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Salt Lake City's new \$4.1 billion airport is now open, has a smooth takeoff



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Arriving about 4:30 a.m. Tuesday, Bryanna Woodard of Tennessee was among the first passengers to enter the new \$4.1 billion Salt Lake City International Airport on its first day of operations.

“This place is gorgeous,” she said looking around as she waited for the first flight out at 6 a.m. “It’s literally beautiful and so well organized. It’s like a dream compared to a lot of other airports.”

She found it so smooth-sailing that the official number of that first flight to Atlanta didn’t even bother her: Delta Air Lines Flight 2020 — specially named for the year the new airport opened, but it has generally been a hard year with the COVID-19 pandemic and its many associated disasters.

Tuesday was a smooth take off for the first phase of the new airport that is called a “cathedral of transportation” and the state’s largest ever public works project.

Airport Executive Director Bill Wyatt was among those who spent a long night shutting down the old facilities — which closed about midnight — and quickly opening up a shiny new terminal, concourse and garage a few hours later. Another concourse will open on Oct. 27.

“It was like a symphony watching all the planning come together and teams making everything happen quickly,” he said, including painting new stripes on the airport road, changing all the directional signs and moving aircraft over to the new concourse. “It took a year and half just to plan all that.”

Wyatt said a few small technical glitches appeared here and there. “But there was nothing that was a show-stopper.”

For example, John Collins of Wellsville, arrived in a taxi about 4 a.m. as some of the final switch-overs were happening, and his cab driver was confused by the changed road configuration. “He had to ask directions. But someone was there to help.” Collins also said he had to get used to finding his way in the new airport, “but I just followed the signs and it was fine.”

Wyatt said the airport “plans to go overboard for a while” in having plenty of extra people to help passengers find their way around. He adds the new roads — including an elevated road to the drop-off area — are safer and easier to understand now than the recent often-changing lanes amid construction of recent years.

Wyatt said a silver lining of the pandemic is that smaller crowds made the transition easier as everyone started using new systems ranging from new-generation security scanners to the seven miles of new conveyor belts for baggage.

Noting that the security checkpoint backed up a bit as it opened initially — but smoothed out fairly quickly — Wyatt said, “It’s really the first time we’ve exercised it with passengers. So not having 30,000 coming through the front door on opening

day was helpful,” the number of local passengers that had arrived pre-COVID.

The airport expected only 6,300 local passengers arriving Tuesday, or about 21% of the pre-COVID normal.

Tuesday was a time of celebration.

Passengers on the first flight saw a cake shaped like the new terminal, plenty of balloons and commemorative cookies. That flight, plus others, was given a first-day water salute of fire trucks shooting arches of water over them.

Salt Lake City Mayor Erin Mendenhall and Delta Vice President Eric Phillips were at ribbon cutting for the new concourse.

“We’ve known for a very long time that the Salt Lake City airport has been an incredible gateway for people to enjoy the amazing beauty and splendor of Salt Lake City and the state of Utah,” Phillips said. “With this building, it serves as a foundation for Salt Lake City to now be a gateway to the world.”

Delta President and CEO Ed Bastian has hinted that with the new airport — Delta’s fourth largest hub — it may look at offering nonstop service to Asia, beyond the nonstop service it offers to Europe.

The mayor hailed the airport for being “beautiful, on-time, on-budget and for being built without a dollar of your taxes.” The bulk is being paid through passenger fees collected by airlines. She also praised it for having one of the most energy-efficient designs of any airport in the world.

Some people just had to be on the first flight out — including former Airport Advisory Board members J.T. Martin and Mickey Gallivan.

“I was on the City Council when we passed money to explore building this,” Martin said. “I wanted to be here at the end.”

Gallivan said similarly, “I was on the board when we poured the first pillars” six years ago, “and I just had to be on the first flight out of here. I’m turning around in Atlanta and coming right back.”

Wyatt noted it is the first completely new hub airport build in the 21st Century, and it “will serve the needs of this city through the rest of the century.” The old airport was designed to handle 10 million people a year, but had been serving 26 million before the pandemic.

While the opening date had been planned for two years, Wyatt said he wondered if it would happen after the pandemic hit and air traffic nearly disappeared — worrying that airlines footing much of the bill may want to delay or pull back.

“But you know what, Delta especially — because they are the largest — said to us, ‘Put your foot on the gas pedal. Let’s find a way to do this faster.’” That is allowing workers to finish the second major phase of the airport two years earlier (by taking advantage of fewer passengers to demolish existing older terminals more quickly) and save \$300 million.

The new airport includes higher-tech security screening that is estimated to be up to 30% faster. The new garage is twice as big. Elevated roadways now provide more room for passenger drop-off and pickup — including larger areas reserved for Uber and Lyft.

Waiting areas have far more seats, each with personal power plugs and two individual armrests.

Far more food and retail options will be available — eventually 58 of them in the first phase that by contract will offer “street pricing,” without airport markups.

Passengers will never be farther than 150 feet from a restroom, each with far more stalls. And the airport now has the largest-in-the-world Delta Sky Club at 28,000 square feet to enhance Delta Air Lines' hub operations here.

It also has a special “greeting room” in the terminal lobby — moving constant celebrations for returning missionaries and others out of regular foot traffic. That area can accommodate up to 400 people, has plenty of seating, a fireplace, a wall showing airport history and a world map (reimagined from one on the floor of the old airport terminal).

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And art and murals are everywhere — including the restrooms.

For example, just inside the door is “The Falls,” a seven-story, 5,000-pound sculpture of glass “inspired by being up in the canyons and waterfalls going down,” said Gordon Huether, art consultant for the airport.

Also, a wavy sculpture lining much of the new terminal is called “The Canyon,” inspired by the slot canyons in southern Utah. Huether said it aims to make visitors “think about the millions of years it took of water and air to create the erosion that created these incredible patterns.”

Huether calls the airport a cathedral to transportation. “It occurred to me that we don’t really build houses of worship on that scale anymore, like the cathedrals of Europe” — but the airport is that expansive with plenty of art, he said. “I want that travel experience to be something that you look forward to and not stress out about, and to be inspired and calm.”

Wyat said that after 25 years of planning and saving, plus six years of construction, Tuesday was “such a bright spot in what has been such a challenging year. To see passengers actually using the facility just makes me happy.”



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First flight lifts off from America's newest airport in Salt Lake City

By Katie McKellar | @KatieMcKellar1 | Updated Sep 15, 2020, 11:52am MDT



A water cannon salutes a Delta airplane arriving from Billings, Montana, at the new Salt Lake City International Airport in Salt Lake City on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020. The airport's parking garage, terminal and the west portion of Concourse A are now open. The flight from Billings was the first to arrive at the airport. | Jeffrey D. Allred, Deseret News

SALT LAKE CITY — The brand-new Salt Lake City International Airport lifted off before sunrise Tuesday morning with a blast.

Two firetrucks honored the first flight to soar out of the new airport — Delta Flight 2020 — with a water cannon salute at 5 a.m. The aircraft taxied to the runway through the two streams of water arching overhead as a crowd of onlookers, including

dignitaries like Salt Lake City Mayor Erin Mendenhall, watched from behind Concourse A's glass windows, clapping and cheering.

The massive, \$4.1 billion replacement of the old Salt Lake City International Airport, which is slated to be demolished and built over starting by the end of the year, opened its doors to travelers for the first time Tuesday. Passengers walked into an airport they've never seen before, with a new massive central terminal and its first concourse, Concourse A. Monday marked the last day for travelers passing through the old airport.

The airport also opened a new parking garage, with 3,600 stalls — double the public parking capacity of the old garage — that sits right next to the central terminal. Overnight ahead of the grand opening, airport officials restriped the roadways to direct passengers to the new structure, which led vehicles straight to the new drop-off and pickup zones with ease.

The inaugural flight — with a name signifying a chaotic and uncertain year for the aviation industry and yet a new era for Salt Lake City International Airport — took off toward Atlanta, the headquarters for Delta, which call's Salt Lake City home to its fourth-largest hub airport.

Mendenhall on Tuesday proclaimed that hub “the most beautiful airport in the U.S. and the world.”

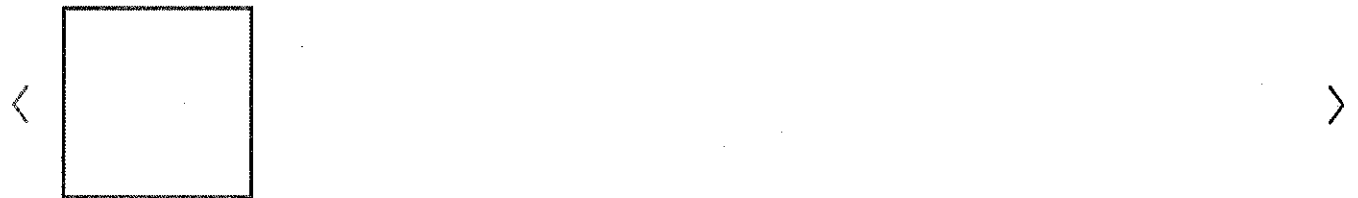
“This is a tremendous day for Salt Lake City and the entire region,” the mayor said after a ribbon-cutting ceremony honoring the official grand opening of the new airport.

It was all pomp and circumstance as city, airport and Delta officials celebrated the grand opening with Delta cookies, a cake replica of the new terminal paired with a frosting airplane, and balloon suitcases.

It was the last thing Julie Erwin, of South Jordan, expected when she and her husband got up before the crack of dawn at 3:50 a.m. to head to the airport for their vacation in Florida.

Still bleary-eyed while she sat at gate A21, waiting to board her flight to Atlanta where they had a layover, Erwin said she had no idea it was opening day for Salt Lake's new airport. She also had no idea her flight would be the inaugural Delta Flight 2020 — and she certainly didn't expect the water cannon salute.

GRID VIEW





“We were surprised,” she said.

Erwin said a family member drove them to the airport to drop them off, expecting the usual route. But when they arrived, the striping on the one-way road led them away from the old airport and onto a new roadway right up to the new. She said the drop-off zone was easy to navigate, and they exited their car right in front of the new terminal.


When they walked in, Erwin said the first thing that caught her eye was the art installation near the escalators, “The Falls,” an 80-foot sculpture of light-refracting glass panes meant to represent a waterfall in a canyon. And up the escalators, as she looked out across a balcony, Erwin said she was awed by “The Canyon,” the wavy, football-sized centerpiece art made of more than 500 wavy, fabric-covered, aluminum


fins that sweep across the upper walls of the central terminal and illuminate with a programmable lighting system, meant to represent southern Utah's slot canyons. Both art installations are by California-based artist Gordon Huether.

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The Canyon in the terminal is especially vibrant when it's dark outside @slairport



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I made it through security. It was easy and fast. The new conveyor belt bin system was very futuristic. Each passenger has a partitioned area where you pick up a bin from a slot underneath. No more stacking your own bins. @slairport



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"It's beautiful. I was surprised by how beautiful it is," Erwin said.

Erwin appreciated the modern feel of the new terminal and Concourse A, something she predicted will keep Salt Lake City in the minds of visitors when they pass through.

"It's like Salt Lake has arrived," she said. "When people come, they don't think, 'Oh my goodness, this is such a small and old airport.' This is up-to-date and modern and it's just really nice."

