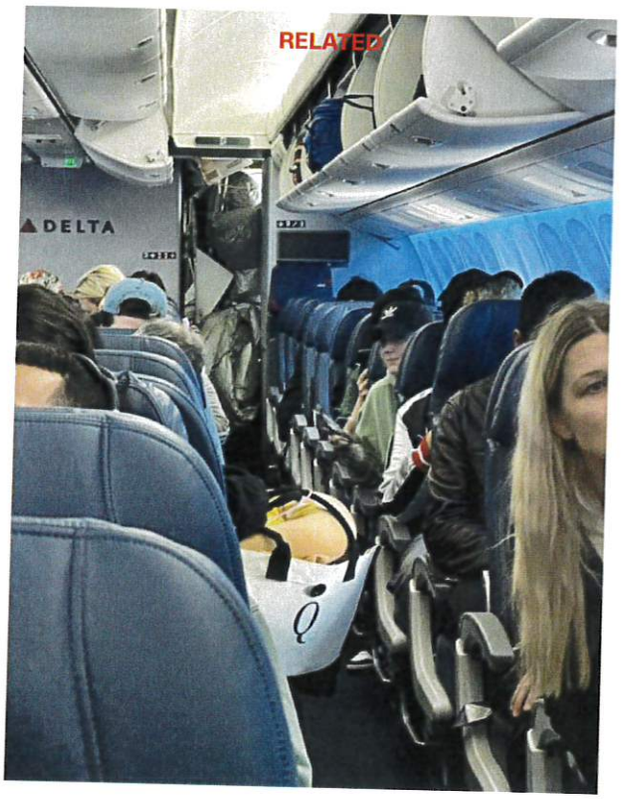
File photo of a Delta Airlines plane at the gate at Utahs Salt Lake City International Airport on October 5, 2020

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(CNN) — An inflatable emergency slide accidentally deployed inside of a Delta Air Lines plane while on the ground at Salt Lake International Airport on Saturday.

"Delta flight 520, operating from New York-JFK to Los Angeles-LAX, diverted to Salt Lake City due to a maintenance issue," said an airline spokesperson in a statement issued to CNN on Sunday.

"While on the ground, the same aircraft's slide was deployed by accident."



Dan Moreno

While on the ground in Salt Lake City, a Delta aircraft's slide was deployed by accident.

No emergency landing was declared, nor did the plane divert due to the slide, according to the statement.

Out of an abundance of caution, one crew member was taken to the hospital for evaluation but has since been discharged, the airline stated.

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The spokesperson said there were 168 passengers on board the B767-300 plane at the time of the incident.

All customers were re-accommodated on a secondary aircraft. It landed at Los Angeles International Airport Saturday evening without further incident

"We apologize for the delay to their travel plans. Nothing is more important than the safety of our customers and people," the spokesperson said.



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'We are on track to a full recovery': Salt Lake airport on pace for record-breaking year

SALT LAKE CITY — The COVID-19 pandemic's grasp on the travel industry has slowly faded away and it's allowing Salt Lake City International Airport to break new passenger records.

Airport officials disclosed this week that the airport wound up with a little more than 26.4 million passengers during the 2023 fiscal year, which ended on June 30, topping the previous record of 26.2 million set during the 2019 fiscal year. Total passengers is a calculation of people who end up at the airport one way or another, either arriving, departing or connecting through their domestic or international flights.

The airport's calendar record — data collected from January through December — is 26.8 million also set in 2019. Nearly 13.2 million total passengers ended up at the airport during the first half of this year, slightly above the 13.1 million recorded through the first six months four years ago, according to airport passenger data.

With the fall break, Thanksgiving and Christmas periods still on the horizon, airport officials say they expect 2023 will set a new calendar year record. If it happens, it would snap a record set right before the pandemic and before the new airport facility opened.

"We are on track to a full recovery from the pandemic. At the height of the pandemic a couple of years ago it didn't seem possible," said Bill Wyatt, executive director of Salt Lake City Department of Airports, in a statement.

The COVID-19 pandemic dismantled all the gains the airport made in 2019. After a robust January and February, airline ridership plummeted amid March shutdowns. The airport brought in only about 1.2 million passengers in March 2020 after drawing close to 2.1 million the month before. Total passengers dipped to 176,524 by April, slowly rising from there.

In the end, the airport drew just shy of 12.6 million passengers in 2020, a 53% drop from 2019.

The air traffic slowdown had some benefits, though. It helped advance construction of the new airport facility, saving about two years of construction and about $300 million in costs, Wyatt said at the time. The new Salt Lake City International Airport eventually opened in September 2020.

The new airport brought in about 22.4 million passengers in its first full year and close to 25.8 million in 2022 as it inched closer to pre-pandemic figures, per airport traffic data. This year could finally put it over the edge into record-setting territory.

The airport's rise includes substantial international travel increases. For example, there were more than 1.3 million international passengers during the 2023 fiscal year, a 22% increase from the 2019 count.

"To see domestic travel rebound so quickly is remarkable, but to see international travel up by double digits is astounding," Wyatt said on Monday.

Of course, the new airport is still growing, something that was not possible with the old facility. The airport added five new gates earlier this year with four more scheduled to open this month among the dozens of additional gates planned out through 2027.

The airport's first four phases are designed to accommodate 34 million passengers.

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SLC airport is on track to break records

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SALT LAKE CITY (**ABC4**) — The **Salt Lake City International Airport** is on track for a record-breaking year.

The airport has reportedly bypassed the previous record for total passengers in a 12-month fiscal year period.

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From July 2022 through June 2023, the airport recorded 26,421,401 passengers, compared to the previous high of 26,203,976 in 2019. According to the airport, this is slightly less than the highest passenger count recorded in a 12-month period — which was 26,808,014 from January to December 2019.

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The 390,000-passenger difference is expected to be achieved by the end of 2023, resulting in a record-breaking calendar year, according to the airport.

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Additionally, the airport reported the number of international travelers increased, jumping from 1,085,640 in 2019 to 1,327,241 in 2023.

Airport officials believe this jump is due to the "pent-up demand from passengers wanting to fly to Europe following the pandemic."

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According to **Salt Lake City Department of Airports** executive director Bill Wyat, the airport is on track to full recovery from the pandemic.

"At the height of the pandemic a couple of years ago it didn't seem possible. To see domestic travel rebound so quickly is remarkable, but to see international travel up by double digits is astounding," he said.

Right now, the Salt Lake City airport is undergoing a $5.1 billion redevelopment program, according to the airport. The airport expects phase two of the rebuild to begin on Oct. 31, and to have phase three open next fall.

The Salt Lake City airport is designed to accommodate 34 million passengers when phase 4 of their rebuild is complete, anticipated to open in 2026, according to the airport.

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Salt Lake Int'l Airport breaking passenger count records during busy summer



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SALT LAKE CITY — The Salt Lake City International Airport is benefiting big time from the post-pandemic travel boom and there are numbers to prove it.

For the fiscal year between July 2022 and June 2023, 26,421,401 passengers went through the doors of the airport, breaking the previous record from 2019.

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Of those passengers, 1,085,640 were international travelers, which is a 22% increase from 2019.

"It's wonderful for the local economy because not only are these passengers that are flying out of Salt Lake City also, we're seeing these passengers fly into Salt

Lake and to Utah, so it's great for our tourist economy," said airport spokesperson Nancy Volmer.

Airport leaders attributed the increase to travelers wanting to fly to Europe after the pandemic, as well as increased flight services to London and Germany.

As for all-time records, officials say they're on track to beat those as well.

Currently, the highest passenger count the airport has recorded was during the 2019 calendar year, with 26,808,014 travelers.

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With only 390,000 passengers needed to crash through that record and five months left of 2023, the airport is confident they'll achieve that milestone at some point during the remainder of the year.

“We are on track to a full recovery from the pandemic," Bill Wyatt, executive director of the Salt Lake City Department of Airports said in a statement. “At the height of the pandemic a couple of years ago it didn’t seem possible. To see domestic travel rebound so quickly is remarkable, but to see international travel up by double digits is astounding.”

The record-breaking passenger counts are putting the refurbished airport to good use. Before its remodel, the airport was built to accommodate ten million passengers. When its fully completed, the new airport will accommodate 34 million passengers.

In May 2023, new gates were unveiled as part of the airport expansion to serve more customers on the eastern side of Concourse A. Through the rest of 2023, even more gates in Concourse A will be opened.

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People pass through Salt Lake City International Airport Monday, June 27, 2022, in Salt Lake City.

Officials at Salt Lake City International Airport say it is on track to break annual visitation records.

For the latest fiscal year, from July 2022 to June 2023, more than 26 million passengers traveled through Salt Lake City International.

The count is about 390,000 passengers less than the airport's record of nearly 27 million passengers in calendar year 2019. However, airport officials said in a press release they expect passenger levels in the 2023 calendar year to top 2019's record.

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Additionally, international travel has jumped 22% since 2019, which officials attributed to pent-up demand for European travel.

"To see domestic travel rebound so quickly is remarkable, but to see international travel up by double digits is astounding," Salt Lake City Department of Airports Executive Director Bill Wyatt said.

As a result, Delta's nonstop seasonal service between Salt Lake City and London is now available year-round. Eurowings Discovered also entered the Salt Lake City market last year, offering seasonal nonstop service to Frankfurt, Germany.

The airport is continuing to add new gates and concessions along with other upgrades. The more than half-mile walk to concourse B will get shorter when Phase 3 finishes in fall 2024, according to Nancy Volmer, director of communication and market.

"So you'll go through security checkpoint, turn right, then you'll be able to turn left, turn right, or go straight over to concourse B," Volmer said. "Whereas now, most people are going down concourse A about halfway and then going down into the tunnel... This will allow easier, quicker access to concourse B."

All construction is scheduled to be completed by 2026. Volmer said a bigger airport could mean more options for flyers.

"With a larger airport, having more gates, that means that we will be able to recruit more airlines, the existing airlines will be able to add new flights," she said. "So it really is adding more flights to more destinations, and people can just access the world from this one airport."

In June, Delta Airlines announced it is building a new pilot training facility in Salt Lake. It's the first time the company has established a pilot school outside its home base of Atlanta.

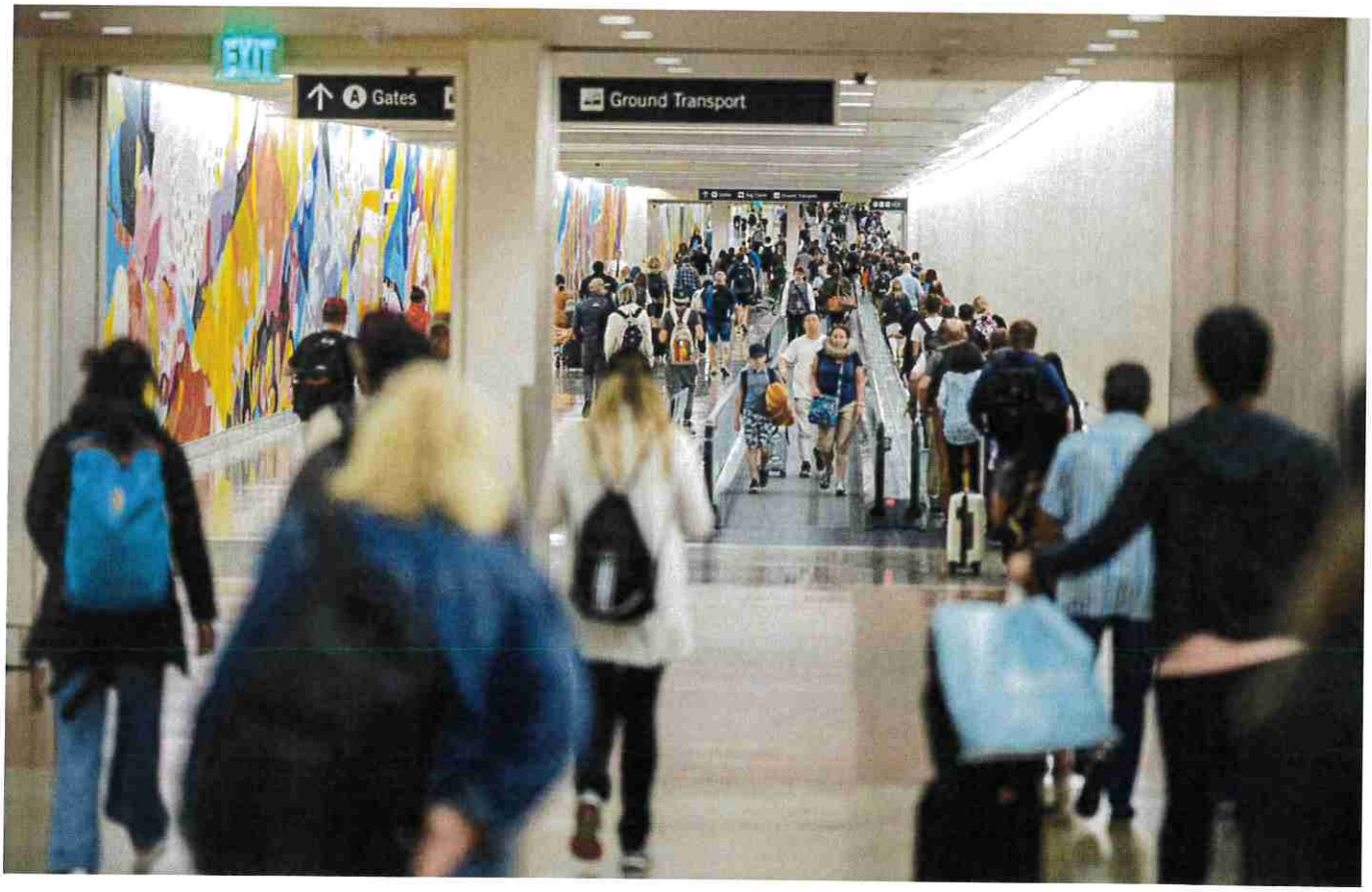
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The airport's top executive says the facility is on track to make a full recovery from the global health crisis.



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Salt Lake City International Airport is on pace to see a record number of passengers take to the skies this year.

Airport officials announced Monday that the airport saw more passengers in fiscal 2023 than any other fiscal year before, with about 26.4 million people passing through from July 2022 through June 2023. The previous fiscal year record was 26.2 million passengers,

set in 2019.

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While the airport set a passenger record for fiscal 2023, it did not break its record for passengers in a 12-month period. That record was set in 2019, when 26.8 million passengers passed through the old airport from January through December.

Airport officials expect to break that record this calendar year.

International travel also increased last fiscal year, from nearly 1.1 million passengers in fiscal 2019 to more than 1.3 million in fiscal 2023 — a 22% increase. Airport officials attribute the increase to pent-up demand for travel to Europe after the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Delta Air Lines, the airport's only hub carrier, responded to the increased demand by adjusting nonstop flights between Salt Lake City and London from seasonal to year-round service. Eurowings Discover, meanwhile, broke into the Salt Lake City market last year with seasonal nonstop flights to Frankfurt, Germany.

The new airport opened in 2020 and will be able to accommodate 34 million passengers when Phase 4 of the project is completed. That phase, which includes a 16-gate expansion of concourse B, is expected to be wrapped up by late 2026.

In May, the airport gave travelers their first taste of concourse A's eastward expansion when five new gates opened. An additional four gates on the eastern wing of the concourse are expected to open Aug. 22, with the remaining 13 gates due come on line Oct. 31.