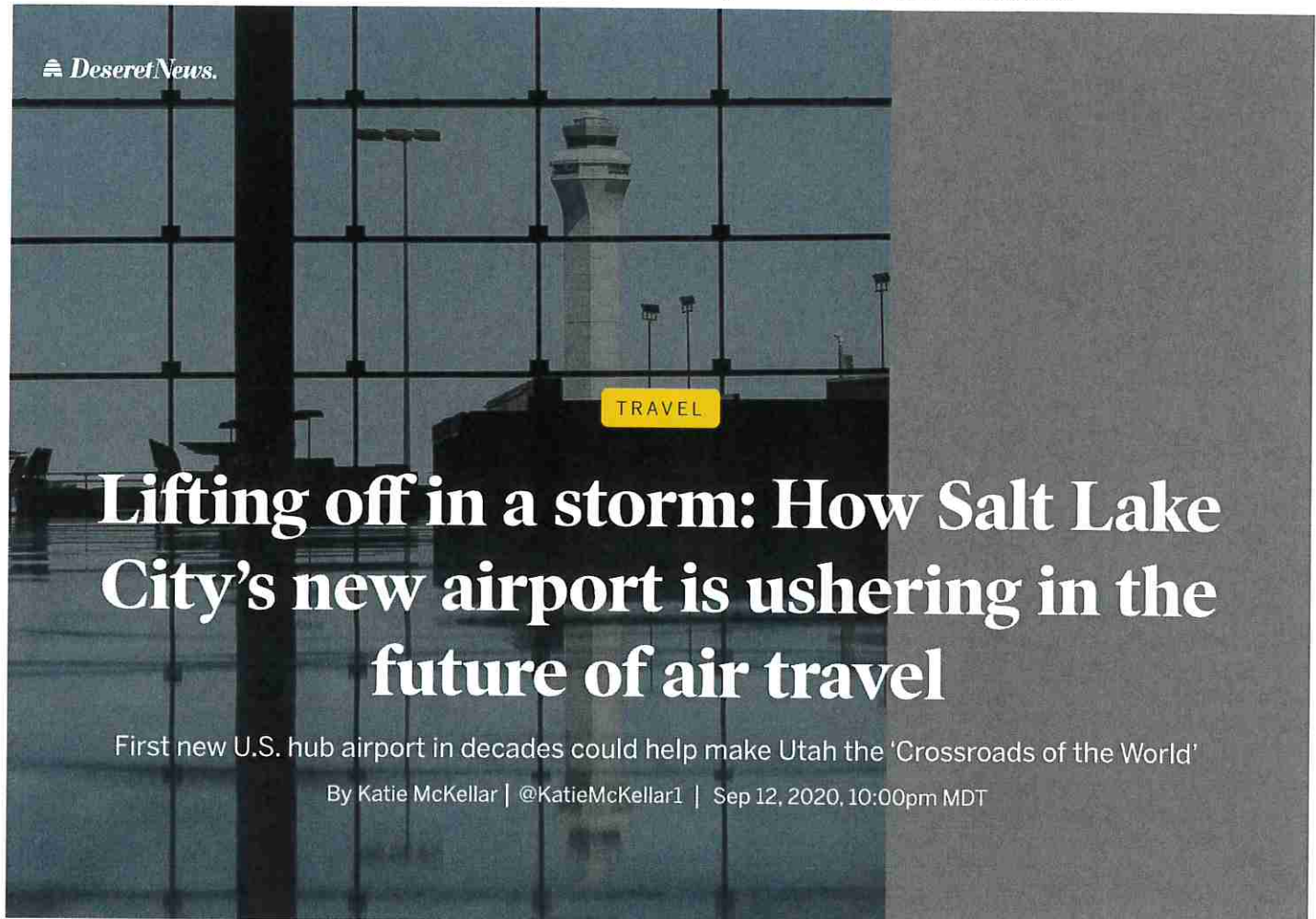
Tuesday's opening day was 25 years in the making, said Bill Wyatt, executive director of Salt Lake City International Airport, and one that marks a new future for Salt Lake City and the state as a whole. Officials laud the new, state-of-the-art airport as what will be one of the biggest economic drivers in the state for decades to come. They project it will net over \$5.5 billion in future economic growth.

"It's really extraordinary," Wyatt said. "This project is going to have enormously positive impacts on this community for the balance of a century. That's a really amazing thing to think about. It's the first 21st century hub airport (replacement in the U.S.), and it may be the last, because it's very difficult to do. And it's right here in Salt Lake."

State and national airport officials say the new airport positions Salt Lake City to not only weather the COVID-19 storm, but to thrive long afterward, poised to accommodate air travel when it comes back with a vengeance — which they're confident it will as the dust settles from the pandemic.

To Lorrie Schmanski, of South Weber, the new airport has been a bright spot in an otherwise panic-stricken and gloomy year.

"It's nice to see something happy and exciting," she said as she waited at gate A21 to board Delta Flight 2020. "I feel like every time you turn on the news or open a newspaper, it's been so depressing, sad, full of drama and chaos and stress and tension. It's nice to see something to celebrate."



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TRAVEL

Lifting off in a storm: How Salt Lake City's new airport is ushering in the future of air travel

First new U.S. hub airport in decades could help make Utah the 'Crossroads of the World'

By Katie McKellar | @KatieMcKellar1 | Sep 12, 2020, 10:00pm MDT

Members of the media and dignitaries tour the new Salt Lake City International Airport's main terminal in Salt Lake City on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020. The new airport is set to open on Sept. 15, 2020. | Steve Griffin, Deseret News

SALT LAKE CITY — It's something no other hub airport in the U.S. has pulled off in the current century.

After a span of six years of construction — preceded by about two decades of planning — the Salt Lake City International Airport is about to open its brand-new, \$4.1 billion airport on Tuesday, starting with a massive new terminal and its first concourse.

By the end of the year, a second concourse will open, and the old airport will begin to be razed to make way for the east side of Concourse A to be built right over the top of it.

What this means for Utahns and travelers across the globe isn't just a brand-new, shiny building to replace a more inefficient and aging facility. To airport officials here and nationally, it's so much more.

"I would dream to see in my career other cities across the country replicate what Salt Lake City has done," said Kevin Burke, president and CEO of Airports Council International-North America, a national organization based in Washington, D.C., that represents U.S. and Canadian airports.

"Salt Lake City has taken an airport and turned it into a modern, 21st century facility," Burke said. "America's airports need to be modernized, and Salt Lake City has been on the cutting-edge of that."

To Burke — and Utah government officials — Salt Lake City's new airport means the portal from Utah to the rest of the world just got much bigger — and with so much more room to grow. It means the state has solidified its foothold in the global air travel industry — and therefore positioned itself well for future economic growth as a now much more appealing travel touch point, destination, and home base for businesses.

To state leaders, that's a huge step for their ambitions to brand Utah as not just the "Crossroads of the West," but the "Crossroads of the World."

But as masterfully designed, impressive and beautiful as Salt Lake City's new airport is, an invisible force has sucked some of the air out of its grand opening.

The global coronavirus pandemic has led nationwide flights to plummet, threatening the entire airline industry. After a year of averaging about 2.4 million passengers a day nationwide, that dropped to a low of 87,534 passengers nationwide during the height of COVID-19 closures on April 14, according to Transportation Security Administration checkpoint travel numbers.

In February, Salt Lake City International Airport saw a record high of 30,000 passengers each weekend. But when the pandemic hit home in Utah and the rest of the U.S., that number death spiraled to barely 1,500.

Over the past several months, more travelers have begun trickling back to airplanes. On Aug. 31, nationwide air travel was up to 711,178 passengers, according to the TSA.

But that's still less than a third of the demand U.S. airports were seeing this time last year.

To Bill Wyatt, executive director of the Salt Lake City International Airport, the COVID-19 pandemic is worse than either of the two other major disruptions to the commercial aviation industry that he's lived through as an airport director.

Worse than 9/11. Worse than the Great Recession.

The pandemic has brought on not just economic hardship that's similar to what airlines and travelers experienced during the Great Recession, but also the fear and uncertainty of air travel that followed Sept. 11, 2001 — but on a much more long-term basis, Wyatt said.

“The thing about the pandemic is it's global — it's affecting everybody all at the same time. And it's invisible. You don't see the virus, but it's everywhere around us, and so that has really affected the confidence of the traveling public,” Wyatt said.

But still, as he has lived through other downturns, Wyatt said he feels “pretty bullish about our future.”

“This isn't going to last forever,” he said. “I don't have any doubt the industry will survive, because I think it's just too important to the U.S. and the world, really, to have commercial aviation. So I think probably the biggest question is, ‘What's it going to look like?’”



Construction is complete on the elevated roadway leading to the terminal entrances at the new Salt Lake City International Airport on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020. | Steve Griffin, Deseret News

Silver linings

Airlines and airports have been forced to confront a new reality: one that requires them to take extraordinary measures like drastically reducing aircraft maximum capacity so there is enough space between seats to give travelers reassurance that their flights are safe. And most airlines have now begun requiring face coverings, making masks the new normal in airports across the country.

To Burke, Salt Lake City's new airport opening comes at a perfect time — when space and cleanliness are more important than ever.

“Your timing was impeccable,” he said.

In a strange way, Salt Lake City's new airport is ushering a new era of air travel, when the importance of personal space, cleanliness and hygiene will likely outlive the COVID-19 crisis. So there have been a number of happy coincidences and silver

linings that have surfaced as the COVID-19 pandemic aligned with Salt Lake City's new airport opening.

For travelers traveling to, from and through Salt Lake City's new airport, space will not be an issue in the massive new terminal and concourses. Everything is spacious — from the bathrooms, to the seating areas, to the unique Greeting Room designed especially for large family greeting parties that are common in Utah, especially for families welcoming home loved ones returning from missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

There's also been logistical and budgetary silver linings. The dramatic drop in passenger numbers allowed Salt Lake airport officials to bump up the next phase of the airport's construction by two years — now on track to save about \$300 million.

Instead of having to operate both the new and old airport as previously planned, the lower demand will allow all operations to move into the new facility by the end of October and pave the way for demolition of the old airport to begin sooner.

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Salt Lake City International Airport

But looking beyond the pandemic, Burke said Salt Lake City's grand airport opening has positioned Utah's capital well into the future for air travel — meaning the state will reap economic benefits in the form of business and tourism growth for decades to come while other airports will struggle to keep up.

“The reality is, air travel will come back,” Burke said. “People will begin to travel. A vaccine will be found. ... The good news for Salt Lake City: You now have an airport that can handle it all. It might not be full now, but it will be full soon.”



Ticket kiosks are pictured inside the new Salt Lake City International Airport on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020. The Salt Lake City Department of Airports is unveiling the large-scale art installations today and updating the public on construction progress 20 days prior to the Sept.15, 2020, opening. | Steve Griffin, Deseret News

Wyatt predicts the new airport, which is Delta's fourth-largest hub, will help usher in nonstop flights to Asia.

"That's something I can imagine in our future," Wyatt said. "The natural assets of Utah will attract more tourism, and the burgeoning tech community here will definitely drive more traffic as well. But if we don't have a new facility that's efficient, we just can't handle it all."

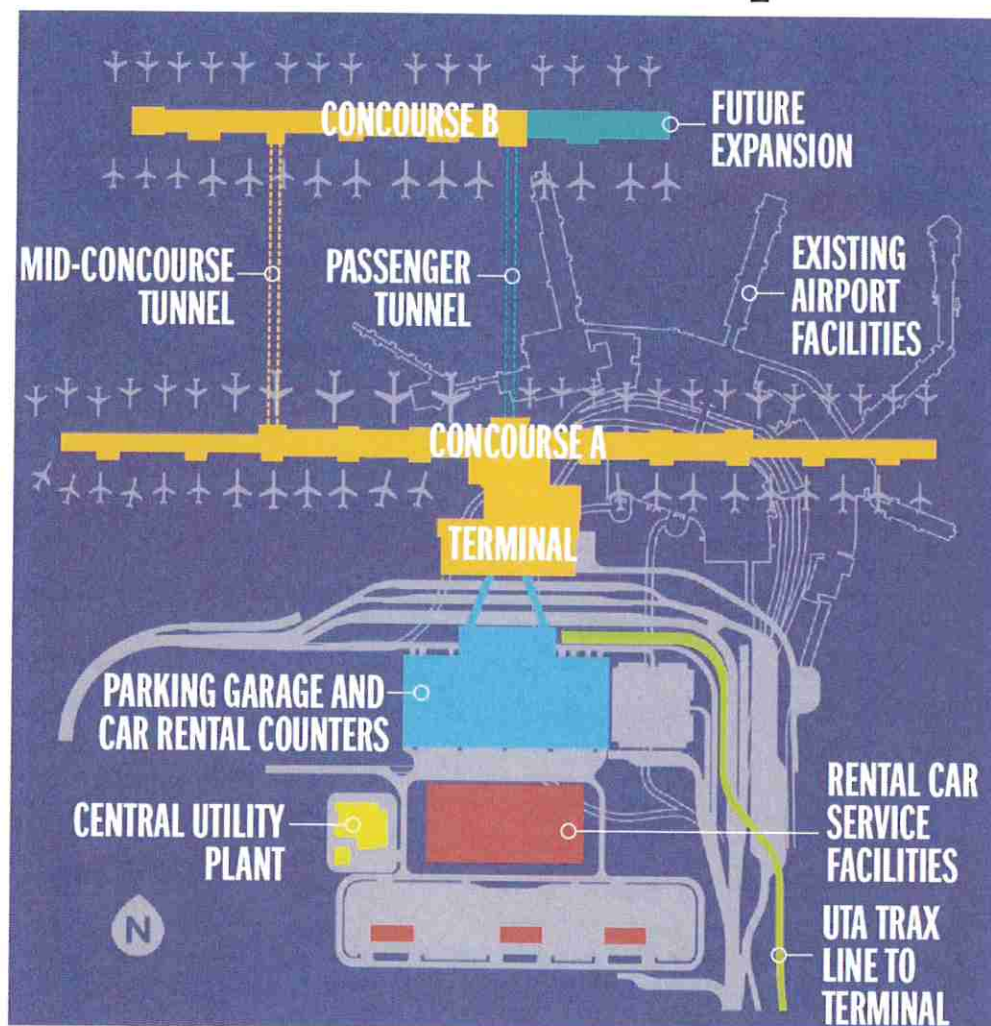
Wyatt also predicted that airlines will likely scrap smaller, older aircraft to consolidate their maintenance costs.