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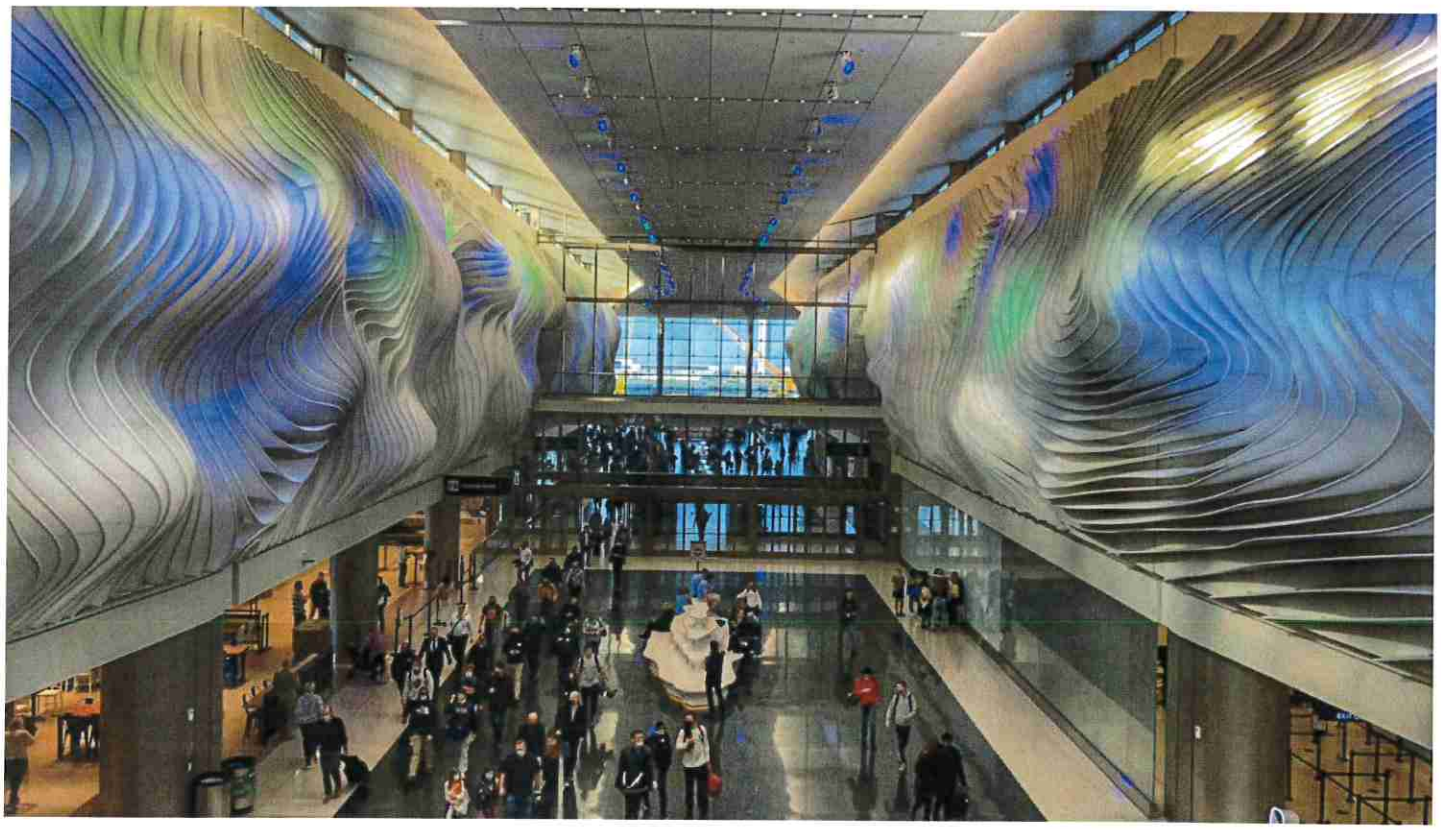


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Salt Lake City International Airport set to break annual visitor record later this year



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The Salt Lake City International Airport. Photo: TownLift

SALT LAKE CITY — The Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC) surpassed its record of the total number of passengers in a 12-month fiscal year period, and is now set to break the record for total number of passengers in a calendar year.

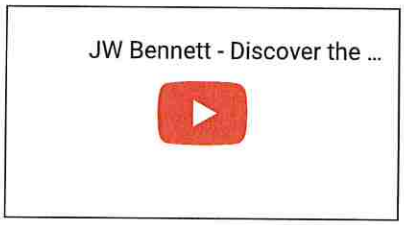
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SLC's record number of passengers in a 12-month period is 26,808,014 during the 2019 calendar year, a milestone officials say they expect to cross by the end of 2023.

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SLC also saw a drastic jump in international travelers during the 2023 Fiscal Year, up from 1,085,640 in the 2019 Fiscal Year to 1,327,241, a 22% increase.

According to a press release from the airport, this increase can be attributed to pent-up demand from passengers wanting to fly to Europe post-pandemic. In response, Delta increased nonstop service between SLC and London from seasonal to annually, and Eurowings Discover began to offer seasonal nonstop service to Frankfurt, Germany in May 2022.

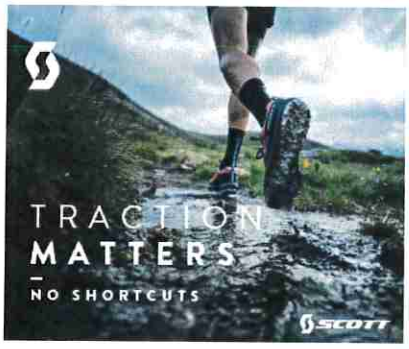


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SLC is the 22nd busiest airport in North America, and the 60th busiest in the world. The former SLC airport, which was designed to accommodate 10 million passengers, closed in fall 2020 and a new airport, designed to accommodate 34 million passengers when completed, is currently under construction.

SLC is currently undergoing a $5.1 billion redevelopment program. The remaining gates of Phase 2 are set to begin operating on October 31, 2023, Phase 3 is slated to open in the fall of 2024, and the final Phase 4 is set to open in late 2026.



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SLC International Airport on track for record-breaking year

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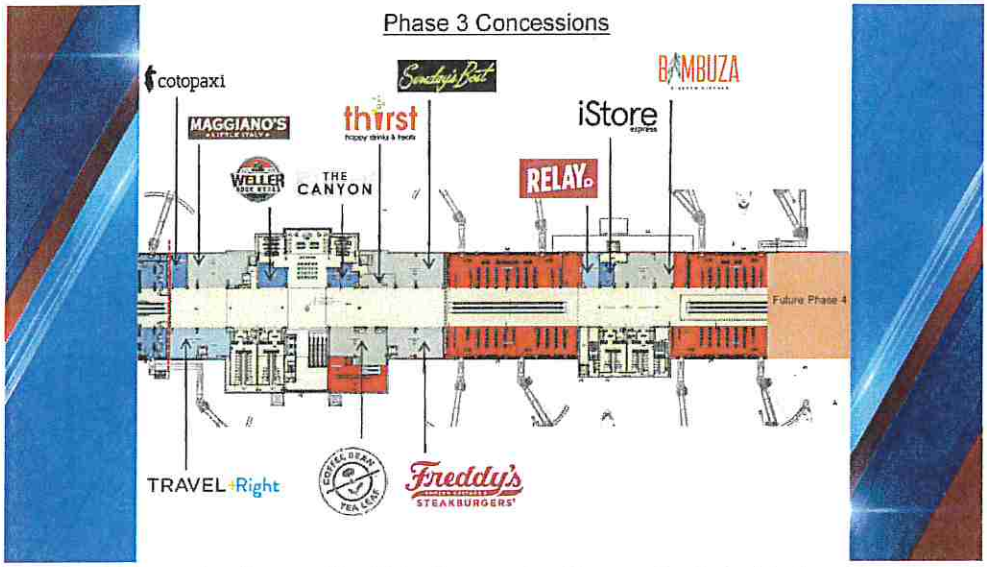
12 new restaurants and stores planned for Salt Lake Airport plaza

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SALT LAKE CITY (**ABC4**) — Work continues on the new and improved **Salt Lake City Airport**, as construction crews continue to build upon Concourse B. On Tuesday, airport officials unveiled six new restaurants and six retail stores that will make up a new plaza coming in the fall of next year.

The new additions are a mix of local and national brands that are required by the airport to offer "street pricing" for their menus and items.



12 new restaurants and retail stores will be added to the new section of Concourse B at the Salt Lake International Airport when it expands in fall 2024. (Image courtesy of Salt Lake International Airport)

The Sandy local brunch spot, Sunday's Best, and soda shop Thirst will represent Utah's local food scene in the new area of the concourse while Cotopaxi, The Canyon, and Weller Book Works are the local retailers.

The local stores are joined by restaurants Bambuza Vietnam Kitchen, Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers, Maggiano's Little Italy, The Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf and national retailers iStore Express, Relay, and Travel Right.

"The new airport has received national accolades for our concession program," said Salt Lake City Department of Airports executive director Bill Wyatt. "These unique restaurants and shops are expected to garner five-star reviews as well."

The airport said it looked for a mix of local, regional, and national brands when looking to fill in the spaces around the nine new Concourse B gates. Airport officials also reportedly took into account pricing, hours of operations and establishment service standards when selecting the new stores.

The first five gates of the new section along Concourse B are expected to open in fall 2024, with the remaining four gates to be opened in fall 2025.

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Salt Lake City airport unveils 12 new concessions as its growth continues

SALT LAKE CITY — Chandler McClellan stands on a massive concrete floor as he points to a series of empty rooms during a tour of ongoing Salt Lake City International Airport construction Tuesday morning.

While all of the rooms are currently just drywall and pipes, McClellan, a construction manager for contractor Austin Okland Joint Venture, explains that this section of the growing Concourse B structure will eventually house a dozen more concession stands when it opens in late 2024.

"They're going to be the ones occupying these (spaces) — food and beverage or retail," he says.

Moments later, Salt Lake City International Airport officials announced six more restaurants and another six retail stores that will open as a part of the third phase of construction at the airport.

Restaurants

- Bambuza Vietnam Kitchen
- Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers
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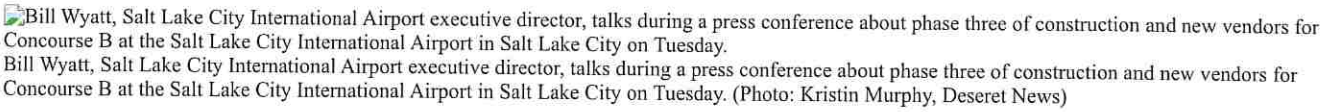
- Cotopaxi
- iStore Express
- Relay
- The Canyon
- Travel Right
- Weller Book Works

The airport originally received 56 proposals for the 12 concession slots when it began planning for the first of two extensions to Concourse B, known as Phase III of the airport's construction, said Bill Wyatt, executive director of the Salt Lake City International Airport. Both Phase III (Concourse B-East) and Phase IV (Concourse B-East extension) help the concourse match the size of Concourse A and the new Concourse A-East that will be completed this year.

This third phase offers 19,260 square feet of space for these concessions. A committee helped whittle the 56-business field down to a dozen, splitting it between restaurants and retail. This opened the door for some new local businesses to operate from the airport.

"This has really been a few years in the making for us," said Michael McHenry, creator of the Sandy-based brunch restaurant Sunday's Best. "We're excited to be a part of this new airport and expansion."

Wyatt points out that most of the 12 are local brands, building on a theme with many of the airport concessions.


Bill Wyatt, Salt Lake City International Airport executive director, talks during a press conference about phase three of construction and new vendors for Concourse B at the Salt Lake City International Airport in Salt Lake City on Tuesday.
Bill Wyatt, Salt Lake City International Airport executive director, talks during a press conference about phase three of construction and new vendors for Concourse B at the Salt Lake City International Airport in Salt Lake City on Tuesday. (Photo: Kristin Murphy, Deseret News)

All of the businesses will offer the same prices as any location outside of the airport, which is required for all businesses that operate within the massive complex.

"We want people to know — when they're in the airport — where they are," he said. "They're in Salt Lake City. They're in Utah, and so it's very important to see a broad representation of local interest represented in the concessions, and frankly, represented in the look and feel of the airport, as well. So far we've been able to achieve that."

The third phase includes eight new gates on top of the 12 new businesses, as well as the opening of a new 1,100-foot tunnel that connects Concourse B-East with the main terminal, cutting the distance it takes passengers to reach Concourse B-East. The famous world map that existed on the floor in the old Salt Lake City airport will be installed at the center of the concourse as it expands in size, too.

Delta Air Lines is also slated to open a second Sky Club on a floor above the new gates and stores, Wyatt added. Airport executives are still planning out the fourth phase of the project, which will fill out the rest of Concourse B with 16 more gates and 19 additional concession spaces by 2027.

Paying for future construction

Meanwhile, airport officials are working to finalize the funding to pay for all of this growth even as construction lingers on. The Salt Lake City Council authorized the airport to issue as much as $600 million in new bonds, which will be used to cover the cost to complete Phase III.

Wyatt told KSL.com that the airport is still hoping to only issue about $456 million in bonds; however, the additional $144 million helps cover the range of the bond market. Executives recently presented the plan to a rating agency and will begin bond pricing in mid-July as they seek to pay for the construction.

"We won't do as well with interest rates this time, as we did on the first three, because things have changed, but we expect to do pretty well with it," he said, referring to how interest rates have risen significantly as compared to other bonds issued for previous construction.

He adds that he believes the airport's growth since the new airport opened in 2020 and the region's economic performance will help with bond sales. On top of that, the airport now has construction crews under contract to complete the rest of the project. The contract comes with guaranteed pricing, so there are fewer concerns about volatility in construction pricing over the next four years.

All this growth will help serve a major demand as Utah air travel recovered from the COVID-19 pandemic about a year before anticipated.

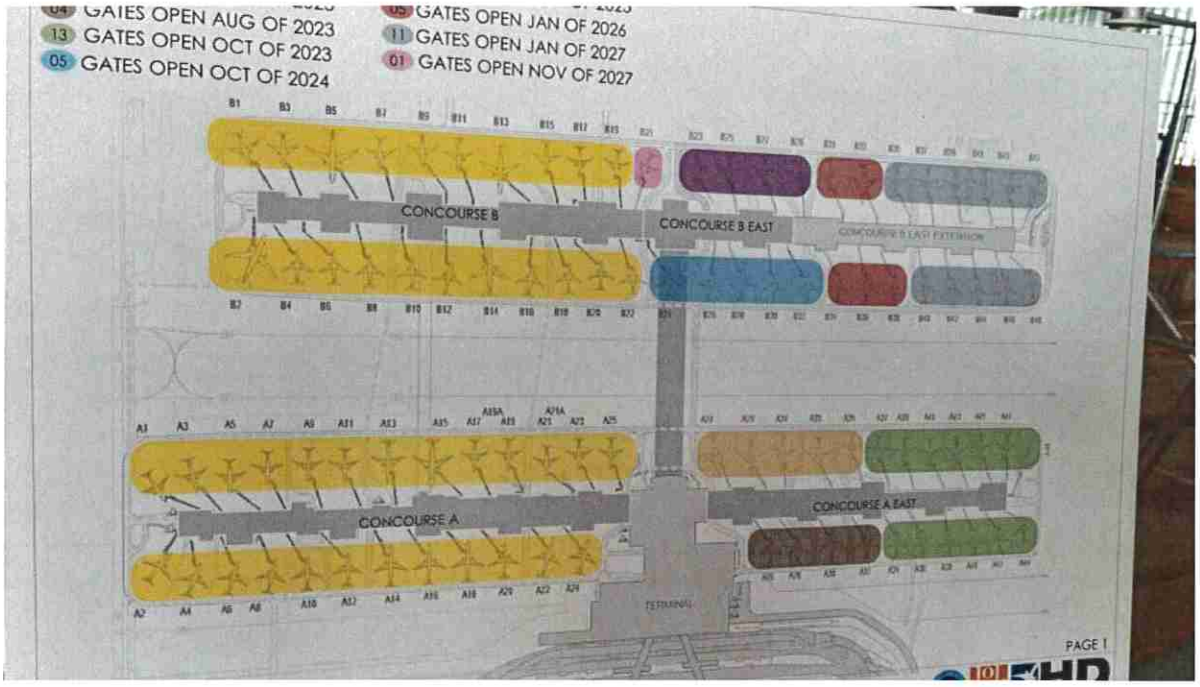
"We're definitely back," Wyatt said. "It's been busy because we had a phenomenal winter with the snow and ski season, and I suspect we'll have a busy summer."

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Salt Lake City International Airport announces new stores, gives timeline update

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The Salt Lake City International Airport will open five new gates in fall 2024. (Adam Small/KSL NewsRadio)

BY ADAM SMALL

Reporter, Utah's Morning News

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SALT LAKE CITY — Officials at the Salt Lake Airport City International Airport announced new stores and completion dates during an update on the airport expansion on Tuesday. Twelve new stores and restaurants are coming to the airport for Phase 3.

This is the eastern expansion of Concourse B, which opened with the new terminal in 2020.

Salt Lake City Executive Director of Airports Bill Wyatt said the first five gates on Concourse B East will open in fall 2024, with another four opening in 2025.

Wyatt said Concourse B will play a big part at the airport.

"The other airlines don't connect traffic here. They're just bringing local people to some other part of the country or the world and bringing the rest of the world to Salt Lake so it's a very important role that Concourse B is going to play."

The rest of the B East gates will open in 2025 and 2026. Phase 4 will expand Concourse B even further in 2026, which is when Wyatt said the entire expansion is set to be completed.

"We're opening gates every year from now until when we open so we're really excited."

Some of the new stores coming in Phase 3 include Freddy's Steakburgers, Cotopaxi and an Apple-licensed iStore Express.

"The growth that we're experiencing is really the product of the economic growth of this region. That's what drives air travel and we respond to that. We're very excited."

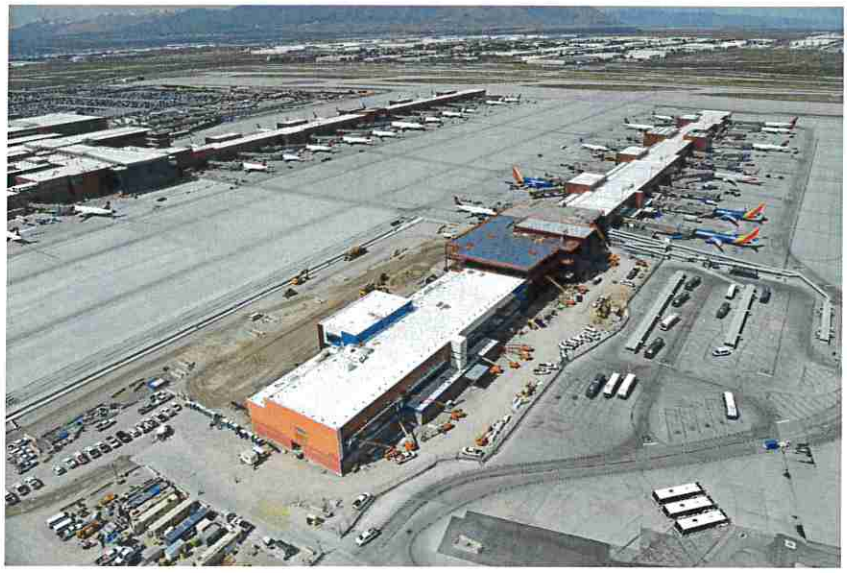
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Salt Lake City International Airport announces new phase 3 concessions

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Phase 3 progress at the Salt Lake City International Airport as of June 2023.

The Salt Lake City International Airport has announced 12 additional restaurants and retail shops planned for phase 3, the concourse B extension, slated to open in fall 2024.

The new concourse B food and beverage options include: Bambuza Vietnam Kitchen; Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers; Maggiano's Little Italy; Sunday's Best; The Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf; and Thirst.

Travelers will also be able to visit a mix of new national and local outlets like Cotopaxi; iStore Express, an Apple-licensed digital shop; Relay, a travel convenience store; Travel Right, another convenience option; The Canyon, a gift shop; and Salt Lake City's own



Salt Lake City International Airport

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When selecting the concessions for the New SLC Phase 3, airport officials said they looked for a mix of local, regional and national brands, while taking into consideration pricing, hours of operation and service standards.

Requirements for the six food and beverage locations included three full-service restaurants with alcohol service, a local/national fast-food or gourmet/specialty burger brand, a quick-serve restaurant and a dedicated full-service coffee concept. For the six specialty retail/news and gift locations, as well as the food and beverage options, street pricing is also a requirement.

The New SLC Phase 3 encompasses a nine-gate extension of Concourse B to the east. The first five gates will open in fall 2024, followed by four gates in fall 2025.

Find renderings of phase 3 concession concepts here.

Many of the businesses selected for Phase 3 are ACDBE-certified (Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise).

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Where can you grab some grub when SLC airport expands the B gates?

The stores and eateries — local and national brands — will come on line starting next year.

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When travelers trek through the Salt Lake City International Airport's new Central Tunnel starting in 2024, they will not only have a shorter walk to concourse B, they also will have access to new gates and plenty of grub at the other end.

Airport officials this week announced a slate of shops and restaurants scheduled to open when the airport's Phase 3 — a nine-gate eastward extension of concourse B — wraps up.

"The new airport has received national accolades for our concessions program," Bill Wyatt, executive director of Salt Lake City's Department of Airports, said in a news release. "These unique restaurants and shops are expected to garner five-star reviews as well."

Travelers looking for a bite or something to sip will have access to Utah-based Sunday's Best; fast-food chain Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers; national chain Maggiano's Little Italy; Bambuza Vietnam Kitchen; The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf; and Thirst, a soda shop based in the Beehive State.

Shoppers, meanwhile, will be able to peruse Utah-based apparel and outdoor gear company Cotopaxi's new location; convenience stores Relay and Travel Right; an art and jewelry shop called The Canyon; Salt Lake City-based Weller Book Works; and tech accessory shop iStore Express.

(Salt Lake City International Airport) A rendering of a Weller Book Works location that will open as part of an expansion of the airport's B gates.

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The first five gates of the phase will open in fall 2024, followed by another four gates a year later.

The airport's most recent expansion opened five new gates on concourse A last month.

Additional gates on concourse A are expected to open in August, with the wing's remaining 13 gates scheduled to open Oct. 31.

When passengers going through security are finally able to reach the B gates through the Central Tunnel later next year, they will be greeted by the old airport's famous world map in a new plaza.

(Salt Lake City International Airport) A rendering of Sunday's Best, a restaurant that will open as part of an expansion of the airport's B gates.



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With machinery whirring in the background, local business owner Ethan Cisneros expressed his gratitude to the media on Tuesday morning at Salt Lake City International Airport as workers continued their development of Concourse B.

"I'm literally just in shock right now. It's amazing," he said

Cisneros' soda shop, Thirst, is one of 12 concessions scheduled to open in fall 2024 as part of The New SLC Phase 3 — a nine-gate expansion of Concourse B, complete with a mini-plaza featuring large-scale art installations. Five initial gates will open in October 2024.

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In addition to Thirst, four other local brands were chosen: Cotopaxi, known for its colorful bags and apparel; The Canyon, showcasing local art; Sunday's Best and its savory and sweet menu; and Weller Book Works, a staple of the state's local book scene. It's part of an effort to remind travelers all over the world that they're in Utah, according to Wyatt.

"It's very important to us that we see a broad representation of local interests represented in the concessions program, frankly, represented in the look and feel of the airport as well," he said.



Jose Navarrete and Luis Resendiz, both with Daw Construction Group, work on phase three of the Salt Lake City International Airport construction outside of Concourse B in Salt Lake City on Tuesday, June 20, 2023. | Kristin Murphy, Deseret News | Purchase Image

And as a local business owner, Cisneros says getting involved in the community is vital.

"It's always been the way that we do business, whether it's community events or supporting the community, or doing anything we can do to do more than just take money from the consumers in the community. And this is a huge step in that," he said.

The 12 new restaurants and shops were selected from a pool of 56 proposed concepts and will occupy 19,260 square feet of space. They are:

Food and beverage:

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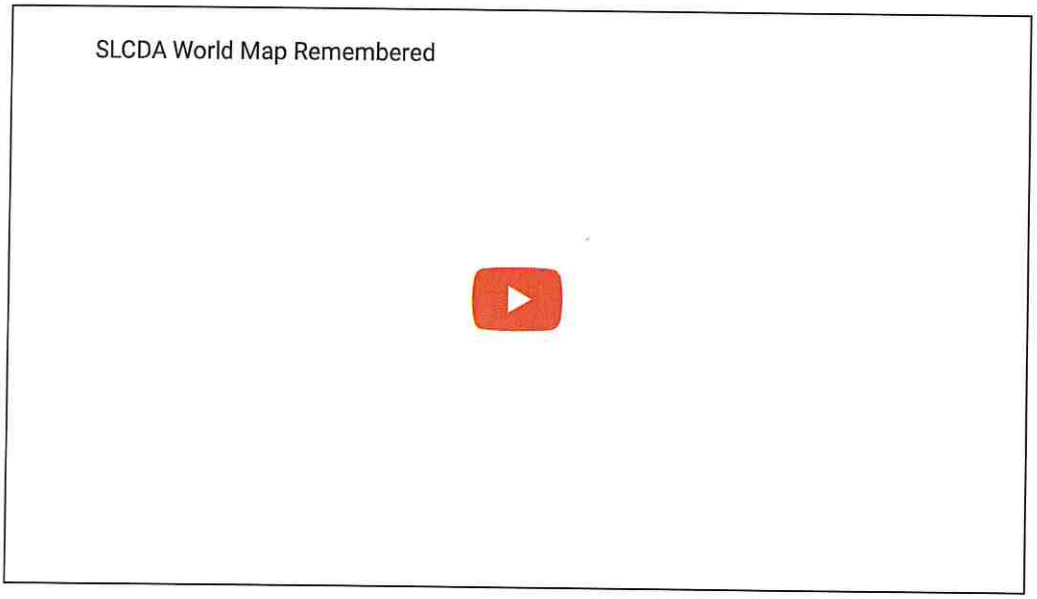
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Additionally, two art installations made by Gordon Huether will decorate the plaza. "Canyon 2.0" will act as an extension of "Canyon," seen along the walls in the main terminal, while "Northern Light" is a glass sculpture that will hang above the concourse.

"(It uses) the dichroic glass, which reflects the light of the moment," Wyatt said. "It changes colors throughout the course of the day."

Phase 3 also includes the opening of the Central Tunnel in October 2024, which connects Concourses A and B. It features another art installation from Huether, titled "The River Tunnel."

Development of the Concourse B east expansion is well underway. When finished, the new area will consist of moving walkways with gates on either side. Concessions and restrooms will be in between.

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Background

Salt Lake City's Airport Redevelopment Program broke ground in 2014 with the vision of a new airport featuring one central terminal and two concourses, replacing the old five-concourse horseshoe design.

Phase 1, finished in 2020, introduced a new parking garage, a central terminal and the west portions of Concourses A and B, complete with 46 gates. Five of 22 more gates in Concourse A just opened in May, with the rest coming online by the end of the year.

The fourth and final phase will add 16 gates to the Concourse B east expansion, bringing the total number of Salt Lake airport gates to 94. That will be ready in 2027, 13 years after the project began.

"Whenever you build airports ... you have to build it in phases. That way you keep parts of it open," Chandler McClellan, the deputy program manager of construction, said. "I compare it to a chess game. You're always moving parts and pieces, which is extremely complicated. That's why you always have to have good contractors on board, good architects and engineers. You always have to figure out how you're going to play that chess match."

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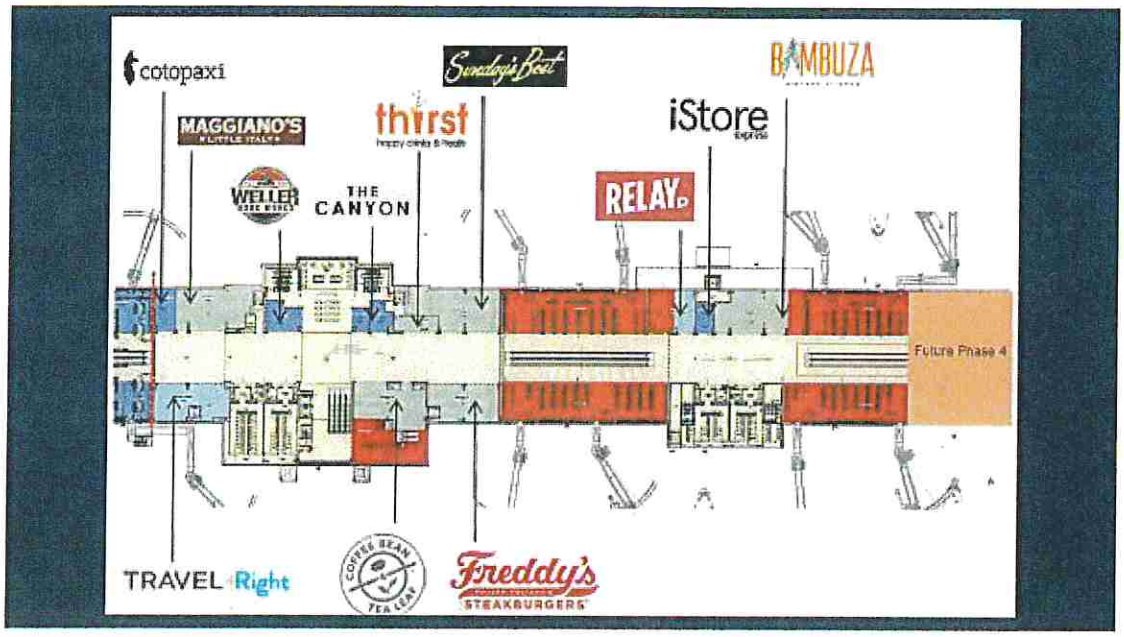


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Click here for renderings of the Phase 3 concession concepts.

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Say hello to The New SLC Phase 3 concessions

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Salt Lake City International Airport on Tuesday revealed the names of the restaurants and shops that will occupy 19,260 square feet of concession space in Concourse B late next year.

Details: The 12 new eateries and retailers are expected to open in fall 2024 as part of the airport's third phase of ongoing construction. Six new spots to eat and drink will include:

- Sunday's Best, a local all-day brunch restaurant;
- Thirst, a Utah-based soda, pretzel and beignet shop;
- The Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf, the first Utah location of the California coffee chain;
- Bambuza Vietnam Kitchen, a Vietnamese concept that serves soups, salads and sandwiches;
- Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers, a burger chain featuring hot dogs and custard desserts;
- Maggiano's Little Italy, an Italian chain that serves breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Image courtesy: Salt Lake City International Airport

Retail will include:

- Cotopaxi, a local outdoor gear store;
- Weller Book Works, a family-owned bookstore;
- The Canyon, a store that sells artwork made by local creatives;
- iStore Express, an Apple-licensed electronics shop;
- Relay, a travel convenience store;
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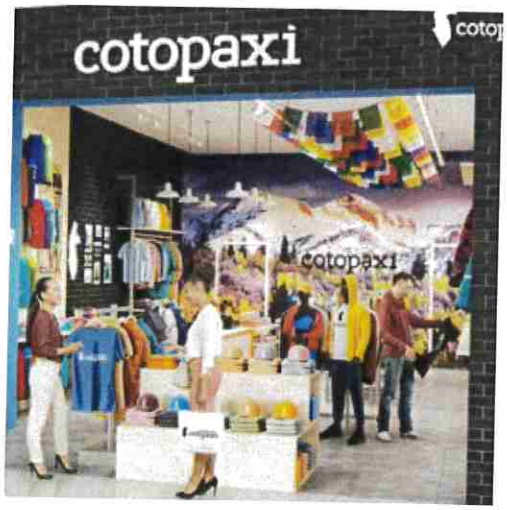
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The concessions footprint in this phase of redevelopment amounts to 19,260 square feet. Bambuza Hospitality Group, HMSHost, Marshall Retail Group, Paradies Lagardère, SLC Airport Concessions Group and SSP America all won locations in this latest tranche.



On the food and beverage side, SSP America will open and operate Thirst, a local soda concept that offers dirty sodas, soft pretzels, beignets and other pastries, as well as grab and go sandwiches, salads and wraps; and Sunday's Best, a local concept offering savory and sweet dishes, along with contemporary cuisine diversity.

Bambuza Hospitality Group will open its signature Bambuza Vietnam Kitchen, offering noodle soups, fresh salad rolls, wok-seared specialty bowls and sandwiches; and will also open a location of The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf.

HMSHost will open a location of popular Italian-American casual dining concept Maggiano's Little Italy. while Paradies Lagardère will open a location of the popular burger chain Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers. Paradies Lagardère also won on the retail side, with contracts to open a Relay travel convenience store and an Apple-licensed iStore Express.

Marshall Retail Group will operate three retail locations: Cotopaxi, a local apparel, accessories and gear brand that started in SLC in 2014; Weller Book Works, a Salt Lake City original; and Travel Right, a new convenience brand that focuses on providing healthy and local items. Finally, SLC Airport Concessions Group will open The Canyon, a concept that will feature the work of local artists and artisans.

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Airport officials said street pricing is a requirement for all concessions locations.