"When the green light comes on again, the industry is going to be a lot smarter, and it's going to get a lot smaller," Wyatt said. "So Delta and big carriers are getting rid of their older aircraft, older planes that aren't as efficient. It's a good opportunity to reduce their fleet size."

That could mean plane tickets are going to get more expensive as airlines must establish a new pricing structure when they're expected to keep middle seats open to maintain passenger confidence in safety and cleanliness, Wyatt said.

"If the industry is smaller and demand rebuilds quickly, there will be more passengers than seats, and it's entirely possible it could be more expensive," he said, though he added he's confident that when a vaccine is established airlines will likely "go back to flying relatively full planes."

The new Salt Lake City International Airport



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Salt Lake City International Airport

Burke said any city with a brand-new airport has a competitive “advantage.” Businesses “want to know that you can get your people and cargo in and out safely and efficiently, so a new airport is an asset to your company no matter what industry you’re in,” he said.

Still today, airports across the country struggle to provide comfortable, efficient and modern spaces for passengers to enjoy rather than just endure in their travels, Burke

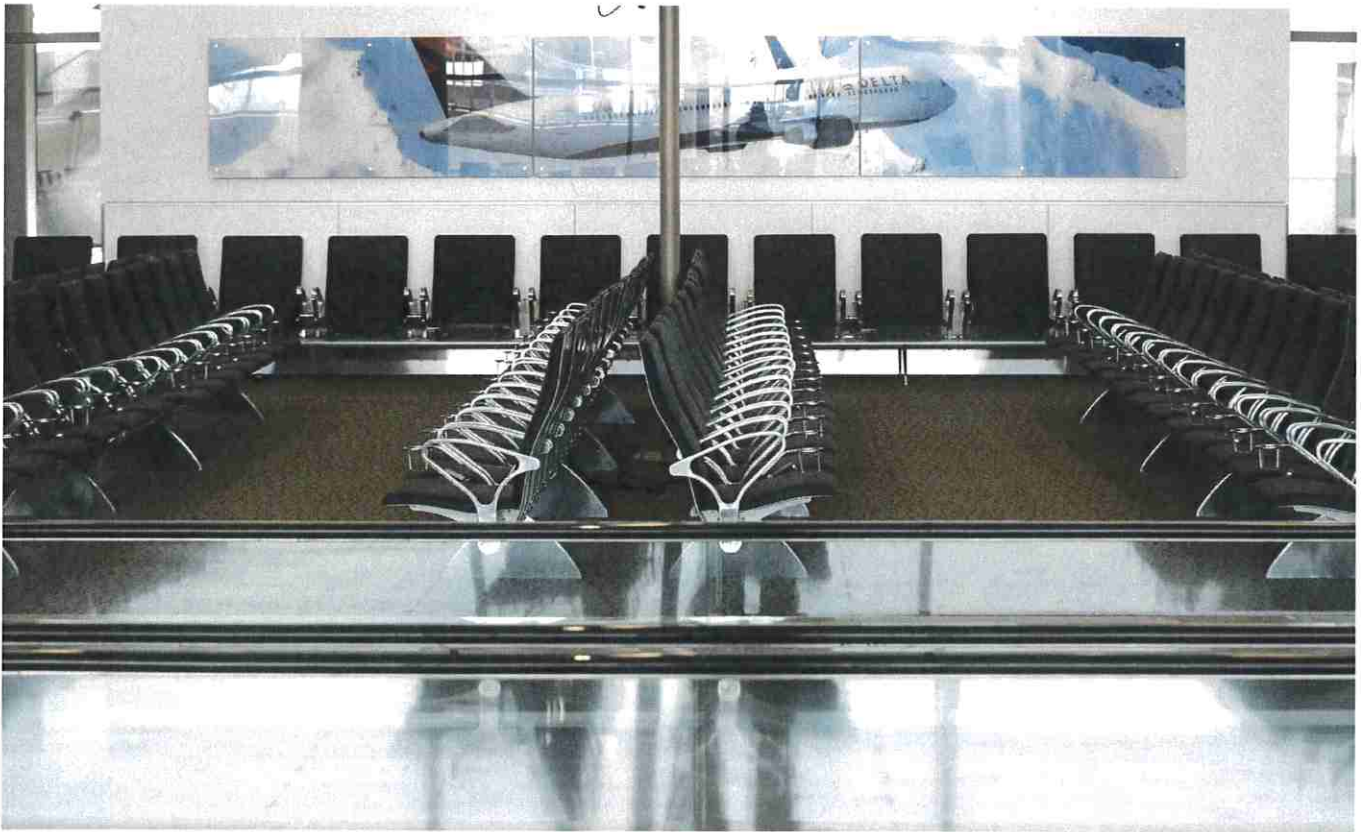
said. He called Salt Lake City's new airport "a window into what airports should look like."

"Having a brand-spanking-new airport in Salt Lake City is a great example of what a community can do to work together to create an airport of the future," Burke said.

"The reality is in the airport system in this country, the average terminal is about 40 years old. "And that was all pre-9/11," he said, noting that passenger traffic and expectations surrounding air travel have soared since then.

Up until now, Denver's International Airport that opened in 1995 has been the U.S.'s newest large hub airport built from scratch. Other airports like the Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport— which opened its newest terminal in 2008 — have a similar linear layout to Salt Lake City's new airport, with underground tunnels connecting parallel concourses (through Detroit has something Salt Lake City doesn't: an indoor train). Airport officials consider the long, straight concourse design a "gold standard" for efficiently moving planes to and from gates while avoiding wait times and bottlenecks.

The new airport was designed by the global design, architecture, engineering and planning firm HOK, which has been behind multiple state-of-the-art projects, including New York City's LaGuardia Airport's new Terminal B.



A Delta departure gate in the new Salt Lake City International Airport's main terminal in Salt Lake City is pictured on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020. Media and dignitaries toured the facility that will open on Sept. 15, 2020. | Steve Griffin, Deseret News

Delta and Salt Lake City

Moments before the curtain was about to drop during an opening ceremony for Salt Lake City's new airport last month, Wyatt admitted that the COVID-19 pandemic — which he called the “single-biggest financial hit to the commercial aviation industry in history” — gave him “feelings of concern” and doubts of whether the new airport would finish on time.

It would really come down to Delta, Salt Lake City's largest stakeholder in the project, which calls Salt Lake City home to its fourth-largest hub.

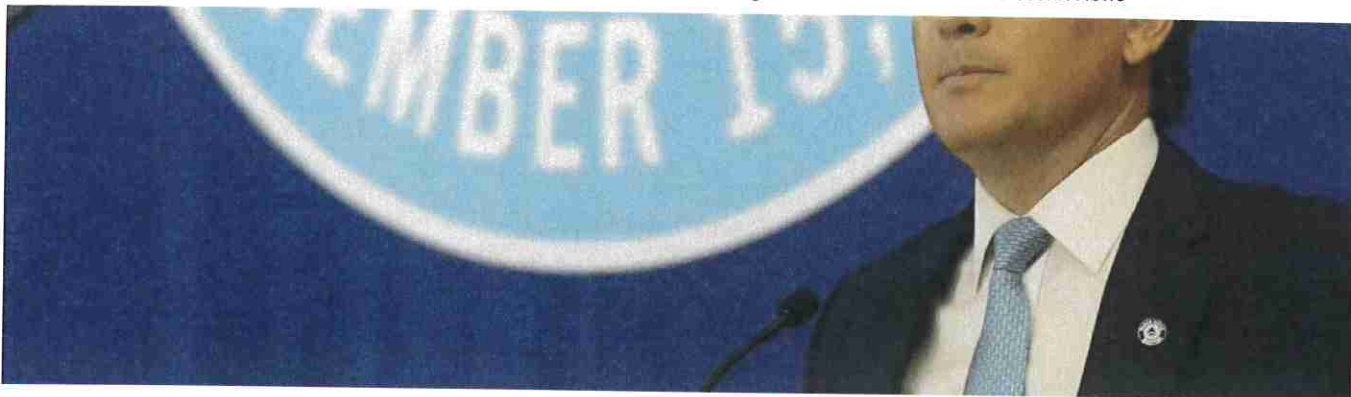
“After consulting with Delta, the answer from Atlanta was, ‘Put your foot on the gas pedal,’ Wyatt said.

Scott Santoro, vice president of sales for Delta's West Coast, said the new airport “solidifies Delta as the airline for passengers to, from or through Salt Lake City for business and leisure travelers for many, many years to come.”

“It’s been very easy for us to look at this and slow it down due to the pandemic, but although the COVID-19 pandemic has affected our day-to-day business, it has not impacted our commitments to you, commitments to the community that we serve,” Santoro said during a recent opening ceremony for the airport. “Regardless of the level of service that we provide, the promises that we made to you and those we partner with we kept.”

Santoro said the pandemic has “allowed us to reprioritize our efforts and ... throttle forward and accelerate projects like this one.”

About 19,000 Delta employees took early retirement packages in July to “help Delta through this crisis,” he said.



Scott Santoro, vice president of Delta Air Lines, speaks to member of the media and dignitaries prior to their tour of the new Salt Lake City International Airport's main terminal in Salt Lake City on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020. The new airport is set to open on Sept. 15, 2020. | Steve Griffin, Deseret News

In written responses to the Deseret News for this story, Santoro said Delta has “remained a dedicated and strategic partner to Salt Lake City” for the past 60 years, and intends to continue that relationship for another 60 years. He said Salt Lake City’s new airport “marks the first strategic milestone within our \$12 billion investment to modernize our nation’s aviation infrastructure.”

“The SLC airport has and continues to be a valued hub for our network, enabling our customers to reach their travel destination with ease and comfort,” Santoro said. “This new SLC airport affords customers a more convenient travel experience, intertwined with luxury and innovation. We are so proud to have been a strong, strategic partner to the SLC airport and look forward to only strengthening our relationship with them, the city of Salt Lake, and the people of Utah for years to come.”

While the pandemic has “brought about challenges,” Santoro said, “Delta continues to deliver on strategies that streamline our business and operations.”

In a way, COVID-19 has allowed the airline to take a breath and look the future, he said.

“This period of time has allowed for us not to pause, but pull the future forward in a way we may have not been able to do so in the past,” he said, calling the new airport “one such example, and we were able to deliver this project both on budget and on time. As a significant hub location for our network, this new SLC airport holds tremendous value for our network at large and has and will continue to give Delta a competitive advantage in the region.”

To Burke, Delta doubled down on its commitment to Salt Lake City as an investment in the future — positioning itself to rebound swifter with a major hub that will be appealing to travelers as the economy bounces back.

Burke and Wyatt said Salt Lake City also has an advantage of being home to a hub airport — since hub airports have been better off financially amid the crisis than smaller airports throughout the country.