SLC names Phase 3 concessions

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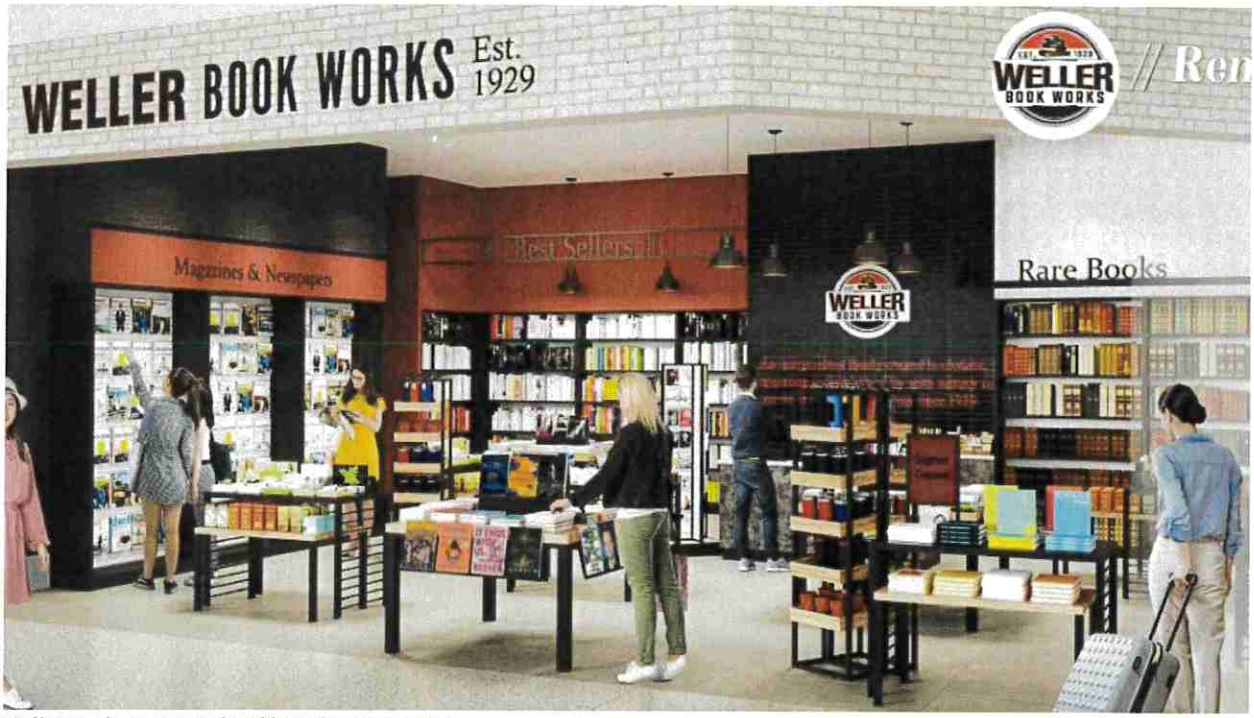
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Improved walkability at Salt Lake City Int'l Airport remains on schedule



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SALT LAKE CITY — The new and improved Salt Lake City International Airport remains on schedule with more dining and shopping options for travelers, but more important, a way to cut down on the long walk to B gates.

"Really excited," said Lizzie Jensen. "I don't like sweating when I have to walk to B gates. I do get my steps in, but I think it would be huge improvement for us not to have to do that."

Some passengers, believe it or not, say the walk time isn't too big of a problem.

"It's not as bad as people say it is," claimed Carson Allen. "The only time I ever feel like it's annoying is when I'm here with my kids and I have to carry one of them or push one of them."

On Tuesday, officials announced 12 the dining and shopping options that are coming to the new area. offering new experiences for travelers when it opens along with five extra gates in 2024.

Jensen said she is looking forward to the additional options

"I'm in airports a lot, so having airports that you can kind of explore, have different things to do, makes a really big difference," she said.

"About half of the passengers in this airport never walk through the front door, they are connecting so it's important that we offer all of our passengers, locals and those who are connecting a wide range of opportunities for them as they are passing through the airport," said Bill Wyatt, executive director, Salt Lake City Department of Airports.

Local businesses aren't being ignored as Cotopaxi, the Canyon, Sunday's Best, Weller Book Works and Thirst are some of the locations being added.

"Bringing the local businesses, the things we love most about Salt Lake and having it here, which is really fun," said Jensen.

Just seven years ago, Cisneros started Thirst when he was 19 years old, and said getting to open at the airport is something he never imagined.

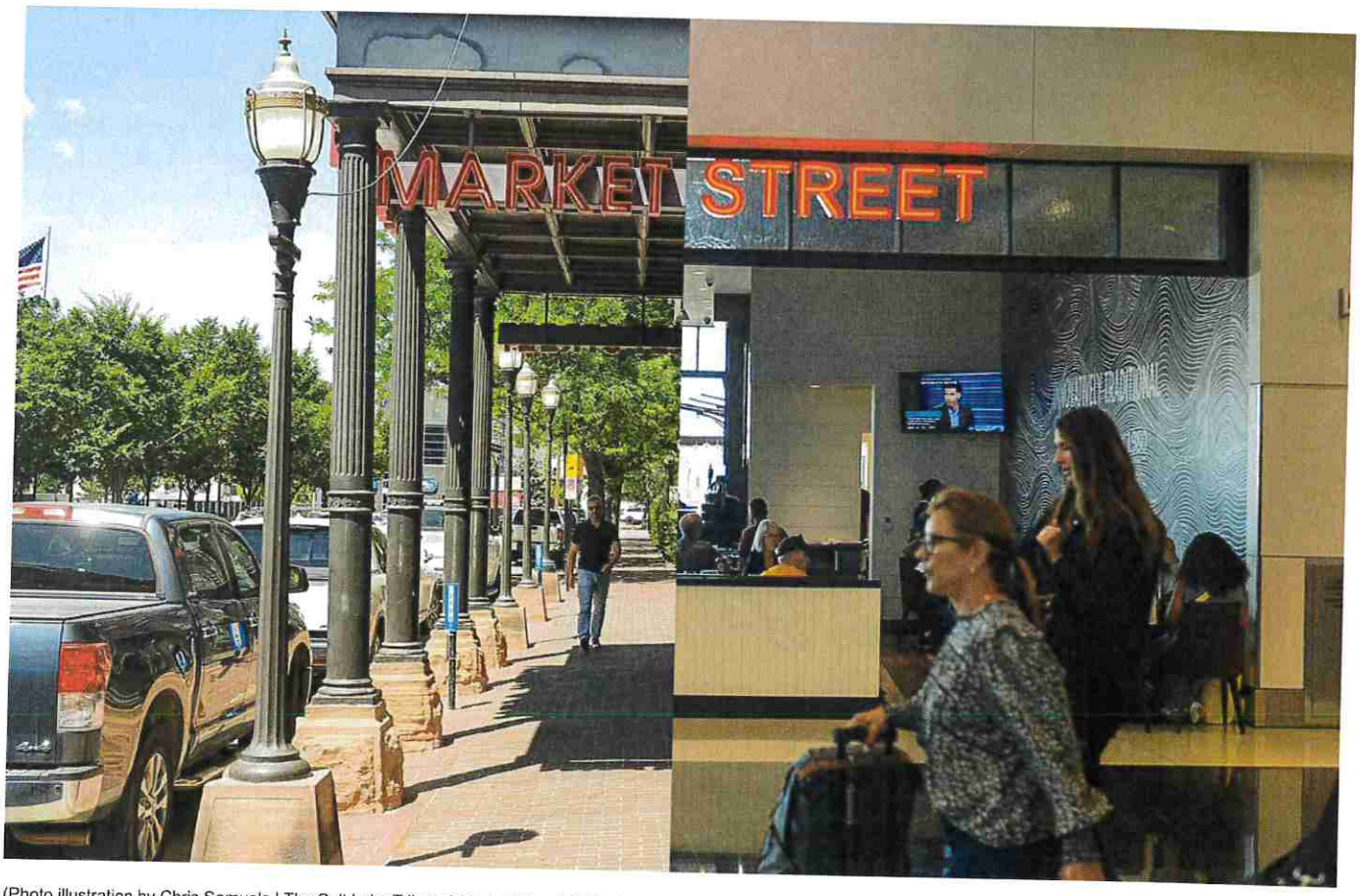
"Everything about Thirst is becoming part of the community that we're selling in, and so this is a huge step in that direction," said Ethan Cisneros. "One thing led to another, and ultimately we're here, so we're grateful for the opportunity."

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How SLC airport prevents travelers from being gouged at its restaurants

Policy says you shouldn't be on the hook for paying more for food, drinks and other items once you pass through security.



(Photo illustration by Chris Samuels | The Salt Lake Tribune) Market Street Grill at its location in downtown Salt Lake City, left, and at Salt Lake City International Airport, right. The Tribune analyzed prices at both locations, as well as other local shops and restaurants in Utah, to see if prices are the same outside the airport as well as past security.

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We've all been there.

Amid the swirl of activity from frantic flyers, you snag a wrap from a generic airport deli. It's not worth the $16 you just plopped down, but that's the cost of fueling up before taking to the skies.

That's a familiar scene that the team behind Salt Lake City International Airport wanted to avoid.

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To save travelers from sticker shock, the sparkling new multibillion-dollar airport instituted a policy to bar vendors from charging more than they do out on the street.

"When people get the notion that they're not being gouged, or they're not paying significantly more for something than they might otherwise be, they'll buy it," airport Executive Director Bill Wyatt said. "That's clearly proved to be the case here."

According to an airport shopping excursion of sorts by The Salt Lake Tribune, the pricing policy seems to be working. In most cases, concessionaires appear to be complying.

In a few instances, airport prices were moderately higher than comparable locations in the community. Sometimes, though, the airport rate was actually cheaper.

Wyatt said he brought street pricing to Salt Lake City because he saw it work at Oregon's Portland International Airport, which he previously oversaw as the Port of Portland's executive director.

That success, he said, stemmed from travelers — especially locals — getting used to the idea that they could dine at the airport or pick up headphones for a price similar to a shop downtown.

Vendors are largely compliant

(Chris Samuels | The Salt Lake Tribune) Squatters Pub Brewery at Salt Lake City International Airport, Monday, June 26, 2023.

(Chris Samuels | The Salt Lake Tribune) Squatters Pub Brewery in Salt Lake City, Tuesday, June 27, 2023.

Each store at Salt Lake City International has a comparable location or multiple spots outside the airport that officials use to reference pricing. If a vendor wants to boost prices, it must notify the concessions team and show that prices also went up at the street location.

Rocio Gould, an Idaho resident who was passing through the airport last week, praised the policy.

"It's good for everybody, right?" she said. "We shouldn't pay more money than outside. I know I always pay a lot of money for water, especially, and I don't like that."

Good news for Gould: Only a handful of items The Tribune reviewed June 23 was more pricey at the airport than at the locations officials use to compare costs.

That 16-ounce hot coffee at Beans & Brews Coffee House? It's $2.65 whether you buy it on concourse A or across from Liberty Park.

A $1.99 pack of Extra gum from Hudson's Land Speed Depot? Away from the airport, it's $1.99 at a Speedway, too.

Craving a bacon and egg waffle from Bruges Belgian Bistro? That'll be $9 regardless of whether you choose to dig in while waiting for a flight or after taking a stroll through Pioneer Park.

From a 20-ounce bottle of Gatorade at Maverik to a package of Extra peppermint gum at Land Speed Depot, most convenience stores at Salt Lake City International Airport keep prices fairly in line with outside stores.

From a double Bacon Smash at Smashburger to an entree at Panda Express, most vendors at Salt Lake City International Airport generally keep prices in line with their other stores.

The Apple EarPods you forgot at home? They cost $19 to replace whether you buy them at Tech on the Go in the terminal plaza or directly from an Apple store outside the airport.

Those same headphones, however, were listed at $29.99 at The Salt Lake Tribune convenience store. A representative for Hudson, which runs the shop, said the earbuds were mistagged and would have rung up for the same $19 they cost outside the airport.

At Squatters Pub Brewery on concourse A, a 20-ounce beer cost $8, while the restaurant's downtown location had the same size beer listed for $7.50.

Rick Seven, marketing manager for Salt Lake Brewing Co., which operates Squatters, said the pub was in the middle of revamping its menu and that the downtown location's drink menu had not been updated yet.

The pricing was different between the two locations for no more than a week and a half, he said, and had been updated by June 27 to set the price of draft beer at $8 in both places.

"You just happened to time it," he said, "perfectly wrong."

(Chris Samuels | The Salt Lake Tribune) Snacks at The Salt Lake Tribune store at Salt Lake City International Airport, Monday, June 26, 2023.

At the airport's Market Street Grill, meanwhile, a two-piece order of fish and chips ran $18.99, and the cheapest draft Bud Light on the menu rang up as $6.75. At the restaurant's downtown location, those same fish and chips cost a dollar less, and a Bud Light was $4.25.

Concourse A's Jamba sold a small mango-a-go-go for $6.99, while the location on Salt Lake City's 400 South had the same smoothie for 40 cents less.

A representative of HMSHost, which operates Market Street Grill and Jamba in the airport, said he would have the company's public relations department call to discuss the higher airport rates. No call came.

How does the airport ensure the policy is followed?

(Chris Samuels | The Salt Lake Tribune) A collection of local restaurants at Salt Lake City International Airport, Monday, June 26, 2023.

Wyatt, the airport's executive director, said there isn't much tolerance for charging more than street pricing — even if it's a minimal increase.

"You've got to be very careful because once you start ... looking the other way at somebody who's 3% higher, then all of a sudden, people will take notice," he said. "I can tell you these folks all keep an eye on each other. It's a very competitive space out here, and they don't want to see someone taking advantage of a situation that isn't available to them as well."

Because the airport's concessions team is small, there is no way to constantly check pricing and enforce the policy. Airport officials instead rely on complaints via social media and through email, feedback from workers who may notice price hikes, and walking the premises themselves to check.

While he's confident in the level of compliance the airport does see, Brad Wolfe, the airport's commercial manager, knows items do slip through the cracks at times.

"We don't know what we don't know," Wolfe said. "We honestly don't have the time just to be doing that on a regular basis, but we do our best to keep up on it."

Although the airport can issue fines of up to $500 for each violation, Wolfe said he's never imposed such a penalty.

Kylie Bouley, the airport's commercial program coordinator, said she and Wolfe have a good relationship with vendors and trust those operators to comply as best they can with the policy.

"If something happens," she said, "it's more of a fluke than a systemic, pervasive issue."

Could routine audits be more useful?

(Chris Samuels | The Salt Lake Tribune) Wasatch Brew Pub and plane traffic at Salt Lake City International Airport, Monday, June 26, 2023.

At Portland International, where street pricing has been on the books since at least the 1970s, airport officials have a more formal process for price checks, according to Kaitlin Hunter, senior manager of concessions development.

Vendor leases in the City of Roses contain a provision that allows regular audits of pricing.

"I have a concessions team," Hunter said, "that spends many, many, many hours ensuring that those prices are the same as the street."

And those efforts appear to do the trick. Hunter estimates about 80% of Portland International's compliance comes through the audits, with the remainder from traveler complaints.

Just about every audit the airport does, she said, uncovers some level of noncompliance.

For now, formal audits aren't in the cards for Salt Lake City.

Wolfe might reinstate a secret shopper program, which operated at the old airport, but such an initiative has been put on the back burner until the airport's continuing expansion slows from its frenetic pace.

Wyatt, however, doesn't seem to be in any rush to bring back such a formal review.

"We don't feel we need to right now," he said, "but if the need ever arose, we would happily do that."