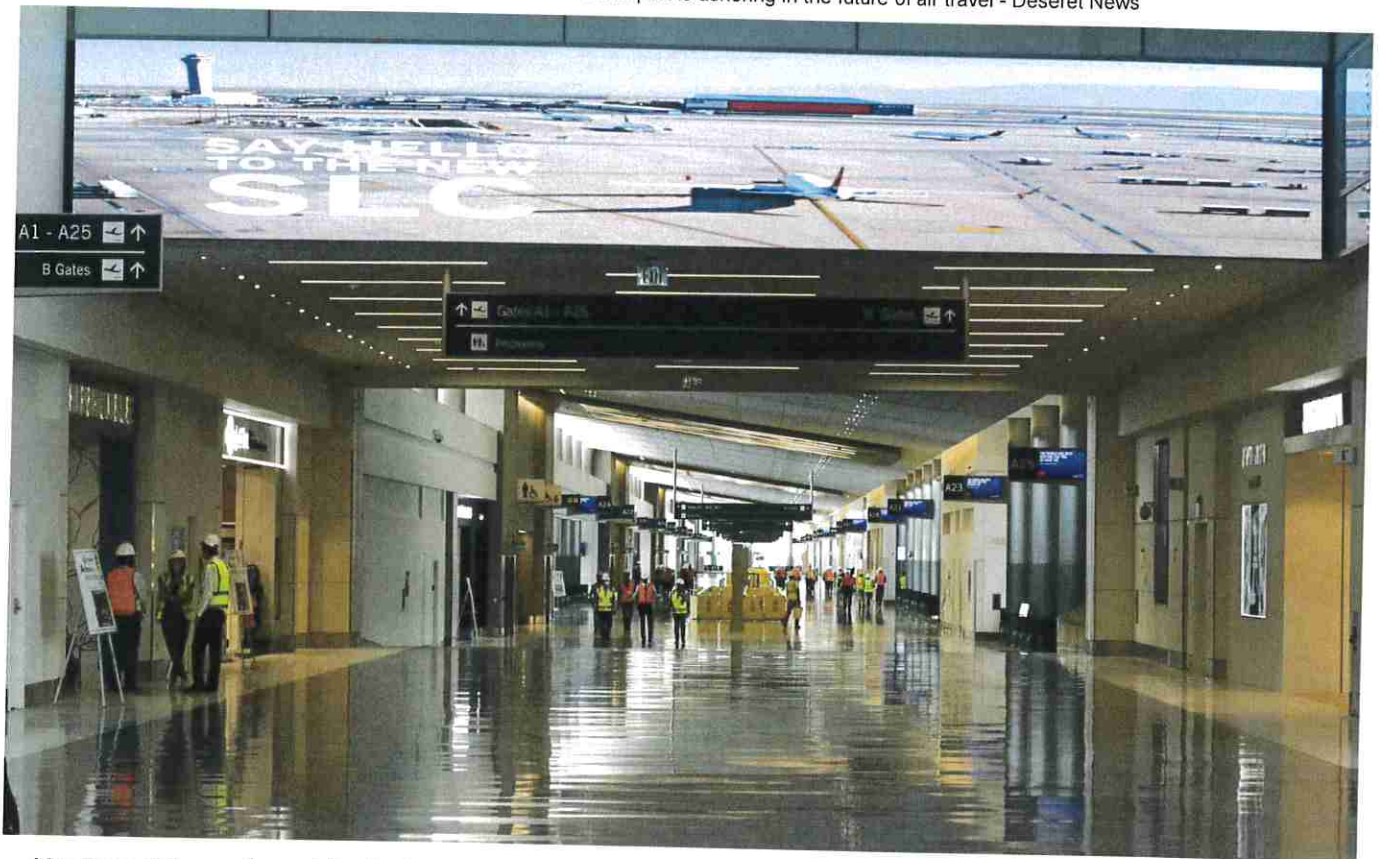
Delta carries about 60% of Salt Lake City's total airport traffic.

Wyatt acknowledged Salt Lake City has put “a lot of our eggs in one basket” with Delta, but he said if he were to choose any partner, it would be that airline.

“I would much rather be in our position than almost anyone else,” Wyatt said. “If you're going to identify a carrier ... I think they're the strongest at the moment. They're incredibly well managed. They made a really big commitment here, which I think is very important, but they're also just a great hub carrier.”

'Very big dream'

Maureen Riley, who was executive director of the Salt Lake City International Airport before she retired in 2017, is given much of the credit for the foresight and financial planning that enabled Utah's capital to make the new airport possible. Wyatt credited her, his predecessor, with “squirreling away a big bundle of cash” so the airport could start the project in a financially strong position.



Members of the media and dignitaries tour the new Salt Lake City International Airport's main terminal in Salt Lake City on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020. | Steve Griffin, Deseret News

“I don’t think very many people get to experience what I’ve experienced — to see a dream come true,” said Riley, who anticipated when she began saving money for the project in 2008 that she likely would retire before its completion. But she got to attend last month’s opening ceremony, where she was repeatedly credited for making it possible.

“It was a very big dream,” she said, crediting “so many other people involved,” their teamwork, and “untold hours of planning” bring it to fruition.

In 2014, when construction began, the Salt Lake airport was the only hub airport in the U.S. without debt. Now, Salt Lake City does have a fair amount of debt to help pay for it, but 19% was paid for with cash. Of the \$4.1 billion price tag, over 60% is paid for using bonds, 5% is paid for with rental car fees, 4.5% is paid for by the Transportation Security Administration, which will provide funding for the baggage system, and 7.2% is paid for by fees collected from passenger airline tickets, according to airport officials.

Federal COVID-19 relief, through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, provided the Salt Lake City International Airport with a year's worth of debt service payments, Wyatt said, which helps bring financial stability for the project. By the time phase two, which includes Concourse B, opens in 2024, Wyatt said he's "pretty confident that the COVID-19 situation is going to be well resolved by that time."

"So I would say we're in a pretty enviable position," he said. "We're opening the new facility just as this business gets to take off again, literally and figuratively."

Riley said when the pandemic hit and she pondered its impact on the project, she recalled that airport officials had "built in a couple of discrete stopping points" in case of an economic downturn, including one that could have been this fall with the opening of the first concourse.

"I thought, 'Well, if they need to stop, they can stop,'" she said. But word of Delta's commitment was "very encouraging."

"All of us want to believe there will be a vaccine and we will get through this, and it may take longer than we know," she said. "But this is a project of the future."

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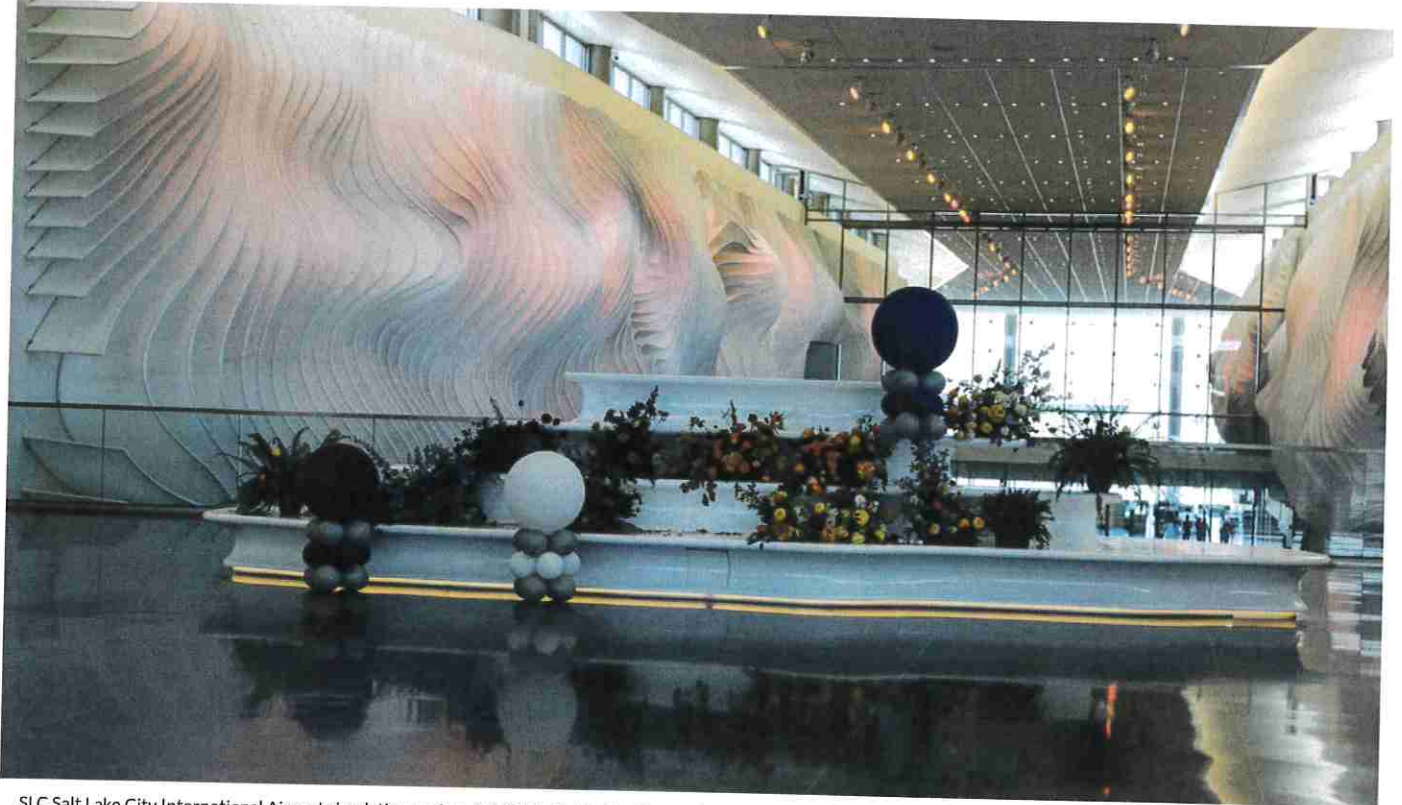
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tomorrow morning. >>> a live look at the nation's capitol where a new audio recording was released by author and journalist bob woodward with his 18 interviews with president trump. it captures trump's thoughts on his conduct of u.s. foreign policy with his counterparts around the world. >> james rosen is joining us live with more. james. >> reporter: folks, good evening. president trump tonight like the eight men who preceded him into the oval office is receiving the woodward treatment. the first revelations from this latest blockbuster by the famed "washington post" editor focused on what the president knew and when about the lethality of the coronavirus. we are learning more about the president's interactions with list counterparts on the world stage. as he has traveled the world conducting u.s. foreign policy, president trump has rejected suggestions that he actually prefers the company of authoritarian strong men. >> what is it with your coziness with some of these dictators? >> i get along with everybody except you people actually. >> reporter: now enraged, the latest of bob woodward's best- selling books says president trump has made claim in the interviews with the author what kind of foreign leaders he likes to deal with and pointed out the turkish prime minister for presiding over a system marked by arbitrary arrests and detention of tens of thousands, arbitrary killings, suspicious deaths of persons in custody and torture. >> i get along very well with erdogan. they say he's a horrible guy. [indiscernible] the relationships i have the tougher and meaner they are, the better i get along with them. the easy ones are the ones i don't like as much or don't get ...

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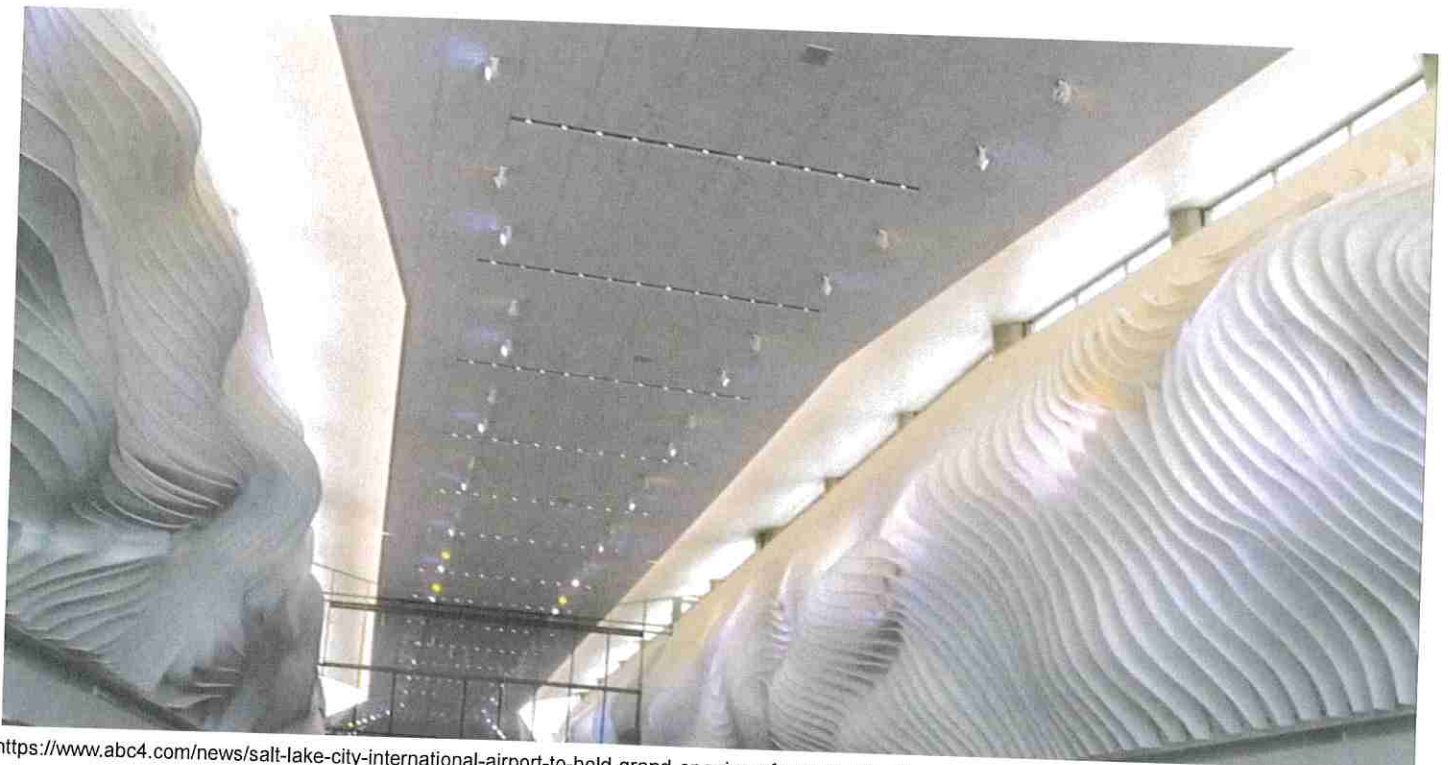
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Salt Lake City International airport to hold grand opening of new terminal





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SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (ABC4 News) – The new Salt Lake City International Airport is slated to hold the grand opening of its new terminal and parking garage Tuesday.

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It is the first phase in a massive renovation. The first phase of the project has been six years in the making.

The second phase is slated to be completed by 2024 or 2025.

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Some of the first passengers in the new airport were mother, daughter duo Lorrie and Payton Schmanski from Ogden.

“It was just beautiful as we drove up I loved to see the lights in the window and we loved all the artwork,” Lorrie Schmanski said.

The new airport features [unique art](#), wider concourses, upgraded TSA, and a new parking structure.

Delta and Sky West’s terminals are the first to open with 25 gates.

The Schimanski’s are aboard the inaugural flight departing out of Salt Lake City service to Atlanta. Delta Flight 2020 pushed back with the traditional water canon salute.

“Great ceremony well deserved on time and pretty much on budget pretty impressive,” one passenger said.

The airport has been under construction for about six years. [The total cost \\$4.1 billion](#) paid for in part by public funds and a \$3.6 billion investment from Delta Airlines.

Eric Phillips, the Senior Vice President of Delta Airlines attended the inaugural flight ceremony.

“Overall we have invested a lot of money in facility projects throughout the system on LAX, LaGuardia, and Salt Lake City but this isn’t by far the most important project,” Phillips said. “critically important for access to the west but also as a destination for people”.

The Schmanski’s agree saying this upgrade was very much needed.

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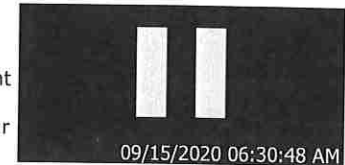
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'Beautiful' Salt Lake airport awes travelers on first flight from new facility

SALT LAKE CITY — The brand-new Salt Lake City International Airport lifted off before sunrise Tuesday morning with a blast.

Two firetrucks honored the first flight to soar out of the new airport — Delta Flight 2020 — with a water cannon salute at 5 a.m. The aircraft taxied to the runway through the two streams of water arching overhead as a crowd of onlookers, including dignitaries like Salt Lake City Mayor Erin Mendenhall, watched from behind Concourse A's glass windows, clapping and cheering.

The massive, \$4.1 billion replacement of the old Salt Lake City International Airport, which is slated to be demolished and built over starting by the end of the year, opened its doors to travelers for the first time Tuesday. Passengers walked into an airport they've never seen before, with a new massive central terminal and its first concourse, Concourse A.

Monday marked the last day for travelers passing through the old airport — a facility that has lived long past its useful life. It was built for 10 million passengers when last year it served more than 26 million.

The airport also opened a new parking garage, with 3,600 stalls — double the public parking capacity of the old garage — that sits right next to the central terminal. The new garage features a camera-based sensor system that uses lights to indicate where open spots are located. Ahead of the grand opening, airport officials restriped the

roadways to direct passengers to the new structure, which led vehicles straight to the new drop-off and pickup zones with ease.

The inaugural flight — with a name signifying a chaotic and uncertain year for the aviation industry and yet a new era for Salt Lake City International Airport — took off toward Atlanta, the headquarters for Delta, which calls Salt Lake City home to its fourth-largest hub airport.

Mendenhall on Tuesday proclaimed that hub “the most beautiful airport in the U.S. and the world.”

“This is a tremendous day for Salt Lake City and the entire region,” the mayor said after a ribbon-cutting ceremony honoring the official grand opening of the new airport.

It was all pomp and circumstance as city, airport and Delta officials celebrated the grand opening with Delta cookies, a cake replica of the new terminal paired with a frosting airplane, and balloon suitcases.

Payton Schmanski and her mother, Lori, depart for Atlanta from the new Salt Lake City International Airport in Salt Lake City on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020. (Photo: Jeffrey D. Allred, KSL)

It was the last thing Julie Erwin, of South Jordan, expected when she and her husband got up before the crack of dawn at 3:50 a.m. to head to the airport for their vacation in Florida.

Still bleary-eyed while she sat at gate A21, waiting to board Delta Flight 2020 to Atlanta where they had a layover, Erwin said she had no idea it was opening day for Salt Lake’s new airport. She also had no idea her flight would be the inaugural flight — and she certainly didn’t expect the water cannon salute.

“We were surprised,” she said.

Erwin said a family member drove them to the airport to drop them off, expecting the usual route. But when they arrived, the striping on the one-way road led them away from the old airport and onto a new roadway right up to the new. She said the drop-off zone was easy to navigate, and they exited their car right in front of the new terminal.

When they walked in, Erwin said the first thing that caught her eye was the art installation near the escalators, “The Falls,” an 80-foot sculpture of light-refracting glass panes meant to represent a waterfall in a canyon. And up the escalators, as she looked out across a balcony, Erwin said she was awed by “The Canyon,” the wavy, football-sized centerpiece art made of more than 500 wavy, fabric-covered, aluminum fins that sweep across the upper walls of the central terminal and illuminate with a programmable lighting system, meant to represent southern Utah’s slot canyons. Both art installations are by California-based artist Gordon Huether.

“It’s beautiful. I was surprised by how beautiful it is,” Erwin said.

Erwin appreciated the modern feel of the new terminal and Concourse A, something she predicted will keep Salt Lake City in the minds of visitors when they pass through.

“It’s like Salt Lake has arrived,” she said. “When people come, they don’t think, ‘Oh my goodness, this is such a small and old airport.’ This is up-to-date and modern and it’s just really nice.”

Tuesday’s opening day was 25 years in the making, said Bill Wyatt, executive director of Salt Lake City International Airport, and one that marks a new future for Salt Lake City and the state as a whole. Officials laud the new, state-of-the-art airport as what will be one of the biggest economic drivers in the state for decades to come. They project it will net over \$5.5 billion in future economic growth.

“It’s really extraordinary,” Wyatt said. “This project is going to have enormously positive impacts on this community for the balance of a century. That’s a really amazing thing to think about. It’s the first 21st century

hub airport (replacement in the U.S.), and it may be the last, because it's very difficult to do. And it's right here in Salt Lake."

State and national airport officials say the new airport positions Salt Lake City to not only weather the COVID-19 storm, but to thrive long afterward, poised to accommodate air travel when it comes back with a vengeance — which they're confident it will as the dust settles from the pandemic.

J.T. Martin, a member of the airport advisory board who was a Salt Lake city councilman in the early days of the airport redevelopment endeavor, bought a ticket on Delta Flight 2020.

"I just couldn't miss this opportunity," Martin said. To see the finished project in all its grandeur has been surreal, he added.

"This is going to be a huge economy boost for the city, for the state, for the university, for our businesses," Martin said.

Passengers lounge during the first phase opening of the new Salt Lake City International Airport in Salt Lake City on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020. (Photo: Jeffrey D. Allred, KSL)

The fact that the airport's opening, after so many years of planning, aligned with COVID-19 has been "unfortunate," Martin said, but the airport entered into the investment with low debt and plenty of cash on hand, so as a board member he feels confident in the airport's financial position.

"We have a lot of money that we can sit through this as needed. I'm not worried for two years ... by then, it will all be sorted out. And if it isn't, it doesn't matter," Martin said, laughing. "If we're still in this mess in two years, all of the rules are going to change. But we're prepared. Two years is a long time, and flying is (coming back)."

Tuesday's opening was a big day for Delta, which will occupy all 25 gates in Concourse A, including the six international gates. In six weeks, when Concourse B opens on Oct. 27, Concourse B will open with 20 gates for Alaska, American, Frontier, JetBlue, Southwest and United airlines.

Eric Phillips, Delta's senior vice president of airport customer service, called the new airport's opening a "bright light — a beacon, almost" — in a year that has brought unprecedented challenges to the industry.

While airlines have received billions in federal assistance to endure the pandemic, 19,000 Delta employees took early retirement packages in July to help the company weather the pandemic.

"With everything bad that's happening right now ... it's outstanding," Phillips said, calling Salt Lake City now a "destination airport" and an appealing place for travelers looking for a comfortable option for layovers.

Delta chose Salt Lake City for now its largest Sky Club yet — 28,000 square feet, featuring two bars, breakfast buffets, an outdoor balcony, a fireplace and showers for members.

"It's just gorgeous," Phillips said. "I hope (passengers) have an incredible experience and have some optimism and excitement about travel."

Jeff Young takes a photo of "The Canyon," an art installation by Gordon Huether, during the first phase opening of the new Salt Lake City International Airport in Salt Lake City on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020. (Photo: Jeffrey D. Allred, KSL)

The airport's new linear design — with one central terminal and two concourses parallel to each other — is considered the "gold standard" for hub airports, and is designed to be more efficient than the wheel-and-spoke layout. The linear design is meant to eliminate aircraft bottlenecks and idling, and also allows for easier expansion at the east ends of the concourses.

To Lorrie Schmanski, of South Weber, the new airport has been a bright spot in an otherwise panic-stricken and gloomy year.

"It's nice to see something happy and exciting," she said as she waited at gate A21 to board Delta Flight 2020. "I feel like every time you turn on the news or open a newspaper, it's been so depressing, sad, full of drama and chaos and stress and tension. It's nice to see something to celebrate."

Schmanski, who was headed to Atlanta for a business trip, said she navigated the new airport with ease, even though she also did not expect to go to a brand-new building. She also was impressed by the futuristic technology at the large new, 16-lane security screening area, which provides each passenger a partitioned area where they pick up a bin from a slot underneath. The conveyor belt system automatically returns bins, so travelers don't have to stack their own bins anymore.

Schmanski said it's a strange time, amid COVID-19, to open a new airport, but she credited airport officials and airlines with making passengers "feel safe," appreciating the hand sanitizer stations at practically every corner.

"I'm impressed they actually pulled it off during COVID," she said. "Because of all the setbacks with everything in the world right now, the fact that they've done it during a pandemic and opened it and made it look like this is impressive."

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SALT LAKE CITY — The unveiling of the new Salt Lake City International Airport might be the greatest way to celebrate a 100th birthday since the invention of cake and candles.

To truly understand how incredible an achievement the new airport is, you have to see where and how it all started a century ago.

Back in 1920, Salt Lake City's start in aviation began when the city bought 100 acres of land near a primitive landing strip and named it "Woodward Field," after pilot John P. Woodward, airport officials say. When the new airfield opened, boxing superstar Jack Dempsey was there to christen the facility.

For a few years, the airfield was home to businesses and aerobatic shows, but in 1926 the first commercial flight took place when Western Express delivered mail on a flight to Los Angeles.

Before Charles Lindbergh made his historic New York-to-Paris flight in 1927, the pilot and his Spirit of St. Louis made a stop at Woodward Field on their way to the big apple.

By the time Woodward Field became Salt Lake City Municipal Airport in 1930, the facility had 11 hangers and two runways. Three years later, administrators built a waiting room, lunch room, radio control room and a third runway.

With the coming of the jet age, it was time for a change as the airport upgraded its runways to accommodate large jets in 1950.


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Ribbon cutting opens new SLC International Airport



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SALT LAKE CITY — The first phase of the new Salt Lake City International Airport is now operational.

COMPLETE COVERAGE of the new SLC Int'l Airport

At 4:00 a.m. Tuesday morning, the Salt Lake City Department of Airports opened a new parking garage, terminal and the west portion of Concourse A.

Salt Lake City Mayor, Erin Mendenhall and other dignitaries performed a ribbon cutting ceremony at Concourse A.



The first flight took off destined for Atlanta, and the first plane landed on a flight from Fresno, California.

It is the first new hub airport built in the 21st Century.

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How to arrive before you fly off at the new airport

Parking, arriving and departing changes

By: FOX 13 News

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SALT LAKE CITY — The concourse is not the only new addition at the airport; you'll be parking, dropping off and picking up in different locations as well.

The brand new parking lot, which is the size of three football fields, features 3,600 stalls, twice the number available in the old garage.

Inside you'll find four escalators, 13 elevators and four moving walkways to whisk you to the your flight or your car.

If you are dropping someone off at the airport, make sure to head to the upper deck, while arrivals can be met on the lower deck of the terminal.