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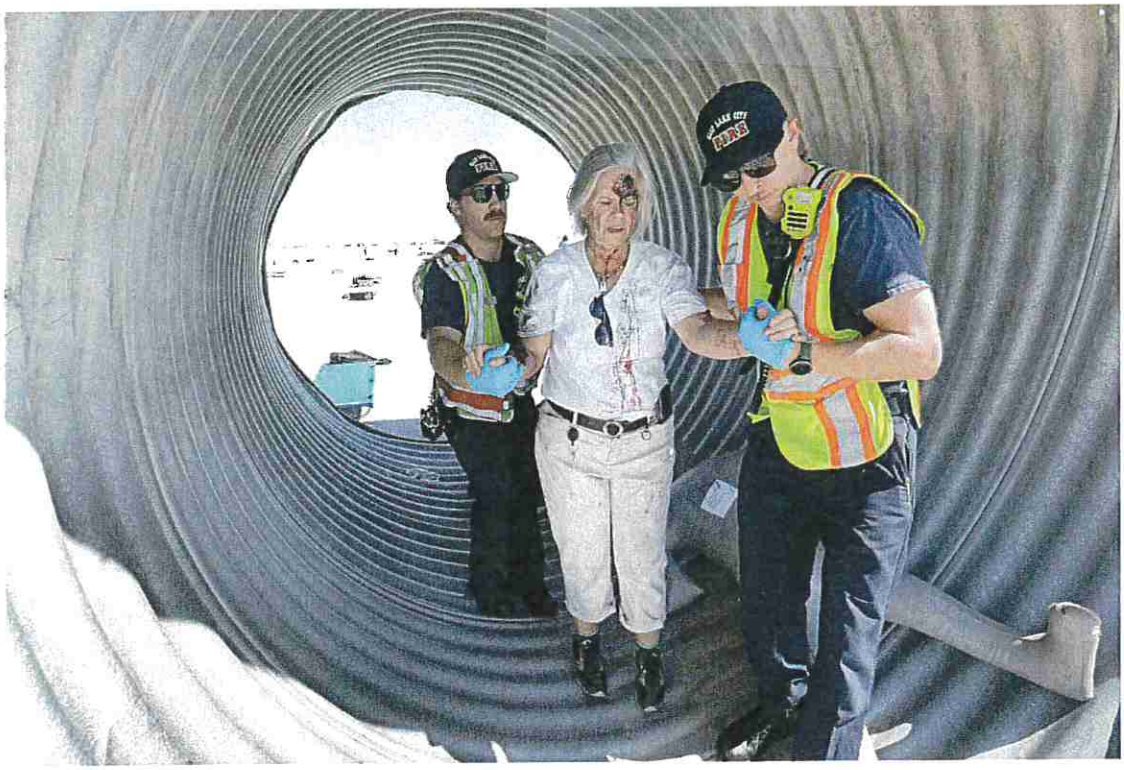
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While it was only a test, the Salt Lake City Department of Airports' emergency exercise provided a realistic battlefield to prepare for the real deal.

Friday's exercise at the Salt Lake International Airport included local first responders and agencies as well as staff with United Airlines, simulating the crash of a medium-size commercial aircraft on the airfield. As many as 100 volunteer actors gave a couple of hundred staff and emergency personnel real victims to attend to during the event.

The scenario tested the airport's Emergency Operation Center, medical triage capabilities, helicopter operations and the Incident Command System. The Federal Aviation Administration requires airports to conduct a full-scale drill every three years.

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Salt Lake's airport strives to be accessible for all flyers

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The new Salt Lake airport was built to be more accessible to people of all abilities. (Michael Camit/KSL NewsRadio)

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SALT LAKE CITY — Airport renovation is a decades-long process. However, planners bringing the Salt Lake City International Airport

into the 21st century have never forgotten Utah's disabled fliers — striving to make it accessible for all.

Playing the long game

I'm in the beehive that is the TSA checkpoint of the new Salt Lake airport. Agents pat down my wheelchair, and soon enough I re-join my hosts underneath the flowing Narrows-like decor of the main plaza.

"We have been planning this new airport since the 1990s," said Nancy Volmer. "It was part of our master plan."

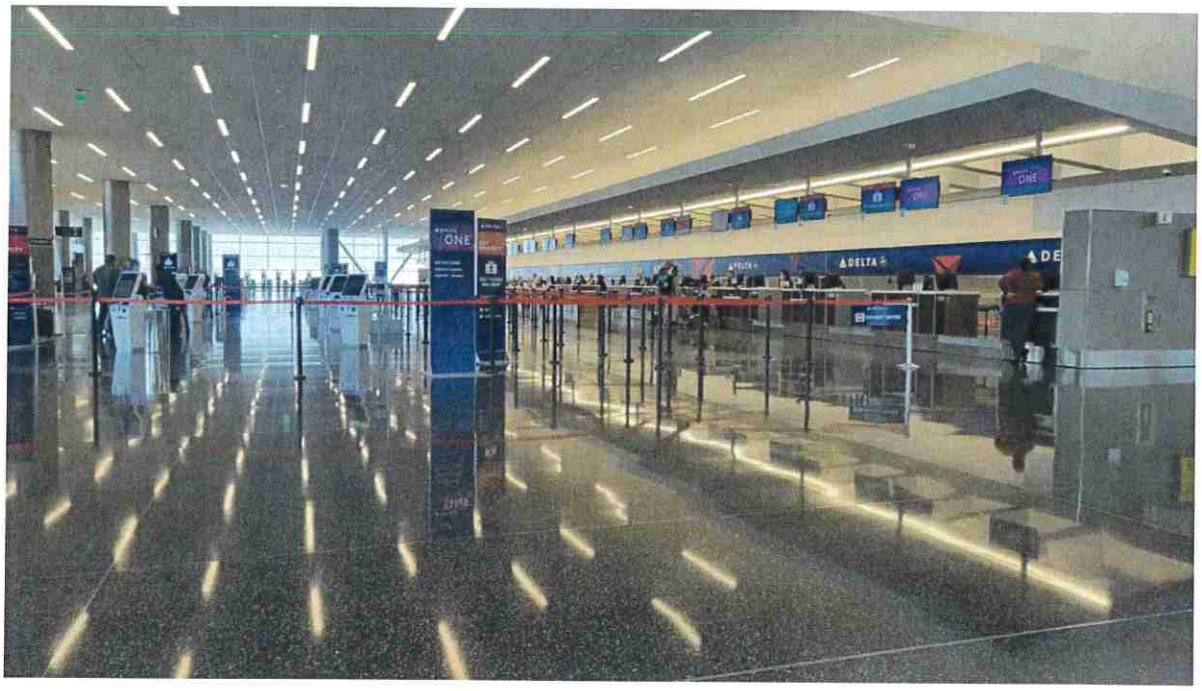
Volmer is the airport's Director of Communication and Marketing. The 'masterplan' to rebuild the entire airport survived 9/11's fallout, the great recession and a worldwide pandemic. Joining Volmer is Mark Cheminant, the airport's main Americans with Disabilities coordinator.

Their vision is a beautiful airport giving travelers a taste of Utah while accommodating disabled flyers.

Intentional thought to make Salt Lake's airport accessible

Flying in a wheelchair is hard. There are long distances between gates, limited handicap facilities and arduous boarding processes. Airlines are primarily responsible for the third point, but Volmer and Cheminant have worked hard to address the first two.

"The terminal's designed to be very wide open," Cheminant explains. "You're experiencing the flat, smooth floors versus carpets, ramps, step-downs, things like that."



The wide and clutter-free Delta check-in counters at Salt Lake City International Airport (Michael Camit, KSL NewsRadio)

I never needed to push my wheelchair up a single ramp the whole way.

“A lot of intentional thought went into the accessible design,” Cheminant continues.

I can see how they built around that. I don’t have to roll a marathon to make it to a handicapped restroom from any gate. You can even request adult changing stations if you need them.

Other features to make the Salt Lake airport accessible are on the way. The hike to Concourse B will pass faster when a new central tunnel opens in October 2024. That route will be even more accommodating when a train is added to reach Concourse C. There are also services for sensory disabilities and plans to add special rooms for people with neurodivergence.

Being a part of the adventure

As the airport's expanded, handicap accommodations have grown in request. Cheminant tells me meeting those needs makes for a fulfilling career.

"Once we're in the new facility," Cheminant says, "I think it'll be a whole different and much more user-friendly experience for everybody, able-bodied or not."

"Family members are coming together," Volmer adds, "And we're making that happen."

For them, a completed airport is a gathering place for a community.

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Salt Lake City approves record $448.5M budget targeting 'most pertinent needs'

By Carter Williams, KSL.com | Posted - June 14, 2023 at 9:43 p.m.

Members of the Salt Lake City Council on Tuesday voted to approve a record $448.5 million budget for the 2024 fiscal year. The figure represents more than a 5% increase from the budget approved last year, though Salt Lake City Mayor Erin Mendenhall, who recommended a $444.5 million budget last month, explained that inflation is driving most of the monetary changes.

The money also represents only the general fund portion of Salt Lake City's finances. It includes $20 million in new affordable housing funding, including nearly $17 million coming from the Redevelopment Agency of Salt Lake City. The city has spent $56 million on affordable housing altogether since 2020 prior to this year's budget discussions.

The council also agreed to set aside $500,000 for a sanctioned homeless campground grant program, in what members of the council are calling a "quick-turn homelessness response solution." The funds are set to be sent to a holding account first, though, as the council finalizes details on how the sanctioned campground will function.

"We're responding to the city's most pertinent needs through this budget. The lack of affordable housing and the lack of solutions for the unsheltered are evident, and through our funding decisions ... we are catalyzing significant progress on both fronts," said Salt Lake City Council Chairman Darin Mano in a statement after the vote.

Other changes include a 5% cost-of-living adjustment for all city employees, as well as the opening of more than 60 new jobs within general fund departments.

additional social workers for the Salt Lake City Fire Department's Community Health Access Team and a full-time worker to oversee a new air quality incentives program. The money for the latter was also sent to a holding account while the council finalizes the program.

The City Council also voted to fund more "quick-install" traffic calming measures and other road safety features, while also expanding its K-12 transit pass program to include parents or guardians of Salt Lake City School District students. The program, launched last year, initially gave passes to K-12 students, faculty and staff members at no additional cost.

While there were no property tax changes, the city also approved moving forward with an 18% increase in water utility fees, a 15% increase in sewer fees and a 10% increase in stormwater fees. The increase is set to be used to help the city pay for a new $800 million water treatment plant that was needed to keep up with new federal regulations. There's also a 10% increase in fees for streetlights in the new budget.

The entire budget is expected to be posted on the city's finance page at a later time. The 2024 fiscal year begins on July 1.

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Salt Lake City International Airport Revenue Bond Rating Raised To 'A+' From 'A' On Strong Recovery, Finances

BOSTON (S&P Global Ratings) June 22, 2023--S&P Global Ratings raised its long-term rating and underlying rating (SPUR) to 'A+' from 'A' on Salt Lake City's general airport revenue bonds (GARBs) issued for Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC). At the same time, S&P Global Ratings assigned its 'A+' long-term rating to SLC's anticipated $444.8 million series 2023A (AMT) GARBs. The outlook is stable.

"The upgrade reflects a full recovery in passenger levels; impressive execution and delivery of a large, complex airport redevelopment program ahead of schedule; and recently updated airline operating agreements, with business terms that enhance cash flow funding of capital development and improve coverage while keeping financial metrics consistent with a strong financial risk profile," said S&P Global Ratings credit analyst Kurt Forsgren.

The stable outlook reflects our expectation that SLC will achieve and sustain coverage and debt metrics generally in line with current projections, meeting or exceeding forecasts and adhering to financial targets, as the capital program continues and additional debt is issued through 2027.

We could lower the rating if SLC is unable to meet and sustain financial metrics as projected or growth in capital costs associated with the north concourse program translates into higher debt and leverage.

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Boosted by rating upgrades, Salt Lake City airport to sell $429 million of bonds

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Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC) snagged two rating upgrades ahead of its upcoming trip into the municipal bond market to continue financing a $5.135 billion project to replace its facilities.

The $429 million of general airport revenue bonds scheduled to price Wednesday through BofA Securities and J.P. Morgan will mark the fourth debt sale since the once-debt-free airport commenced its New SLC Airport Redevelopment Program in 2014.

> **"For them to give us an upgrade and validate to investors that 'hey there's a lot of positive things happening at the airport,' I think it definitely helps us," Brian Butler, Salt Lake City International Airport's chief financial officer, said.** *Salt Lake City Department of Airports*

Ahead of the pricing, S&P Global Ratings raised the airport's rating a notch to A-plus, Kroll Bond Rating Agency upgraded the bonds to AA from AA-minus, while Moody's Investors Service affirmed an A2 rating — all with stable outlooks.

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Salt Lake City Airport Borrows to Rebuild as Passengers Surge

- **Enplanements estimated to top 13 million pre-pandemic peak**
- **Credit rating upgraded on completion of airport redevelopment**

By Joe Mysak

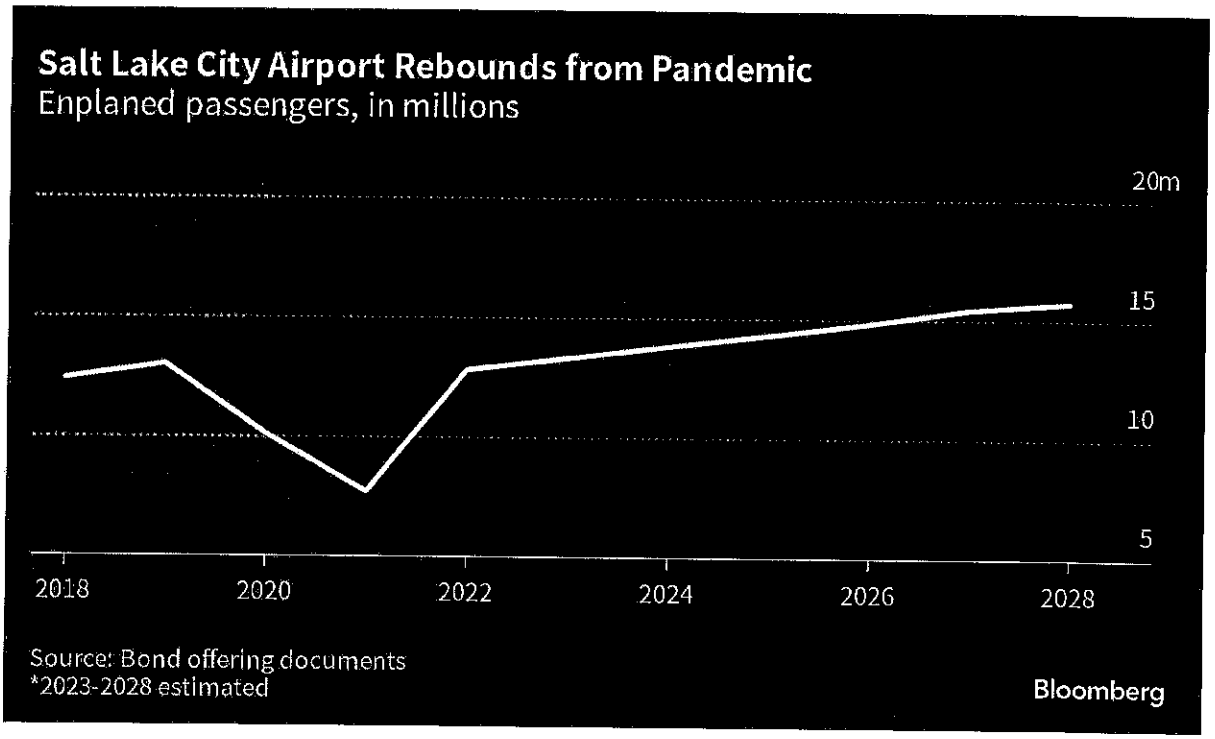
(Bloomberg) -- The Salt Lake City International Airport will be riding a complete recovery from the pandemic and a credit rating upgrade when it comes to market on July 19.

S&P Global Ratings raised its long-term grade on the airport to A+ from A on June 22, saying it reflected "a full recovery in passenger levels; impressive execution and delivery of a large, complex airport redevelopment program ahead of schedule; and recently updated airline operating agreements."

Salt Lake City is selling $429 million in airport revenue bonds to finance a portion of the cost of the "New SLC," a capital program designed to replace all the facilities of the old airport, which is now substantially finished. The airport is currently working on a new 47-gate concourse planned for completion in 2027.

The key metric for airports is enplanements. This number showed steady growth to a peak of 13.1 million in fiscal 2019. "When the Covid-19 pandemic began to affect passenger traffic in March of 2020, enplaned passengers at the Airport decreased substantially, but less than many other US airports," according to the bond offering documents. The airport is projecting that enplanements will reach a total of 13.3 million in fiscal 2023, which ended in June.

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Airports are "over all, one of our favorite sectors," said Jason Appleson, head of municipal bonds at PGIM Fixed Income. "Demand is back and is strong as ever."

The pandemic slowdown prompted airports to continue or finish up capital improvement projects. They sold a record amount of bonds in 2019, $21.3 billion, according to data compiled by Bloomberg, and sold $19 billion in 2022. Issuance this year is $2.8 billion.

Jim Colby, senior municipal strategist and portfolio manager at Van Eck Associates, said, "the upgrade of service with facility improvements in Salt Lake City is consistent with what is happening in several other major US airline cities and hubs."