Salt Lake City International Airport

Map shows parking, departure and arrival gates at new airport

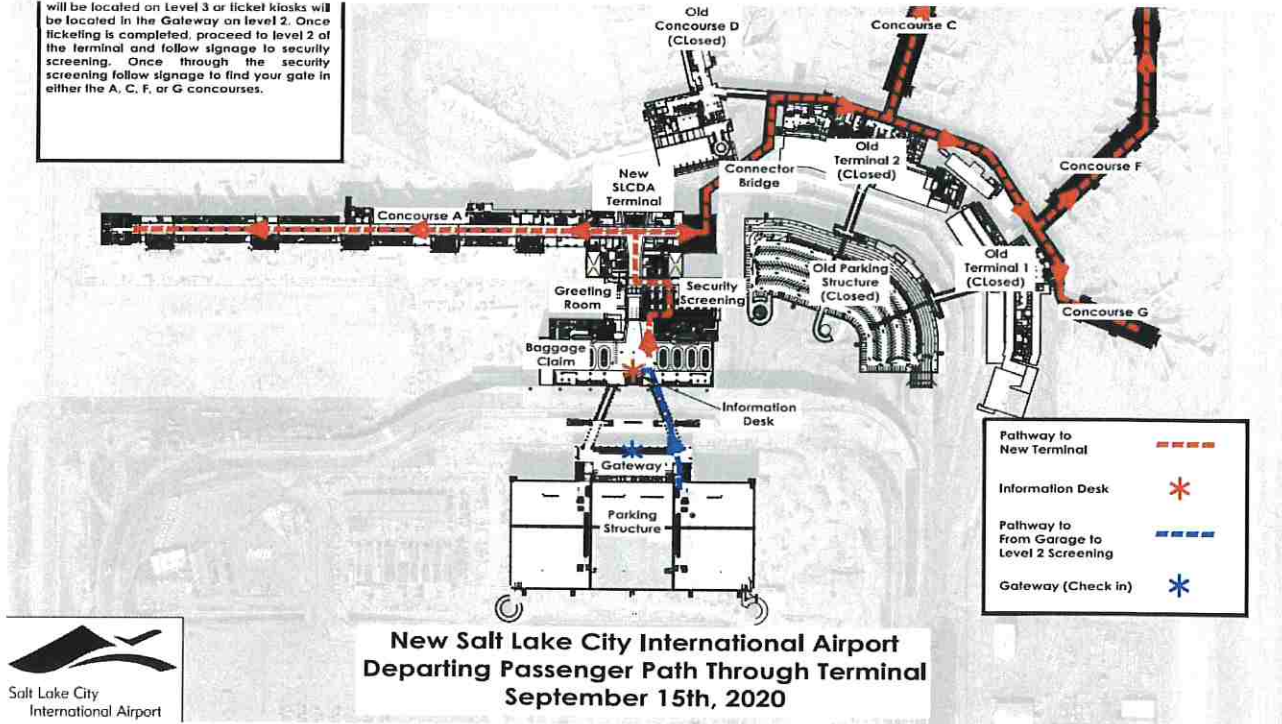
The airport offered up a map to show how passengers can navigate through the new terminal and which way to walk to get to where you need to go.

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will be located on Level 3 or ticket kiosks will be located in the Gateway on level 2. Once ticketing is completed, proceed to level 2 of the terminal and follow signage to security screening. Once through the security screening follow signage to find your gate in either the A, C, F, or G concourses.



Salt Lake City International Airport

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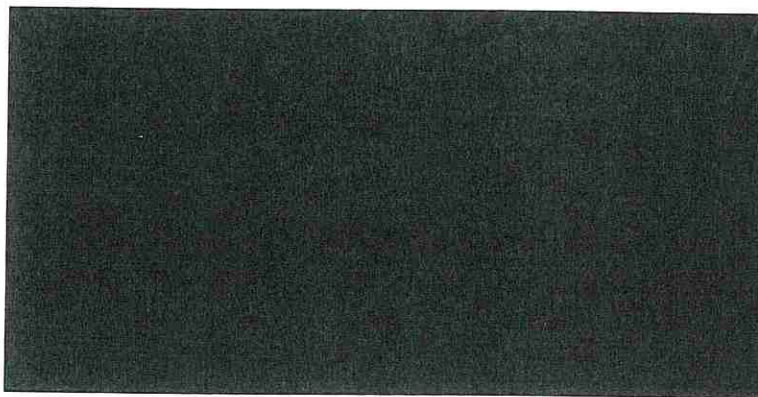
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Final passengers arrive at the SLC international, new airport ready to open

BY JEREMY HARRIS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH 2020

SALT LAKE CITY (KUTV) — The Salt Lake City International Airport will transition overnight from the current facilities to a brand new airport (<https://kutv.com/news/local/one-year-until-the-new-salt-lake-city-international-airport-opens-whats-left-to-do>) that has been in the works for decades.

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KUTV: Jeremy Harris reports

The new SLC International is adjacent to the existing airport and will begin receiving passengers around 4 a.m. Tuesday.

“It’s bittersweet,” airport spokesperson Nancy Volmer told 2News. “It’s a totally new airport ... we have been working on this project since the late 1990s.”

Jeremy Harris 
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I will be here until 8am tomorrow as the old airport shuts down and the new one opens overnight! I'll tweet updates on this thread.

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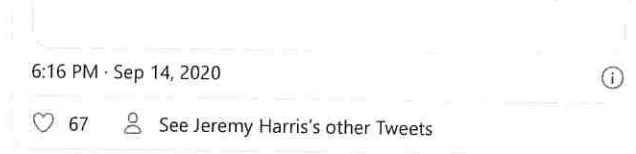
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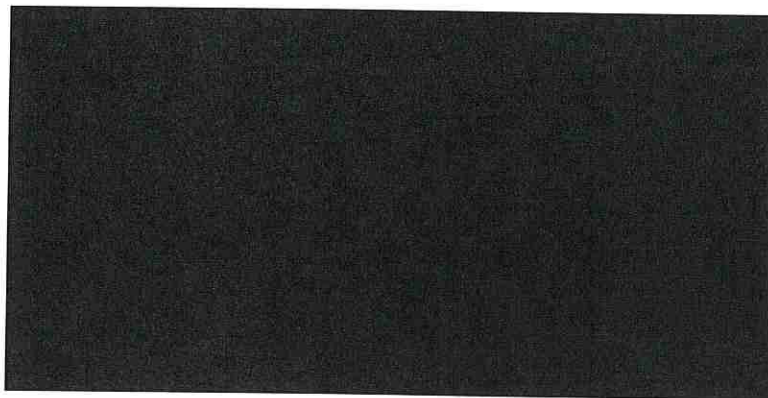
At around midnight, existing Terminals 1 and 2 will be closed and the airport will be temporarily inaccessible to the public (<https://kutv.com/news/local/new-salt-lake-city-airport-opens-in-one-week-whats-the-transition-like>). Overnight, crews will work to adjust the traffic lanes so vehicles can access the new airport terminal and new parking garage.

Monday night, the final passengers arrived and departed from the facility that has served Utah since the 1960s.

"Just being here brings back a lot of memories, that will be kind of sad not to have," said traveler Kellie Wride.

The new airport is opening on time, despite serious challenges in the final months of construction.

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KUTV: Jeremy Harris reports

"[Construction crews] have stayed on task through an earthquake, a pandemic, and just other challenges that naturally come along with construction," Volmer said.

Prior to the pandemic, the airport was busting at the seams, handling approximately 30-million passengers a year in facilities designed to accommodate 10-million, according to airport administrators.

The airport's executive director Bill Wyatt told 2News that in July that passenger volumes are recovering at the airport (<https://kutv.com/news/local/final-approach-new-slc-airport-less-than-two-months-away-from-opening>) and he believes the new facilities will be the "best in the world."

The airport currently has pandemic protocols in place, including only allowing access to the terminal for ticketed passengers. You can read more about the new airport and the transition on the airport's website. (<https://slcairport.com/>)

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The screenshot shows a website header with a dark blue background. On the left is the KSL NEWSRADIO 102.7 FM logo. On the right is a hamburger menu icon. Below the header are two horizontal bars: a blue one with the text "Your Voice, Your Vote: 2020 Election Guide" and a green one with "Coronavirus Tracker". Below these is a white box with the text "48% more likely for Sales Navin to connect with decision makers". The main article title "Tips for travelers going to the new Salt Lake City Airport" is displayed in large white font on a dark blue background. Below the title, the byline reads "BY KELLI PIERCE | SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 AT 5:37 AM" and "UPDATED: SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 AT 7:40 AM".

SALT LAKE CITY – If you're headed to the new [Salt Lake City Airport](#) on September 15th, get there early. That's the advice from airport spokeswoman Nancy Volmer, who thinks there may be more than a few eager travelers trying to fly out of the new terminal on its first day of operation.

Volmer also recommends travelers pay attention to the signs on the roadway going into the airport. Both the road and the signs are also new.

"You'll either be dropping off passengers on the elevated roadway or you'll be going into the parking garage," Volmer says.

People parking in the economy lot or taking other shuttles will be dropped off near the main garage.

Once passengers make it to the parking garage, there is only one way into the terminal, which Volmer says will make it easier.

"They'll take bridges over to what's called The Gateway, where the car rental counters are located. Continue over some more passenger bridges, and then you'll see the security screening lanes over to the east," Volmer says.

Although the new terminal will be open Tuesday, the airport will keep using part of an old terminal for some flights over the next six weeks.

That's why it will be important for passengers to pay attention once they clear security.

"If you're flying out of Concourse A [in the new terminal], you'll just go straight to the plaza area, to the left, [then] to your gate. If you're flying out of the other gate areas, then you'll take a connecting bridge to get to the existing concourses," Volmers says.

If travelers are still confused, they are encouraged to ask any of the airport ambassadors who will be on hand Tuesday about where to go.

[Motivated workers kept airport terminal project relatively virus free](#)

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Lights come on this week in rebuilt Salt Lake International Airport

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Travelers using Salt Lake City International Airport will face lots of changes starting the morning of Sept. 15 as the redeveloped section of the airport opens and the lights in sections of the original airport are switched off.

The first phase of the redevelopment opens that morning after six years of construction. The Salt Lake City Department of Airports said last week that the Sept. 15 changes include the closure the night before of terminals 1 and 2, the International Terminal and the parking garage.

In their place, a new parking garage, central terminal and the western end of Concourse A will open. Passengers planning to travel the morning of Sept. 15 will access the airport via a new roadway. An elevated roadway is available for passenger drop-off, while passenger pickup is at ground level. Passengers taking TRAX will take a shuttle from the end of the existing TRAX line to the new airport for approximately eight months while the new TRAX line is build out to the new terminal building.

Passengers who have trips planned when the transition to the new parking garage occurs are encouraged to park in the economy lot rather than in the original garage. Cars that are parked in the original garage the morning of Sept. 15 will be moved to the new garage and a parking attendant will be on-site to assist passengers in locating their vehicles. There will be no access to the original parking garage after midnight Sept. 14. During the remainder of 2020, the charge to park in the garage will be reduced to \$20 daily.

Concourse A will be used by Delta Air Lines. The first flight out of that concourse will be Delta Flight 2020 to Atlanta, leaving at 6 a.m. The first flight to arrive is Delta's Flight 3540 from Idaho Falls Regional Airport. Passengers departing and arriving will be greeted with a water salute and each will be given an airport coin to commemorate opening day.

People needing help navigating the changes can access a map on the airport's phone app, available to download on Google or Apple. The airport encourages all passengers to allow extra time to find parking and access their gate, especially those flying out of the original airport, since the walk from the new terminal to the original airport will take longer.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, access to the airport is remains limited to ticketed passengers, employees or individuals doing business with the airport. Those picking up passengers should do so curbside or in the parking garage. The "park and wait" lot is also available to drivers waiting to pick up passengers.

More changes at the airport will take place Oct. 27. Concourses C, F and G of the original airport will remain until then. After that, the western end of Concourse B opens. Alaska, American, Frontier, JetBlue, Southwest and United will operate in Concourse B.

The second phase of the \$4 billion expansion project will include building the eastern ends of both concourses and

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The New Salt Lake City International Airport Is Built For Skiers & Snowboarders



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A phased overhaul to the Salt Lake City International Airport incorporates a massive amount of upgrades for travelers, but more importantly for skiers and snowboarders, an improved baggage system that optimizes handling of oversized baggage.

Breaking ground in 2014, upgrades to the existing Salt Lake City International Airport intend to better serve fliers, replacing the five existing concourses with two streamlined, linear concourses, connected via tunnel. Phase one of this \$4-billion-dollar mega project is open for travelers starting September 15, 2020 and will feature a new terminal, updated baggage and TSA screening infrastructure, a new parking garage, and portions of the two new concourses.

Focused on sustainability, the LEED Gold-certified terminal complex features Utah-inspired art installations and passenger amenities like enhanced Wi-Fi, charging terminals at each seat, and larger restroom stalls. Improvements of note for skiers, snowboarders, and other sports enthusiasts relate to the handling of oversized luggage and upgrades to the baggage systems. With a goal to make travel easier, fun, and more inspiring, The New SLC is ready to streamline the journey of adventurous travelers.

Over seven miles of conveyor belts have been built or upgraded to whisk checked luggage from multiple areas like the parking garage, curbside drop-off, and the ticketing counters. This simply means less lugging for those with oversize bags, which is always the first concern upon airport arrival. These improvements streamline travel for those with skis, bikes, boards, or other sporting equipment. Read on for a few highlights below!

- The new baggage system can handle ski and board bags in addition to bike boxes or bags versus the traditional setup where travelers would need to visit the oversized baggage claim to fetch their luggage. The new oversize baggage claim technology employs state-of-the art tech which can present approximately 100 ski bags vertically, offering better visibility to travelers.
- The check-in process for those returning rental cars has also been streamlined, allowing them to park and easily transport gear to Gateway Ticketing and check-in in close proximity to the TSA security checkpoint and airline gates.
- Those arriving in Salt Lake City won't have to wrestle their ski and snowboard bags down sets of stairs, escalators, or elevators, as the baggage claim area occupies the same level as ground transportation and the parking structure.
- Improvements to TSA screening and inspection of oversized articles have been made. With greater efficiency incorporated into the TSA inspection process and a reconfiguration of the baggage system, all cleared bags are whisked under the concourse for sorting, which in turn improves delivery time to the aircraft.
- Because so much of the handling of oversized luggage has been automated, far less handling and maneuvering of bags will be necessary. All bags are equipped with a 10-digit bar code, which the system uses to route and transport the bags. This is both better for your gear and puts less physical strain on airport staff.
- Opening day of the Phase 1 construction work on Sept 15, 2020 will utilize the Terminal and Concourse A West baggage system. This phase represented \$107 million investment. Subsequent phases implemented as the Terminal Development proceeds will approach \$160 million in cost.



- In the event of a mechanical or technical error, there are a number of redundancies in the newly constructed baggage. Bags can be rerouted should some belt failure occur and you won't be stuck ski-less in Salt Lake City.
- For those that live on the edge and tend to arrive late to the airport, the system can redirect late oversized bags to specific locations for special handling, decreasing your chances of traveling sans baggage. (But don't use that as an excuse to arrive late!)

All the upgrades to the Salt Lake City Airport listed above will mean travel to skiing in Utah is now even more convenient. As the airport continues to improve, Salt Lake will be better positioned to welcome adventure enthusiasts *and* their gear.



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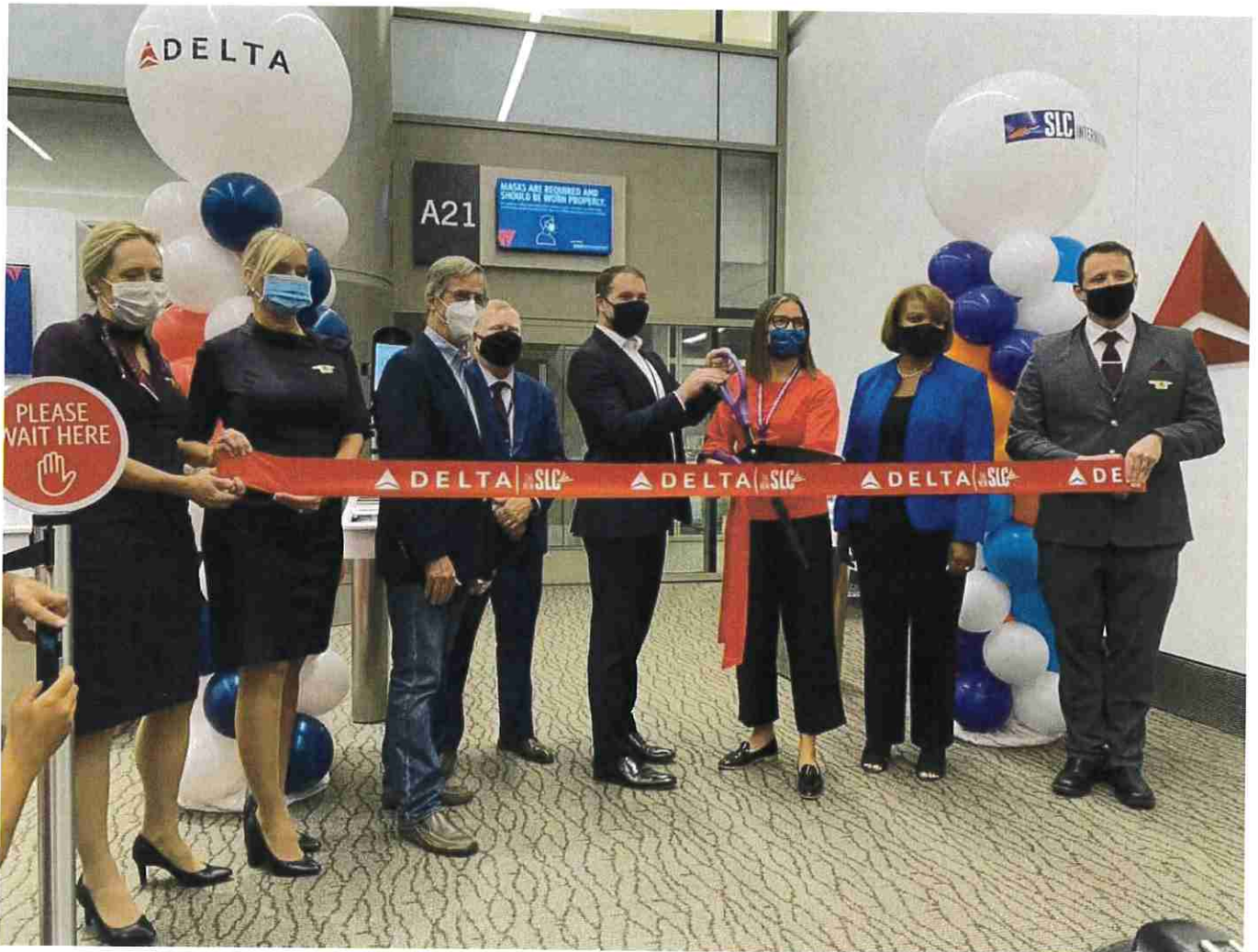
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As the lights dimmed on the existing airport, the lights brightened on a new parking garage, gateway centre, central terminal, and Concourse A-west.



Delta Air Lines will occupy the 25 gates in Concourse A-west, including six international gates.

In six weeks, Concourse B-west will open with 20 gates for Alaska, American, Frontier, JetBlue, Southwest and United airlines.

“This day has been years in the making,” said Bill Wyatt, SLCDA executive director. “To say we are excited to be here today is an understatement.

- 16 security screening lanes with automatic return bins to aid in touchless travel.



- 7 miles of luggage conveyor belts to accommodate oversized bags, such as skis, snowboards, bike boxes and golf clubs.

- The Greeting Room – a large area that can accommodate 300 to 400 individuals – where friends, families and others can wait to pick up passengers once physical distancing measures are no longer in place.

- Large-scale art installations by artist Gordon Huebner – The Canyon, The Falls, The Plates and Benches— to represent Utah's natural beauty and provide a sense of place.



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“After six years of construction and many more years of planning, we are proud to open the first new US hub airport in the 21st Century.”

The need to build a new SLC airport became apparent as passenger numbers grew and facilities became outdated. Prior to the pandemic, SLC recorded more than 26 million passengers in 2019, in an airport that was built for 10 million passengers.

The advantages of building an entirely new airport is that the architects were able to design for the future to create a more efficient and more sustainable facility.

The new concourses are designed in a parallel configuration – compared to the current pier layout – which will eliminate aircraft bottlenecks and idling, so airlines are able to get their planes to the gate and back in the air quicker.

SLCDA also built the new facilities with LEED Gold Certification from the US Green Building Council in mind. The airport achieved this certification through a variety of ways, such as converting all airline ground service equipment to electric. Plus, the use of natural light will also help to achieve the airport’s energy goals.

Additional highlights of the \$4.1 billion airport include the following:

- A two-level roadway system with an elevated road designated for departures.
- A parking garage with 3,600 parking stalls and a camera-based sensor system that uses lights to indicate where open spots are located. Plus, 56 places to charge electronic vehicles.

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Denver and Salt Lake City emerge as airline powerhouses

There's nothing particularly flattering about their pandemic-era traffic trends. In July (the most recent month for which data are available) Denver and Salt Lake City airports saw y/y traffic declines of 61% and 65%, respectively. Cataclysmic by normal standards. By current crisis standards, however, the declines are somewhat below the national average. Beyond mere traffic trends, more importantly, is the emergence of the Rocky Mountain region as one of the crisis era's relative winners.

Denver and Salt Lake City are indeed seeing among the mildest declines in traffic and capacity among all major U.S. hub airports. One reason is simple: To the extent that Americans are still taking vacations, a large percentage are avoiding big cities and crowded theme parks, visiting national parks and other outdoor scenic spaces instead. With a deadly infectious disease on the loose, what better place to escape than the mountains? July visits to Rocky Mountain National Park near Denver were down by a quarter from last year's record-breaking figure. But that was mostly because the park limited entries (to promote social distancing). Salt Lake City happens to be the closest airline hub to Yellowstone National Park, where July visits were actually *up* 2% y/y. Many visits don't involve air travel of course. But many do, especially from distant parts of the country, like the east coast.

A relatively resilient tourist sector is one reason Salt Lake City currently has the lowest unemployment rate of any airline hub city: Just 5% in July, compared to almost 11% nationally. (New York's unemployment rate is 16%). Denver is well below the national average too, at less than 8%. Tourism aside, Denver and Salt Lake are both cities with large technology sectors. And technology is an area of the pandemic-era economy that's holding up well.

Demographically, Denver and Salt Lake are growth superstars. Between 2010 and 2019, the U.S. population grew by 6%, according to U.S. Census data. Denver's population by contrast grew 16%. Salt Lake saw a 13% increase. Utah also happens to have the highest birthrate and youngest median age of any state. Two decades ago, when airlines were dealing with the 9/11 crisis, Salt Lake City was one of Delta's weaker hubs, with many routes busy enough to support only regional jet flying. Thanks to years of above-average population and economic growth, the market can support much more demand today.

Even before the pandemic, Denver in particular was a booming airline market. It welcomed

69m passengers last year, up 7% from 2018. Salt Lake City itself grew 5% to 27m. Neither city, importantly, has a whole lot of intercontinental traffic in normal times. They're primarily domestic hubs, and that's a good thing right now with international borders closed. Population centers within the mountain region, meanwhile, tend to be rather spread apart, making air travel often more practical than surface travel. Locals in Denver and Salt Lake are big per capita fliers — just driving from one to the other is an eight-hour affair. As for hub competition, Denver and Salt Lake are alone in the mountain region; contrast this with the midwestern region pre-consolidation, which had more hubs than the market could support. Even today there are three big ones (Chicago, Detroit, and Minneapolis).

The mountain region certainly has its fair share of low-cost and ultra-low-cost air travel.

Frontier is based in Denver. It was **Southwest's** second largest market by seats after Chicago last year (according to Cirium data). **Spirit** and **JetBlue** are there. **Allegiant** and **Sun Country** dabble there. Southwest is large in Salt Lake City too, with JetBlue and Frontier sporting a smaller presence. Spirit and Allegiant are not yet in Salt Lake, partly due to facility shortages. **Breeze**, the new airline backed by David Neeleman, will have its headquarters in Salt Lake City.

Denver, of course, is a **United** hub. Salt Lake City is a **Delta** hub. Well, both airlines, as they slash frequencies to cities around the country, are funneling more traffic through their midcontinent hubs. Want to fly United's nonstop from San Francisco to Philadelphia? It's gone. An alternative is flying via Denver. That Los Angeles-Columbus nonstop on Delta? Doesn't exist anymore. Go via Salt Lake instead. Note also that neither hub is particularly big for corporate traffic, another segment of demand (like international) that's deeply depressed.

Helpfully, Covid-19 infection rates were low throughout the summer, at least when compared to hotspots like Florida and Southern California. Texas, always a big source of mountain region visitors, was a major Covid hotspot this summer, surely encouraging some to flee for the mountains. The intense heat wave currently scorching the west is another incentive to head for higher altitudes. Looking ahead, Denver and Salt Lake are hoping for a relatively busy ski season, Covid permitting.