Under a section of Investment Considerations, Salt Lake City points out that Delta Airlines and Delta Connection accounted for 73.4% of enplanements in fiscal 2022, and observes, "If, for whatever reason, Delta discontinues or reduces its hubbing operations at the Airport, its current level of activity at the Airport may not be replaced by other carriers."

S&P didn't seem concerned by such concentration: "Salt Lake City's very strong market position reflects the airport's favorable expanding service area economy and its strategic importance to Delta Air Lines as a key western US connecting hub, which underpins the airport's strong recovery in enplanements to pre-pandemic levels."

--With assistance from Martin Z. Braun and Danielle Moran.

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Airports across the country are more sustainable thanks to funding from the Federal Aviation Administration. As part of nearly $268 million in grants, about $92 million will go to 21 airports for solar panels, electric buses, charging stations and electrification studies; investments that support good-paying jobs and their local communities. Also, as a part of this sustainability effort, the agency is providing funding to help general aviation airports safely transition to unleaded fuel for piston-engine aircraft.

"We need to help airports transition their operations as quickly as possible to renewable power. Our investments keeps us on track for the net-zero goal," said Shannetta R. Griffin, P.E., Associate Administrator for Airports.

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- $20 million to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport in Arizona to design and construct solar parking structures.
- $3 million to El Paso International Airport in Texas to install solar panels.
- $600,000 to Southeast Iowa Regional Airport in Burlington to install solar panels.
- $333,450 to La Porte Municipal Airport in Indiana to install solar panels.
- $150,000 to Centerville Municipal Airport in Iowa to install solar panels.
- $150,000 Decorah Municipal Airport in Iowa to install solar panels.

Electrification

An additional $44.5 million has been awarded to airports to plan for and purchase electric vehicles and electric transportation infrastructure:

- $16 million to Portland International Airport in Oregon to construct zero emissions vehicle infrastructure.
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To safely eliminate leaded aviation fuels in piston-engine aircraft by the end of 2030, Prescott Regional Airport in Arizona will receive $243,000 to develop a plan to safely transition to unleaded fuel.

View the complete list of grants being announced here.

In its Aviation Climate Action Plan, the United States set a goal to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions in the aviation sector by 2050. To help to achieve this goal, the FAA has awarded:

- $100 million to research and scale fuel-saving technologies and noise reductions;
- $327 million to electrify airport gate equipment and vehicles; and
- $35 million for universities to help build sustainable aviation fuel supply chains and develop new software capability to reduce fuel burn and taxi time.

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SALT LAKE CITY — A new report shows Utah's job market is thriving.

The state's unemployment rate has stayed at a low 2.3% (compared to 3.7% nationally), while 48,900 jobs have been added to the economy since May 2022.

Nate McDonald, the deputy director of the Utah Department of Workforce Services, said college graduates play a large role in these numbers.

"It really means we've been able to absorb the new workforce coming in from college graduates," said McDonald, "And that we had jobs for them. And so that's a real positive thing."

Sy Winkleman was at the Salt Lake City Airport Career Fair Friday representing an engineering and consulting company called Terracon.

He said graduates are some of the best workers, eager to get out in the field, and they seek them out in the springtime.

"We do see you know kind of an increase you know in candidates this time of year with college graduation," said Winkleman.

Kanchan Pokhrel, who just graduated from Utah Valley University, was there looking for a part-time job.

He said it's important as he's just getting into the workforce to make connections.

"If I work as a ramp agent right here at United Airlines, then I'm already in there, they know about me... I think it would be a fantastic way to get to know people," said Pokhrel, "That's kind of the main reason I'm looking for a part-time job here."

"Whether from high school graduation or college, young working-age people approach the labor market — some for the first time, some for a more expanded and full-time role. This is the lifeblood for the Utah economy. Its expansion and vibrancy are driven by the large amount of young labor that ages in each year," the Department of Workforce Services' chief economist Mark Knold said in the employment summary.

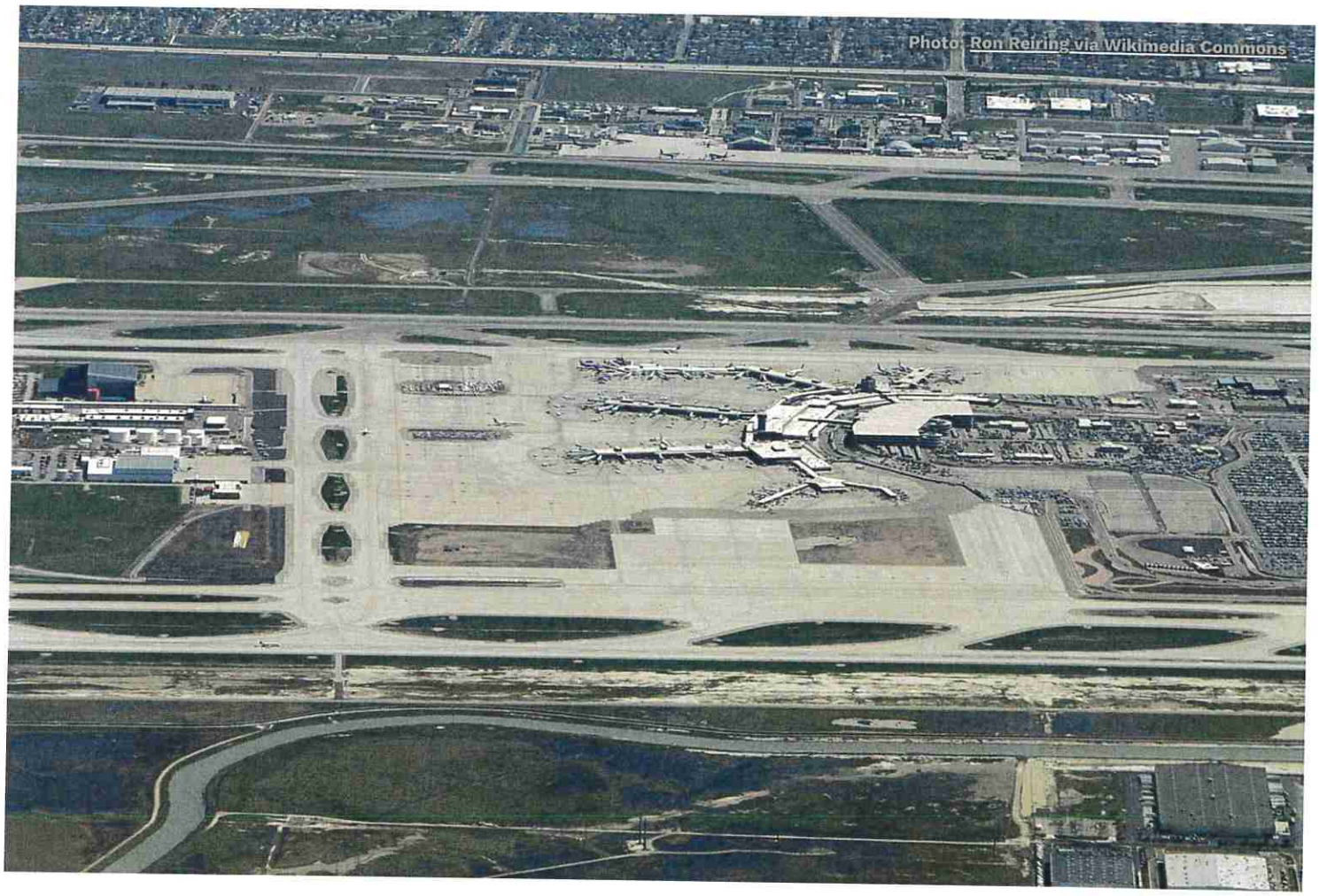
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Top 5: The US Airports With The Most On-Time Departures

US airports made up six of the top ten airports around the world with the most on-time departures in 2022.

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In recent years, flight delays and cancelations have almost become a norm. Although pandemic-caused disruptions became less common in 2022, the year was distinguished by a series of airline issues, lost baggage, and overall operational inefficiencies as airports coped with the influx of eager travelers.

Known for its exceptional on-time departure record, Detroit's airport consistently

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came accolades as one of the best airports in the country, commended for its top-notch terminal facilities, efficient check-in and security processes, seamless baggage claim, diverse food, and retail options, not to mention overall operational efficiency.

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Topping off the list is Salt Lake City International Airport, renowned for its efficiency and exceptional operational performance, consistently ranking among the top US airports for on-time departures. With a focus on streamlined operations and effective air traffic management, SLC ensures that flights depart promptly, minimizing delays and enhancing the overall passenger experience. This commitment to punctuality has made Salt Lake City International Airport a preferred hub for over 11 million passengers annually.

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Travel + Leisure Readers' 10 Favorite Domestic Airports of 2023

T+L readers' favorite domestic airports prioritize efficiency and safety.

By **Stefanie Waldek** | Updated on July 11, 2023

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primarily focused on convenience, like short security lines, abundant parking, and easy-to-navigate terminals.

How Voting Works

Every year for our World's Best Awards survey, T+L asks readers to weigh in on travel experiences around the globe — to share their opinions on the top hotels, resorts, cities, islands, cruise ships, spas, airlines, and more. Nearly 165,000 T+L readers completed the 2023 survey, an increase of nearly 25 percent over pre-pandemic voting levels. A total of more than 685,000 votes were cast across over 8,500 unique properties (hotels, cities, cruise lines, etc.).

Airports were specifically rated on the criteria below:

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Exterior shot of Tampa International Airport at night

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What Readers Loved

Most airports on the list are regional ones that serve as less-crowded alternatives to major airports that are often too small to handle their passenger flow. Two near Boston made the top 10 this year: Manchester-Boston Regional Airport in Manchester, New Hampshire, at No. 1 and T.F. Green Airport in Warwick, Rhode Island, at No. 6. "The quick and easy airport to get your leisure travel off to a stress-free start," said one voter of the latter.

That's not to say major international airports aren't on the list. Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and Salt Lake City International Airport, both Delta hubs for international flights, made the top 10 this year, coming in at No. 4 and No. 9, respectively. Salt Lake City is only going to improve, too, with the completion of a new phase of renovations this year. Tampa International Airport is also in the mix at No. 3 — last year it received attention when WBA Hall of Fame airline Virgin Atlantic debuted a route to London from the airport.

Read on to find out why readers love New Hampshire's primary airport and discover this year's full ranking of best domestic airports.

The Winner


Interior lobby of Manchester-Boston Regional Airport

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Just about 50 miles outside of Boston, Manchester-Boston Regional Airport (MHT) is a delightfully convenient experience for travelers. "Quickly became my absolute favorite airport; it's nice and clean and so fast and easy to get in and out of," one voter said. The airline serves about 1.7 million passengers a year and has flights on American, Avelo, Southwest, Spirit, and United. Voters also praise the staff at the airport. "All the employees I encounter at MHT are knowledgeable and truly enjoy their job," one T+L reader commented. "Security is a breeze, and the TSA agents are extremely professional."

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1. Manchester-Boston Regional Airport: Manchester, New Hampshire

Reader Score: 85.31

2. Indianapolis International Airport: Indianapolis, Indiana

Reader Score: 81.10

3. Tampa International Airport: Tampa, Florida

WBA Hall of Fame honoree. Reader Score: 80.08

4. Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Reader Score: 79.93

5. Portland International Airport: Portland, Oregon

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7. Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport: Savannah, Georgia

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By Meg Walter | Jun 21, 2023, 9:00pm MDT

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Wesley Titensor, Hannah Jackson and Sadie Jackson hold signs as they wait for Elder McCade Cefalo to arrive after serving a mission, at the Salt Lake City International Airport in Salt Lake City on Tuesday, June 20, 2023. | Kristin Murphy, Deseret News | Purchase Image

I hobbled through the Salt Lake City International Airport concourse at 12:22 a.m., feeling less than refreshed. My flight out of JFK had been delayed, twice, and I'd just received a notification on my phone informing me that while I may have arrived in Salt Lake City, my luggage had not. My bag was still all the way across the country, and my hunger, dehydration and exhaustion were propelling me toward emotional meltdown at an alarming speed.

Even the white, fluffy family dog wore a red and white headband with two springs connecting glittery, blue stars. I made eye contact with the dog just as it rested its head on the bench where the family waited to spot Tanner.

And that's when I broke. Not from the dehydration, hunger, exhaustion or the mystery of the missing bag (though those things certainly loosened the proverbial pickle jar), but from the thought of that white fluffy dog spotting Tanner — jumping up, wagging his tail in the way dogs do that causes their whole backside to wiggle, and running to greet him. I cried thinking of that reunion and remembering the times when the signs had been for me after prolonged periods away from home.

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Flying into the Salt Lake City airport usually involves being greeted by at least one welcome committee complete with banners and balloons and phones held high, recording every second. I don't want to claim that airport homecoming celebrations are unique to Utah, but I do believe we have more of them than most other places and that ours are bigger and louder than all the rest. I believe those two things because our large Latter-day Saint population sends many young men and women on missions for years at a time and because our families tend to be large and loud. So when those missionaries return, it's a big to-do.



Sadie Schlappi, Millie Luke, Jerry Schlappi and Brooke Schlappi hold signs as they wait to welcome Elder Crew Schlappi home from serving a mission in Brazil at the Salt Lake City International Airport in Salt Lake City on Tuesday, June 20, 2023. | Kristin Murphy, Deseret News | Purchase Image

And now the banner waving and balloon holding has extended to every kind of homecoming, not just missions — semesters abroad, long business trips, even a return from vacation if you happen to have an extra celebration-prone family.

These excited displays of welcome homing are so frequent in Salt Lake City that we sent a photographer to the airport on a random Tuesday afternoon to get photos of waiting families. And they got more than enough.

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On a recent flight back to SLC, I sat near a group of returning missionaries. They deplaned just ahead of me, and I walked a few paces behind them through the concourse. When we approached the arrival hall, we were met by a sea of moms, dads, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, former roommates, and yes, a few family dogs, yelling and clapping and barking (the

I felt as though I had somehow stumbled onto the red carpet of an awards show. The adoring fans ignored me entirely and some even frowned when they spotted me and realized I wasn't the loved one for whom they were waiting. But I pretended their enthusiasm was for me because I honestly felt like I deserved it. I had just flown with a toddler whose Amazon Fire battery had died 15 minutes into the flight and the airline-issued headphones were too large for his ears, making it a screenless flight that we miraculously survived without any major incidents — a real hero's journey in my book. So I welcomed the cheers and smiled for the photos that I would probably be in the background of, pretending both were for me and what I had just accomplished.

I believe we all deserve a welcome committee replete with signs and applause when we get back from wherever we've gone. Flying is, usually, a harrowing endeavor, often made more harrowing by delays, turbulence, lost luggage, leg room insufficient for a dachshund, other passengers' sneezes and limited snack options. Arriving at a destination without having an emotional meltdown, or even with having an emotional meltdown, is worth celebrating, even with strangers who have no idea who you are.

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And if you're flying into Salt Lake City, chances are there will be plenty of celebrations right there waiting for you. Sure, the anxious fans may be disappointed to see you instead of their loved ones, you may feel camera shy after hours of travel, and none of the signs will bear your name, but you deserve that applause all the same.

And here you'll always have it. Whether you are Tanner or a random, luggageless passenger admiring Tanner's dog.



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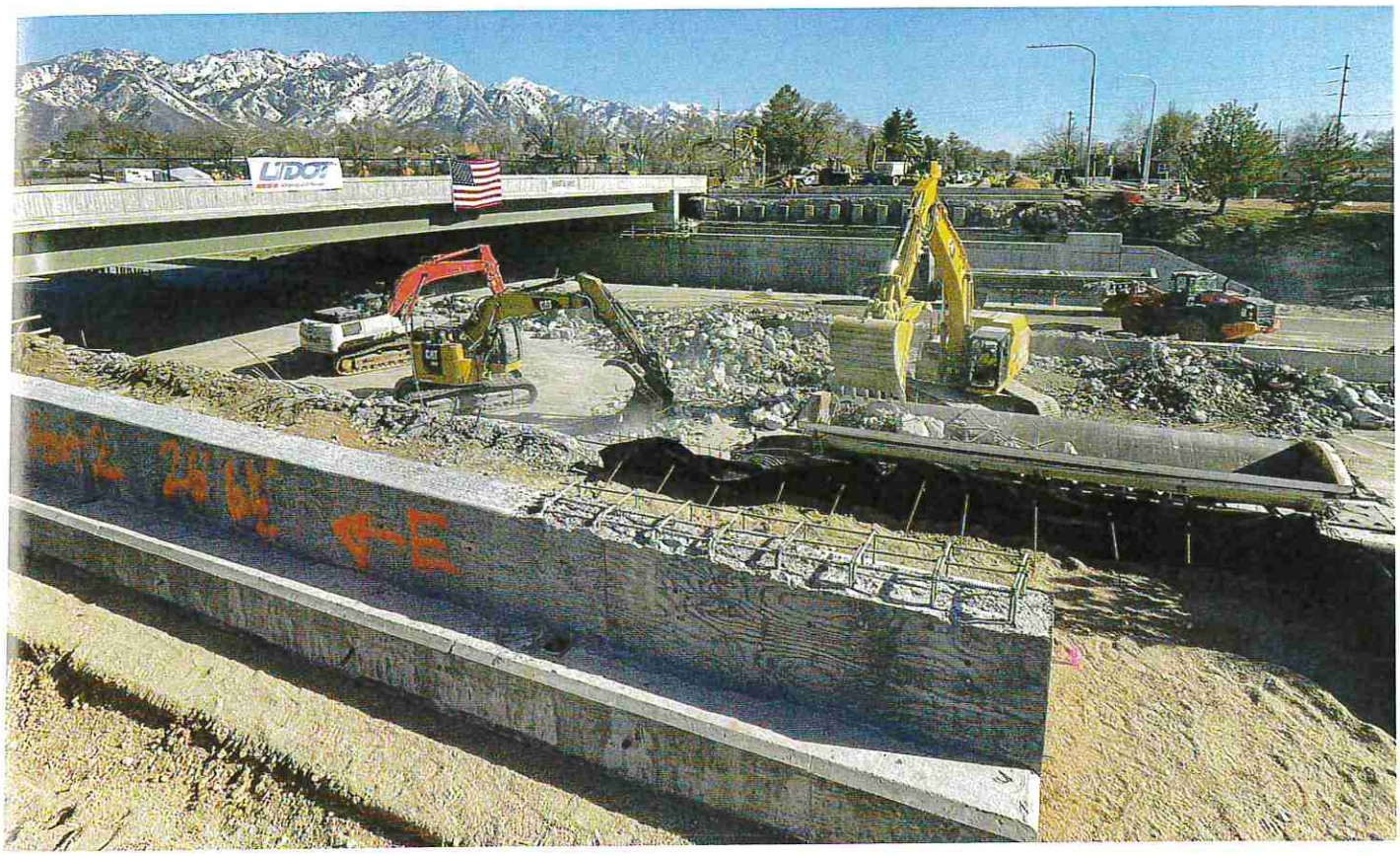
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SL Int'l Airport Phase III Celebrates Topping Out Milestone

The $762.9 million Phase III of the Salt Lake International Airport Redevelopment marked a ceremonial 'topping out' event April 11, the latest milestone of the overall $5.1 billion project being built by Holder Big-D Group (HDJV) that will ultimately span nearly a decade by the time all phases are completed.

The final beam of what will be the Concourse B Plaza was placed by crews from West Jordan-based SME Steel. In approximately 18 months (fall 2024), the plaza, tunnel and the first five gates on Concourse B will open.

The iconic 'World Map' that graced the floor of Terminal 1 in the old airport for 60+ years will be installed as part of Phase III. Exterior elements include primarily metal panel and glass, comprising a high-performing building facade and enclosure system that will efficiently adapt to the region's temperature fluctuations and responsibly manages snow build-up as part of the insulation during winter months. Harvesting natural light with clerestory windows and floor-to-ceiling glass will offer traveling patrons sweeping views of the Salt Lake Valley and a connection to the outside environment.

Salt Lake City Department of Airports (SLCDA) also unveiled the first five gates and half of Concourse A-east at an event May 16. »





Workers from West Jordan-based SME Steel stand atop the structure of Concourse B as part of a "topping out" celebration of the $762.9 million Phase III of the Salt Lake International Airport Redevelopment April 11. (Inset) Workers sign the final steel beam before it's lifted into place. (courtesy SLCDA)

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In 2020, Phase 1 of "The New SLC" Airport Redevelopment Program opened. The new terminal complex—foreseen in the airport's master plan for decades—finally became a reality, setting the standard for new airports across the globe. The New SLC boasts several unique achievements, such as the first U.S. large-hub airport to be built in the 21st Century and is one of few airports to attain LEED Gold certification for its impressive sustainability efforts.

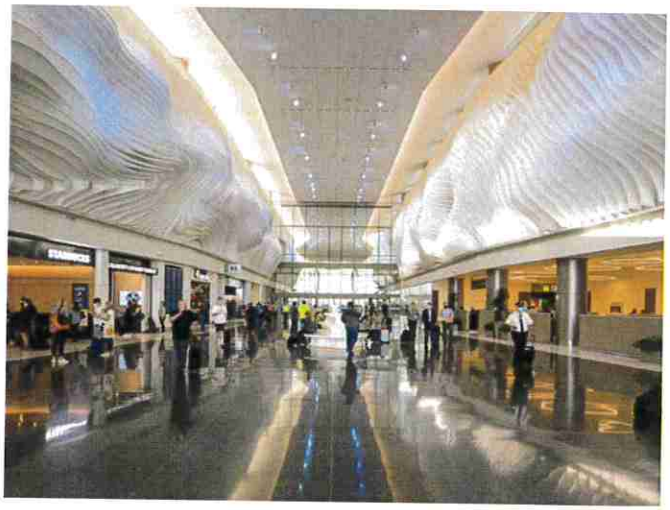
Three short years later, SLC is ready to pull the curtain on the program's next phase, including the completion of Concourse A-East and the opening of 22 more gates and 19 new shops and restaurants. These additions will provide significant improvements to the airport's customer experience by eliminating Delta's temporary 15-gate hardstand operation and allowing other carriers to expand.

By 2024, airport guests will be able to transit between both Concourse A and Concourse B with more ease when the new Central Tunnel – dubbed the River Tunnel – opens. An immersive and expansive art experience unlike any other will then be complete, enriching and calming guests as they begin or end their travel journey.

When the final phase of The New SLC is complete in early 2027, SLC will have nearly 100 jet-bridge-equipped gates, allowing for a significant expansion of route offerings, such as unserved destinations in Asia, Latin America and Europe. Connecting passengers to 95 worldwide destinations, including the newly-launched flight to Frankfurt, Germany, is only the beginning for SLC.

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15 US airports getting major renovations—and tips for navigating them



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The tourism industry is still rebounding from the sharp declines it experienced due to the coronavirus pandemic, particularly during the periods of lockdowns and heavy travel restrictions that plagued 2020. And that is especially true for air travel, both for business and pleasure.

The U.S. Travel Association (https://www.ustravel.org/news/summer-travel-expectations-still-strong-economic-pressure-and-poor-travel-experience-may) is forecasting a surge in air travel that will not only surpass pre-pandemic numbers from 2019, but may become the biggest demand the U.S. has ever experienced. At the same time, airports throughout the country are undergoing major transformations and, in some cases, being entirely rebuilt. The goal for many is to offer new travel experiences for the modern age—U.S. terminals are over 40 years old on average, according to the Airports Council International-North America.

The transformations are thanks in part to the Biden Administration's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which most recently allocated $1 billion to 99 airports nationwide for terminal expansions, improved security screening areas, better passenger experiences (including baggage handling), and more. In some cases, funding is also coming from the airlines themselves.

their way to wheels-up, so logistics may get worse before they get better. No matter the destination, travelers should expect construction, congestion, limited parking, detours, and closures in the coming years. That means arriving early is now more important than ever.

Fortunately, most airports offer updates and alerts on their websites, through email signups, and, in some cases, on a mobile app. Read on to see if your local airport is getting a facelift and what you can expect on your way to the friendly skies.

Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)



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At Los Angeles International Airport, construction on an Automated People Mover has been in the works since 2019. This new electric-powered transit system will connect LAX to the city's public rail system via the future LAX/Metro Transit Center Station, both of which are scheduled

Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC)



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Travelers to and from Salt Lake City are already experiencing an entirely new airport, The New SLC (https://slcairport.com/thenewslc/), which opened in September 2020. One of its biggest improvements is less passenger-centric: clearing airplane traffic jams from the tarmac.

But this LEED Gold-certified terminal complex won't actually be fully done until 2024. The eastern part of Delta's new Concourse A is only half-opened (with 17 more gates scheduled to open by the end of October 2023) and Concourse B will be expanding by nine gates and more concessions in fall 2024.

Although there's still technically just one building at SLC, it's a doozy—and the distance from Terminal A to Terminal D is over a half-mile long, which could take an estimated 15 minutes to walk. And that's on top of the walk from the parking garage to the terminal. Fortunately, there

Tooele Valley Airport News

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Salt Lake City sues Erda, homeowner over 80-foot flagpole near Tooele County airport

By Carter Williams, KSL.com | Posted - Aug. 1, 2023 at 10:29 p.m.



An American flag flies at the top of an 80-foot flagpole erected on private land just outside of the Tooele Valley Airport in Erda on June 4. Salt Lake City, which owns the airport, filed a lawsuit against the land owner and Erda over the pole, saying it's a "hazard" and disrupting some airport operations. (Derek Petersen, KSL-TV)

ERDA, Tooele County — An 80-foot flagpole located near Tooele Valley Airport is not flying with Salt Lake City in the latest dispute between the city and a Tooele County landowner.

Utah's capital city, which owns and operates the airport, filed a lawsuit in 3rd District Court against an Erda family who installed the flagpole and the City of Erda for declining to revoke the family's building permit when the permit was void. They call the flagpole a "hazard" for pilots who use the airport.

The lawsuit, filed on July 21, seeks to have the family remove the recently installed flagpole and reverse an Erda City Council decision tied to allowing the flagpole to stay, while the Federal Aviation Administration reviews the situation.

Meanwhile, Erda City Council Chairman Jess Bird told KSL.com Tuesday that there was a mistake made on the city's end last year that erroneously allowed the flagpole to be constructed at its current height, which the city is trying to correct. He said the city is crafting a letter, which he expects will be delivered this week, informing the family that their flagpole is in violation of city code.

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"The lawsuit is not a surprise at all," he said. "Salt Lake City, they want to have an ability to do something about this flagpole (but) they don't have jurisdiction, so I guess it makes sense."

An ongoing feud

Salt Lake City acquired the small field in 1993. As Salt Lake City International Airport continues to bring in more commercial airlines, the Erda airport supports business and recreational flights, including skydiving. It's also home to the Bureau of Land Management's wildfire operations and other emergency flights.

The Kunz family acquired a 20-acre plot of land nearby about seven years later, the Tooele Transcript Bulletin said last week. The outlet reported that Salt Lake City voted to take about 12 acres of airspace by eminent domain in 2007 to help with airport operations; however, the 3rd District Court in Tooele ruled in 2019 that ruling was invalid over the procedures the city took at the time.

Then, a year after that, the Kunz family filed a lawsuit against Salt Lake City over the airport's operations, alleging that the airport has "created nuisances across the landowners' property in the form of, among other things, noise, invasion of airspaces, lights, fumes, vibrations and other nuisances attendant to the operation of an airport and flight aircraft."

Court records show the lawsuit is still ongoing.

Then came the flagpole. The airport sent a warning to pilots to be aware of it while taking off and landing as soon as it was discovered, Salt Lake City lawyers wrote in the new lawsuit. They add that the unlit 80-foot pole is about 1,260 feet southwest of the airport's lone runway within a section of land that "must be free of hazards."

A preliminary FAA report that Salt Lake City cites indicates that any pole height above 61 feet will "result in a substantial adverse effect and would warrant a Determination of Hazard to Air Navigation," though the federal agency has yet to formally weigh on the issue. The airport has since paused night operations until the flagpole is down to that height because it's unlit and disrupting the airport's instrument landing system.

What happens next?

A spokesman for Salt Lake City told KSL.com the city doesn't typically comment on pending litigation, but the new lawsuit was filed in an effort to restore flight operations at Tooele County airport.

statement reads.

KSL.com was unable to reach the Kunz family for comment on Salt Lake City's lawsuit, and the family has yet to formally respond to the lawsuit in court. However, Neil Kunz told the Tooele Transcript Bulletin that it essentially serves as "a fence" between the two properties.

"I never in my life thought I would need to build an 80-foot high fence to protect my property," he told the outlet.

He told the Erda City Council on May 25 that he was confused about the concerns because he received a permit last year, adding the zoning language indicated there's a restriction on "building" height but not on "structure" height.

The permit is only valid for six months unless there is progress made within that timeframe. Kunz told the council that he dug the foundation in November and began pouring concrete on April 21 after the region's long winter.

> "We acknowledge that we made a mistake in approving that application and granting that building permit. I guess new cities make mistakes too."
>
> **–Jess Bird, Erda City Council**

This led to a City Council debate over whether digging the foundation counted as making progress. The council ultimately decided not to revoke the building permit on July 13, a week before Salt Lake City filed its lawsuit.

Salt Lake City lawyers wrote that the Tooele County Land Use Ordinance, which Erda had temporarily adopted as land use regulation, specifies that construction begins when there is "pouring of concrete footing for a building or structure," which would make the permit void if the concrete was poured in April.

Bird explained that Kunz filed an application for the pole not long after the city incorporated at the start of last year. The newly formed city contracted an engineering firm to handle all the applications and interpret codes at this time, and a permit for a pole up to 120 feet was "accidentally" approved at that time, the councilman said.

The city is now looking to fix that error. The letter that the city plans to send will acknowledge that the pole is in violation of city code, but it was still unclear Tuesday as to what level of enforcement the city has in deciding what happens to the pole. A judge may have the final word unless the FAA intervenes.

"We don't really see it as our fight," Bird said. "We acknowledge that we made a mistake in approving that application and granting that building permit. I guess new cities make mistakes too."

He adds that the city would gladly grant the family a permit for a flagpole up to 35 feet should they re-apply, but anything more would have to go through a review.

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Neighbor's flagpole disrupts medical, firefighting flights at Tooele airport, Salt Lake City alleges

This lawsuit is the latest development in a nearly 20-year battle between Utah's capital city and the flagpole's owners.



(Chris Samuels | The Salt Lake Tribune) A large flagpole stands near the Tooele Valley Airport in Erda on Thursday, July 27, 2023. Salt Lake City, which owns the airport, alleged in a lawsuit that the flagpole has disrupted flights and is creating a safety hazard.

By Paighten Harkins | July 31, 2023, 6:00 a.m.

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An 80-foot, unlit flagpole erected by a family whose property neighbors the Tooele Valley Airport has disrupted flights and is creating a safety hazard, Salt Lake City, which owns the airport, alleged in a lawsuit this month.

Salt Lake City Corporation is asking a judge to issue an injunction to remove the pole, arguing it has hindered air-medical flights, constrained wildland firefighting operations and forced the Utah Air National Guard to reroute training missions to Nephi, adding that at least two private flights have had to divert course or change their flight plan to land elsewhere because of it, according to the complaint filed in 3rd District Court.

The flagpole stands in Erda, approximately 1,260 feet — about four football fields — from Tooele Valley Airport's only runway. The Kunz family purchased the land near the airport in 2000 and divided it among family members, then built the flagpole this summer to honor Dick Kunz, the family patriarch and veteran who died in 2013, the Tooele Transcript Bulletin reported. An American flag flew from the pole Thursday afternoon.

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The Federal Aviation Administration issued a preliminary ruling earlier this year, saying the flagpole is "presumed to be a hazard to air navigation." It said any structure over 61 feet would "result in a substantial adverse effect and would warrant a Determination of Hazard to Air Navigation," according to the lawsuit. The administration hasn't yet issued a final determination.

Currently, flights to and from the airport are suspended between dusk and dawn because of the flagpole, the complaint states.

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Neil Kunz, whose mother owns the parcel with the flagpole, acknowledged during a June 22 Erda City Council meeting that the flagpole is affecting airport operations. But he countered that the airport is affecting how his family uses their property, arguing that the flights above it are akin to trespassing.

He did not respond to The Salt Lake Tribune's request for comment Friday.

(Chris Samuels | The Salt Lake Tribune) Flights to and from the Tooele Valley Airport are suspended between dusk and dawn because of the 80-foot, unlit flagpole, Salt Lake City's lawsuit states.

When reached for comment, Salt Lake City spokesperson Andrew Wittenberg said in a statement that the city does not typically comment on pending litigation.

"However," he continued, "our primary goal at all of our airport locations including Salt Lake City International Airport, South Valley Regional Airport and Tooele Valley Airport is to ensure safe air travel, day and night, for everyone in an aircraft and residents living in close proximity to airport property."

Salt Lake City also operates the South Valley Regional airport in West Jordan.

The Erda City Council heard from Neil Kunz at least three times during meetings in May and June, discussing whether the family sought the proper permits before building the flagpole. While the family's building permit was approved, the Kunzes didn't seek a conditional use permit to build higher than the 35 feet allowed in the zoning district.

Neil Kunz argued he didn't need the conditional use permit because the code only specifies a height limit for buildings, not structures, like the flagpole.

On June 22, the Erda City Council ultimately voted not to enforce the need for a conditional use permit. The vote was split 2-3. Then came the lawsuit — the latest in a nearly 20-year saga between the Kunz family and the airport, according to court documents.

Salt Lake City first sought eminent domain for the air rights over the family's property in 2004, about five years after the city first acquired the airport, to expand the runway and fly more planes in and out of it. The city and the Kunzes never reached a deal, and the city began a condemnation process in 2007, which the family fought in court. A judge dismissed the condemnation proceedings in 2018, ruling that the city didn't follow due process.

Jess Bird, chair of the Erda City Council, said the City Council issued the Kunzes a building permit for the flagpole when the council was still in its "infancy." Erda was incorporated as a city in January 2022.

He said the engineering firm they contracted to handle building permits either misinterpreted the code or didn't read it when it approved the application. Had code been followed, Bird said the Kunzes would have needed to apply for a conditional use permit. Then the issue would have been discussed among council members, the Kunzes and the airport.

"I'm sure we could have come to a much shorter flagpole permit," he said, "but because none of that happened and the permit was issued, that's what's got the City Council kind of split on either side."

Now, Bird said, Salt Lake City's lawsuit has made the issue "a moot point for us," because a judge will decide what must be done. Even so, he said, the council often hears from residents who live near the airport — and that disputes will likely continue as both Erda, the county and the airport expands.

A March 2022 report on aviation activity at the Tooele Valley Airport indicated Tooele County was one of the fastest growing counties in the country, bolstered by its easy access to Salt Lake City. That growth is driving development — and increased airport usage.

In 2019, the Kunz family asked Salt Lake City to buy the property, The Salt Lake Tribune reported. Neil Kunz at the time said flights interfered with his sleep and made the property "incompatible for residential use." Salt Lake City has offered to buy the land — just not for the what the family considers a reasonable price.

As long as the flagpole is up, and planes can't use the airport at night, the Kunz family may be sleeping easier. But it's unclear how long that will last, or at what cost.

(Chris Samuels | The Salt Lake Tribune) A sign at the Tooele Valley Airport warning about noise from flights overhead.



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A new flag is flying over Erda and it's a familiar flag

Erda family continues 19-year long struggle with Salt Lake City airport ♦

Dick Kunz, of Erda, passed away from a three year battle with cancer 10 years ago on July 24, 2013. His wife and sons raised the 80 foot Dick Kunz Memorial Flagpole with a large flag over their property south of Salt Lake City's Tooele Valley Airport in Erda on May 12, 2023.

The flagpole is not only a memorial for Dick Kunz's life as a husband, father and Vietnam veteran, it is also a move in a 19-year-old battle between the Kunz family and Salt Lake City and their Airport Department over the right to the airspace over their homes and property.

"I call it our fence," said Neil Kunz, Dick Kunz's son and an Erda resident. "I never in my life thought I would need to build an 80 foot high fence to protect my property."

Dick Kunz and his family purchased 20-some acres in Erda in 2000. The lot was subdivided into four lots so each of his sons could build homes on the family property. The plan was for Dick Kunz to start a horse breeding business on the property.

That never happened, said his wife, Barbara Kunz.

The Salt Lake City Airport Department contacted Dick Kunz in 2004 and said they needed to acquire his property for the expansion of their airport. Specifically, the Airport Department said they needed the property to install an instrument landing system, according to Neil Kunz.

"They also stated that they had the right to take the property by the power of eminent domain," Neil Kunz said.

After Dick Kunz turned down Salt Lake City's offer and two counter offers by Dick Kunz were ignored by the city, that's what the city did, according to Neil and Barbara Kunz.

Salt Lake City Council voted in 2007 to condemn and take by eminent domain the airspace over a little more than 12 acres of Dick Kunz's 20 acres.

Taking the airspace would not only mean the city would control what went on over the Kunz family property, it also meant that the property under the easement would be restricted by the city too, according to Neil Kunz.

In 2019, Salt Lake City made an offer to the Kunz family. The city offered to buy an avigation easement over the Kunz property at the same price the Kunz family rejected in 2007.

The 3rd District Court in Tooele ruled in 2019 that the 2007 condemnation action by the Salt Lake City Council was invalid because the city did not follow the procedure for condemnation as prescribed in state law — the city failed to provide timely notice and the Kunz family was not allowed to speak at the meeting where a vote on the condemnation was taken.

The Utah Court of Appeals upheld the District Court's ruling in 2020, stating "This case offers a feast of legal issues ... Its main course is a cautionary tale to government entities: they must follow the exact statutory requirements for bringing a condemnation action under Utah Code."

Since the Court Appeals ruled in favor of the Kunz family, Neil Kunz said the city has not attempted again to legally acquire the airspace over their property, but they have continued to use the airspace for planes taking off and landing at the Tooele Valley Airport.

In 2020, the Kunz family filed a complaint in the 3rd District Court in Tooele charging Salt Lake City and their Airport Department with trespass by using the Kunz's airspace for avigation purposes at their airport without an agreement or compensation, nuisance law violations, inverse condemnation — an illegal taking of the Kunz property by prohibiting the family's right to the full use and enjoyment of their property, and breach of contract.

Neil Kunz said that Salt Lake City's attorney stated in court in October 2020 that the city is not pursuing an easement for airspace over the Kunz property because they are not currently using the airspace over the property.

However they did expand their runway at the Tooele Valley Airport and installed an instrument landing system that placed new and more restrictive air surfaces over the Kunz property. At times planes fly as low as 10-12 feet over buildings on the Kunz property, according to Neil Kunz.

Neil Kunz said that Salt City's current position means the city never needed the Kunz property or the airspace over the property. The Kunz family has tried to protect their property rights by filing complaints with the Federal Aviation Administration.

A civil engineer working in wastewater treatment, Neil Kunz appears comfortable in reading and interpreting federal regulations. Kunz cites the Code of Federal Regulations, stating that Salt Lake City owes restitution to the Kunz family for years of legal costs for court proceedings that according to the Salt Lake Airport Department weren't necessary. If the easements were needed and are still needed then by Utah law just compensation is owed to his family, according to Kunz.

Neil Kunz is worried that the Salt Lake Airport is devaluing property by increments around the airport so they can buy or take it at reduced costs.

"They lower the airspace they need down to 10 feet over property which limits what can be done with the property," Neil Kunz said. "That lowers the property value and then they can offer the property owner the lower value for the property instead of the original fair market value."

Along with the complaint making its way through the Utah Courts, the Kunz family has a complaint with the FAA that is now in the Federal 10th District Court.

After 18 years of litigation the Kunz family and Salt Lake City have paid hundreds of thousands of dollars in attorney fees, according to Neil Kunz.

Salt Lake City appears to now be willing to walk away from the years of litigation and costs because they have been using what they wanted for most of those 18 years and they are still using it without paying for it, according to Neil Kunz.

For the Kunz family it comes down to their Constitutional Fifth Amendment right to not be deprived of their property without due process of law and just compensation for the taking of their property for public use.

"If they pay us for the years of litigation to protect our constitutional rights and give us just compensation for our property we'll take the money and buy property for the family elsewhere," Neil Kunz said.

That's where the flagpole comes in.

In April 2022, Neil Kunz notified the FAA that he intended to place an 80 foot flagpole on the Kunz property. He obtained a permit from Erda City for the flagpole in June 2022.

Erda City has since realized they made a mistake in issuing the permit for the flagpole, according to Erda City Council chairman Jess Bird.

"It was issued even though the height exceeded zoning limitations. Anything over 35 feet should have required a conditional use permit," Bird said. "The council is split on whether or not to honor the original permit or to pursue the conditional use permit requirement, which is where things stand at the moment."

FAA regulations cover height restrictions near airports, according to according to Nancy Volmer, Salt Lake City Department of Airports communications director.

Based on the height and proximity to the runway, anything over 61 feet is considered a potential hazard, according to Volmer.

Neil Kunz, told the Transcript Bulletin on Friday, July 21, that the FAA has published the flagpole on their website. Aircraft flight patterns were changed to ensure safety and avoid the flagpole. Night flights in and out of the airport are now shut down as the airport can no longer use their ILS system, Neil Kunz said.

Attorneys for Salt Lake City filed a complaint in the 3rd District Court in Tooele on Friday, July 21, naming the City of Erda and certain members of the Kunz family a defendants in a lawsuit. The lawsuit asserts that the permit to build the flag pole was issued illegally and the city and the Kunz family have failed to correct the nuisance that poses a threat to safety within the runway protection area as defined in federal regulations.

Also, closing the runway in evenings for the unlit 80-foot flagpole has had a significant negative impact on airport operations, according to the complaint.

The city wants the court to reverse the decision the of the Erda City Council to issue a building permit for the flagpole. The city asks that the court either require the Kunz family to correct the zoning violation or issue an order allowing Salt Lake City to enter the property, abate the violation and receive the costs incurred from the Kunzes.

Before learning of the lawsuit, the Kunz family wrote to the Transcript Bulletin: "The flagpole that now stands on the Kunz property represents our fence to stop trespassing over our ground. It isn't meant to hurt anyone and is clearly visible."

"The airport has been working with the Kunz family to remedy the situation," Volmer said on Tuesday morning.



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An airline fight over serving Congress' pet airport could torpedo major aviation bill



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Congress' favorite airport is at the heart of a bruising scuffle among airlines and their congressional supporters over whether to expand long-distance flights.

In one corner: Delta Air Lines and allied lawmakers from Delta hubs like Atlanta and Salt Lake City who want the bill to allow dozens of long haul flights at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, where the airline only has a toehold. Delta argues, through its Capital Access Alliance



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lawmakers from United hubs like Chicago and lawmakers from Virginia and Maryland. United holds a dominant position at neighboring Dulles International Airport, a much bigger long-haul gateway. (American Airlines, which already has a significant presence at Reagan National, is aligned with United.) They argue that the airport is already congested and that more flights would mean more delays.

The lobbying and advertising fight over access to a single airport, involving major U.S. airlines and lawmakers from both parties, is a bold exercise in influence even for a region where politics is the local industry. The scuffle also threatens to derail a bill that would reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration at a moment when the aviation system is straining to manage a post-pandemic travel surge.

The fight blurs the typical left-right divides, uniting lawmakers like Sens. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) and Raphael Warnock (D-Ga.), who favor expanding flights. On the other side, Democrats from Virginia and Maryland have vowed to tank any FAA bill that allows more flights, which the FAA has warned could push the airport beyond what it can handle.

"There's a number of Republican senators that fly disproportionately, frankly, out of destinations that American and United serve who are with us," said Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.), who opposes flight changes. "This doesn't break down, candidly, on partisan lines. It breaks down on which airline already serves them."

The two sides are waging war in the most Washington of ways: through dueling op-eds by former administration officials, ad campaigns atop newsletters and stakeouts in which interns hand out oppo fliers at the other side's events.

Understanding Congress' interest in compact, easy-to-navigate Reagan National is as easy as looking at a map. A car ride from the U.S. Capitol to the airport along the

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And lawmakers, who jet home and back twice a week when Congress is in session, have a vested interest in more convenient flights to more places, making this the perfect fight for Delta to pick.

"Members of Congress want to be able to fly from their home district to Reagan National Airport," said Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.), who is opposed to the expansion, at a POLITICO aviation summit earlier this week.

Many lawmakers, especially those from Western states, support expanding long-haul flights by altering a decade-old rule that sets a "perimeter" for flights to and from DCA. But the entire Senate delegation from Maryland and Virginia is opposed, and has threatened to withhold support for a major aviation policy bill if it expands flights in the region. So far the bills contain no such language — but some lawmakers are gearing up to try to add it when the House takes up its FAA reauthorization next week.

"Modernizing the perimeter rule will improve access to Washington, D.C., reduce airline ticket prices, and increase tax revenue for the area," said Rep. Burgess Owens (R-Utah), who has authored a bill to expand flights.

And Sen. Ben Cardin (D-Md.), echoed the sentiment of his and Virginia's Senate delegations, asking, "Should Congress be controlling this airport or should the professionals be controlling this airport?" He added that the airport is "already beyond capacity."

Senate Commerce Chair Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) and Cruz, the top two senators overseeing airlines, were set to add four long-distance flights to their version of the FAA bill as a compromise. It's a far cry from the dozens Delta has sought, but indicates the idea's broad appeal in Congress.



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Dulles would handle long-haul domestic and international flights, while Reagan National would handle short and medium hops.

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To ensure Dulles' growth, Congress enacted a law only allowing a limited number of flights at Reagan National beyond a perimeter of 650 miles. (That perimeter has since been expanded to 1,250, along with the number of flights allowed beyond it. Fights over going even farther, or doing away with the restrictions, have cropped up sporadically for the last 20 years.)

A host of major airports now have no direct service to Reagan National, including San Diego and San Antonio, while many major airports beyond the perimeter like San Francisco and Los Angeles have limited service.

Adding long-haul flights would be a coup for Delta, enabling it to potentially expand its own meager offerings there, while also damaging United's fortress position at Dulles as well as American's presence at Reagan National, where it already controls about 50 percent of these long-haul "slots."

Both sides of the issue are bulking up their rosters, hiring lobbyists with ties to Congress. American has hired the former chief of staff to House Transportation Chair Sam Graves (R-Mo.). And Delta has retained a long-time adviser to Cruz, who favors an expansion.

Other officials are trying to stave off an expansion, including the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, which operates both Reagan National and Dulles airports. At a press conference, MWAA President Jack Potter said the proposal would increase delays and congestion at Reagan National and add stress to the system.

"We are a challenged airport," Potter said. "It's the busiest runway in America and what's being proposed is additional flights that would bring 3 to 4 million more passengers. We do not have the capacity to handle this."

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The FAA has weighed in, too, writing in an internal memo in May that adding, rather than replacing, flights at Reagan National would strain the airport, which is already among the top 10 most-delayed in the country.

The Delta-backed bill would add up to 56 flights split among different airlines. But opponents argue that adding more long-haul flights would end up replacing short hops already flying to places like Cleveland, Ohio, and Baton Rouge, La., with flights to Seattle or Phoenix — a proposition that doesn't sit well with communities that could lose out.

The fight is far from over. Bills to reauthorize the FAA are actively working their way through the House and the Senate and there are still multiple points in the process to insert language.

"I think when it comes to slots, you never know what's going to happen," Cantwell said.

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The six members of Utah's all-Republican congressional delegation say they support an effort to add flights into Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

The bill to add flights is sponsored by Rep. Burgess Owens, who represents Utah's 4th Congressional District, and Democratic Rep. Hank Johnson of Georgia.

In an interview with the Deseret News in May, Owens said he is worried about the cost of travel to the nation's capital, and said he believes it would be good to introduce more competition into the marketplace. The bill, which would be added to legislation reauthorizing the Federal Aviation Administration, would open up 28 additional flights into the airport.

"My hope, my goal, particularly because of how cutting edge the Salt Lake City airport is, we think we will get one of those slots," Owens said last month.

Both of Utah's senators, Mike Lee and Mitt Romney, and the three other congressmen, Reps. Blake Moore, Chris Stewart and John Curtis, say they support the bill because they think travel to the nation's capital should be affordable.

"Government by the people should be accessible by the people," Lee said in a press release. "I'm proud to support Reps. Owens and Johnson's efforts to expand the number of flights out of Reagan National Airport. More options will reduce ticket prices and generate millions in economic benefits, making our nation's capital more accessible and affordable for all Americans."

Romney pointed out that the perimeter rule at the airport — a 1960s-era restriction on the number of flights that can come into and fly out of the airport if they're coming from more than 1,250 miles away — makes flights more expensive, "particularly for those who live in Western states."

With an over 2,000-mile distance between Salt Lake City and Washington, D.C., flights in and out of Utah have been affected by the limit.

Curtis said that adding direct flights to the airport could have the effect of reducing emissions, "making it a win for both travelers and the environment."

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