When traffic does start to revive in earnest, Salt Lake City will be ready. This week, Delta will operate the first flight from the city's brand-new airport, built on the site of the existing airport (and using the same runways). As it happens, the site is notable for its proximity to the city center, which is most definitely not the case at Denver. It can handle close to 40m passengers annually. Denver, for its part, has 39 new gates under construction, a 30% increase on its current capacity.

Longer-term, both cities — Denver, especially, given its size — will strive to attract more international service. Its only European destinations pre-crisis were London, Frankfurt, Munich, Paris, and Reykjavik. Its only Asian destination was Tokyo. It offered nothing south of Panama City. Intercontinentally from Salt Lake City, it's just London, Paris, and Amsterdam. **KLM** is alone among longhaul foreign airlines flying to Utah's largest city. No **British Airways**. No **Lufthansa**. But the airport believes nonstops to Seoul could become a reality once markets recover, thanks to Delta's partnership with **Korean Air**. More service to Central and South America is a target as well, and in many cases reachable with narrowbody planes.

Interestingly, one of Salt Lake City's biggest travel buyers, with lots of international itineraries, is the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, known for worldwide missionary work. *Business Travel News (BTN)*, in fact, ranks it number 43 on its list of spenders on U.S. air travel. It spent an estimated \$93m on airline tickets in 2018, *BTN* estimates, much of it naturally booked with Delta. Adobe, a Silicon Valley-based software giant, has a large presence in the Salt Lake region. Palantir, another notable Silicon Valley company, will soon move its headquarters to Denver. The mountain region in general has a large federal government presence. And it's an area with many natural resource companies as well.

Add it all up, and you'll see two airline markets absorbing the Covid shock better than most. Forward airline schedules are subject to major changes these days, even close in. But it's hardly random that among America's 50 busiest airports excluding those in Hawaii, Salt Lake City's October seat counts are scheduled to drop the second least of any: down 21% y/y (Cirium). Only Fort Myers in Florida (down 13%) shows a smaller decline. Denver sits just three notches down from Salt Lake, with a 28% decrease. The next few months will be tough for all airports. But for a bit of bullishness in an era of bears, head for the mountains.

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The Salt Lake City Department of Airports Opens the First Phase of The New SLC

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On Sept. 15, the Salt Lake City Department of Airports (SLCDA) turned the key and opened the first phase of The New SLC Airport. As the lights dimmed on the existing airport, the lights brightened on a new parking garage, gateway center, central terminal and Concourse A-west. Delta Air Lines will occupy the 25 gates in Concourse A-west, including six international gates. On Oct. 27, Concourse B-west will open with 20 gates for Alaska, American, Frontier, JetBlue, Southwest and United airlines.

“This day has been years in the making,” said Bill Wyatt, SLCDA executive director, “To say we are excited to be here today is an understatement. After six years of construction and many more years of planning, we are proud to open the first new U.S. hub airport in the 21st Century,” Wyatt added.

The need to build a new SLC airport became apparent as passenger numbers grew and facilities became outdated. Prior to the pandemic, SLC recorded more than 26 million passengers in 2019, in an airport that was built for 10 million passengers.

The advantages of building an entirely new airport is that the architects were able to design for the future to create a more efficient and more sustainable facility. The new concourses are designed in a parallel configuration – compared to the current pier layout – which will eliminate aircraft bottlenecks and idling, so airlines are able to get their planes to the gate and back in the air quicker.

SLCDA also built the new facilities with LEED Gold Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council in mind. The airport achieved this certification through a variety of ways, such as converting all airline ground service equipment to electric. Plus, the use of natural light will also help to achieve the airport’s energy goals.

Additional highlights of the \$4.1 billion airport include the following:

- A two-level roadway system with an elevated road designated for departures.
- A parking garage with 3,600 parking stalls and a camera-based sensor system that uses lights to indicate where open spots are located. Plus, 56 places to charge electronic vehicles.
- The Gateway, which houses car rental counters and quick-check airline ticket counters.
- 16 security screening lanes with automatic return bins to aid in touchless travel.
- 45 concessions – 21 restaurants and 24 stores – in the Terminal and Concourse A-west – all with street pricing. (On opening day, there will be 9 restaurants and 12 stores that open in Concourse A-west.)

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- Aircraft gates that employ the Safegate Aircraft Docking System to provide pilots active guidance to support safe, efficient and precise automated aircraft parking during all operating conditions.
- 24 restrooms with private lactation rooms, deep bathroom stalls and unique Whimsy Wall artwork. Passengers are never more than 150 feet away from the next restroom facility.
- The Greeting Room – a large area that can accommodate 300 to 400 individuals – where friends, families and others can wait to pick up passengers once physical distancing measures are no longer in place.
- Large-scale art installations by artist Gordon Huether—The Canyon, The Falls, The Plates and Benches—to represent Utah’s natural beauty and provide a sense of place.
- A convenient, temporary bridge to connect the new terminal to the original airport concourses through Oct. 27.
- Estimated economic impact of the construction project is \$5.5 billion.

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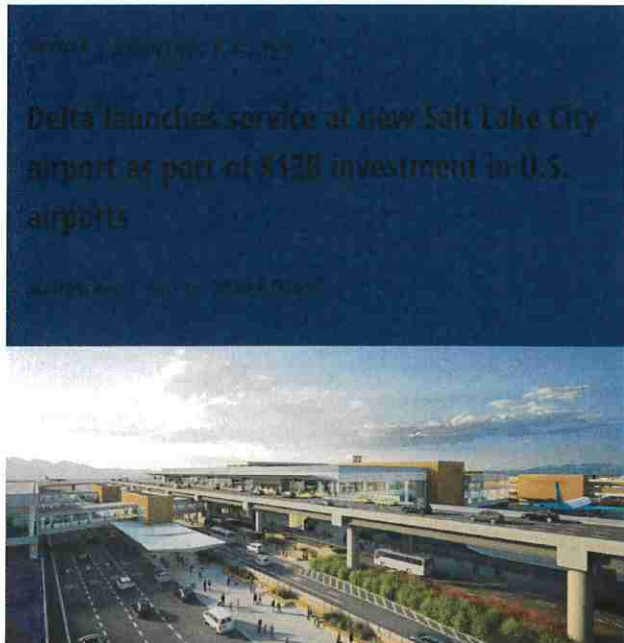


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- **The new 900,000-square-foot Concourse A houses 78 gates**
- **Our largest-ever Delta Sky Club includes an outdoor Sky Deck**
- **The airport will deliver \$5.5 billion in estimated economic impact to the Salt Lake City region**

Delta Flight 2020 departed for Atlanta from Salt Lake City International Airport's stunning new Concourse A Tuesday, marking the official first flight in Delta's new home in this core hub after a decade of partnership in planning, design and construction to deliver the first U.S. global aviation hub of the 21st century.

"I want to congratulate the Salt Lake City leadership for their vision and partnership in creating this iconic new air travel experience," said Delta CEO Ed Bastian. "On behalf of Delta's global workforce, and the more than 4,000 employees based in SLC, we look forward to welcoming and serving our customers traveling to, from and through the Mountain West region."

The new SLC includes convenient amenities designed to enhance the overall travel experience. From a more efficient baggage-handling system that accommodates luggage of all sizes and shapes so skis don't need to be dropped off at a special counter to a state-of-the-art parking garage with a mobile app service to remind passengers where they parked their car, the new SLC was designed with today's traveler in mind.

As a mid-sized hub connected to global destinations, the new Salt Lake City airport will remain an important part of Delta's overall network strategy as the airline recovers from the global pandemic. Delta's involvement in the completion of this airport, coupled with the airline's extension of its current lease through 2034, stands as a testament to the relationship between Delta, the state of Utah and the airport.

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unique look inspired by the canyons and landscape of the region, the Club offers guests views of the Wasatch Range from the covered open-air Sky Deck and a 360-degree fireplace in the middle of the lounge on their journey through the Beehive State.

Investing in infrastructure

Delta is investing more than \$12 billion in airport projects that modernize the airline's hub infrastructure and customer experience, including new construction at Los Angeles International Airport and New York's LaGuardia Airport in addition to the work in SLC.

Delta people have played key roles since day one in contributing to the new SLC, which opens on time and on budget.



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"For the past 60 years, Delta has remained a steadfast, strategic partner to the Salt Lake City International Airport and today, we are gathered to celebrate the opening of the new gold standard for travelers coming to or through this great region that we've built together," said Scott Santoro, Delta's Vice President - Sales for the West Coast. "This incredible space is more than the largest new build in the Western United States for more than 25 years. It solidifies Delta as the airline of choice for passengers traveling to, from, and through Salt Lake for both business and leisure travel for years to come."

For more information about the new SLC, visit SLCAirport.com.



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After a span of six years of construction — preceded by about two decades of planning — the Salt Lake City International Airport is about to open its brand-new, \$4.1 billion airport on Tuesday, starting with a massive new terminal and its first concourse.

Salt Lake City is a hub for Delta Airlines and is already planning nonstop flights to Asia and Europe from this new airport

By the end of the year, a second concourse will open, and the old airport will begin to be razed to make way for the east side of Concourse A to be built right over the top of it.

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Salt Lake City's new airport means the portal from Utah to the rest of the world just got much bigger — and with so much more

room to grow. It means the state has solidified its foothold in the global air travel industry — and therefore positioned itself well for future economic growth as a now much more appealing travel touchpoint, destination, and home base for businesses.

To state leaders, that's a huge step for their ambitions to brand Utah as not just the "Crossroads of the West," but the "Crossroads of the World."

In February, Salt Lake City International Airport saw a record high of 30,000 passengers each weekend. But when the pandemic hit home in Utah and the rest of the U.S., that number death spiraled to barely 1,500.

Over the past several months, more travelers have begun trickling back to airplanes. On Aug. 31, nationwide air travel was up to 711,178 passengers, according to the TSA. But that's still less than a third of the demand U.S. airports were seeing this time last year.



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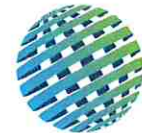
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Flyers on [Delta Air Lines](#) Flight 3540 are in for a treat when they land in Salt Lake City after the short 50-minute hop from Idaho Falls on Tuesday.

After flying over some of Utah's peaks and valleys, maybe with a view of the Great Salt Lake, passengers on DL3540 are the first scheduled to arrive in the new 4 million square foot terminal at the [Salt Lake City International Airport \(SLC\)](#).

Years in the making, the terminal complex features a design inspired by Utah's [slot canyons](#) and will be able to handle up to 32 million flyers a year. This is a far cry from the 10 million travelers that the three separate terminals and five concourses it replaces were designed to handle. Those aging facilities [date to 1961](#), and — in the words of Salt Lake City mayor Erin Mendenhall — are “on multiple forms of life support.”

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The exterior of the new terminal at Salt Lake City airport. (Image courtesy of Salt Lake City International Airport)

Delta and its affiliates will use the new terminal and the first 25-gate section of Concourse A that open Tuesday. A parallel satellite Concourse B with 20 gates that will house Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Delta, Frontier Airlines, JetBlue Airways and United Airlines opens Oct. 27. At that point, the old facilities will be closed and demolished to make way for phase two of the new complex.

The opening comes amid the devastating coronavirus pandemic, but also at something of a golden age for American airports. New terminals and concourses — all years in the making — are opening across the country in places from [Nashville](#) to [New York](#) to [Portland, Oregon](#).

These are just some of the tens-of-billions-of-dollars' worth of airport investments that were planned prior to the pandemic. Many works already underway will be completed, though some projects that hadn't moved past planning stages are being paused or [put on hold indefinitely](#).

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An aerial view of the Salt Lake City airport with the new terminal and satellite concourses on the left, and the old terminal complex on the right. (Photo courtesy of the Salt Lake City International Airport)

While Salt Lake City authorities could wait to begin work on the second phase of the new terminal — a 22-gate extension of Concourse A and an 11-gate extension of Concourse B — there are not yet plans to do so, executive director Bill Wyatt told TPG. The airport is critical to Delta, which sees the coronavirus as an [opportunity to reduce costs by accelerating work](#) instead of hitting the pause button.

The airport hopes to shave as much as two years off work on the second phase. It now aims to open the Concourse A and B extensions in 2022, rather than 2024.

Still, the pandemic has taken a bite out of Salt Lake City's plans. The new terminal will open with roughly half of the concessions planned following the COVID-related drop in air traffic, said Wyatt. And while traveler numbers have recovered faster than in other places, he noted that they remain down about 65% compared to 2019.

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*A view of the nearby Wasatch Mountains from the existing facilities at Salt Lake City airport.
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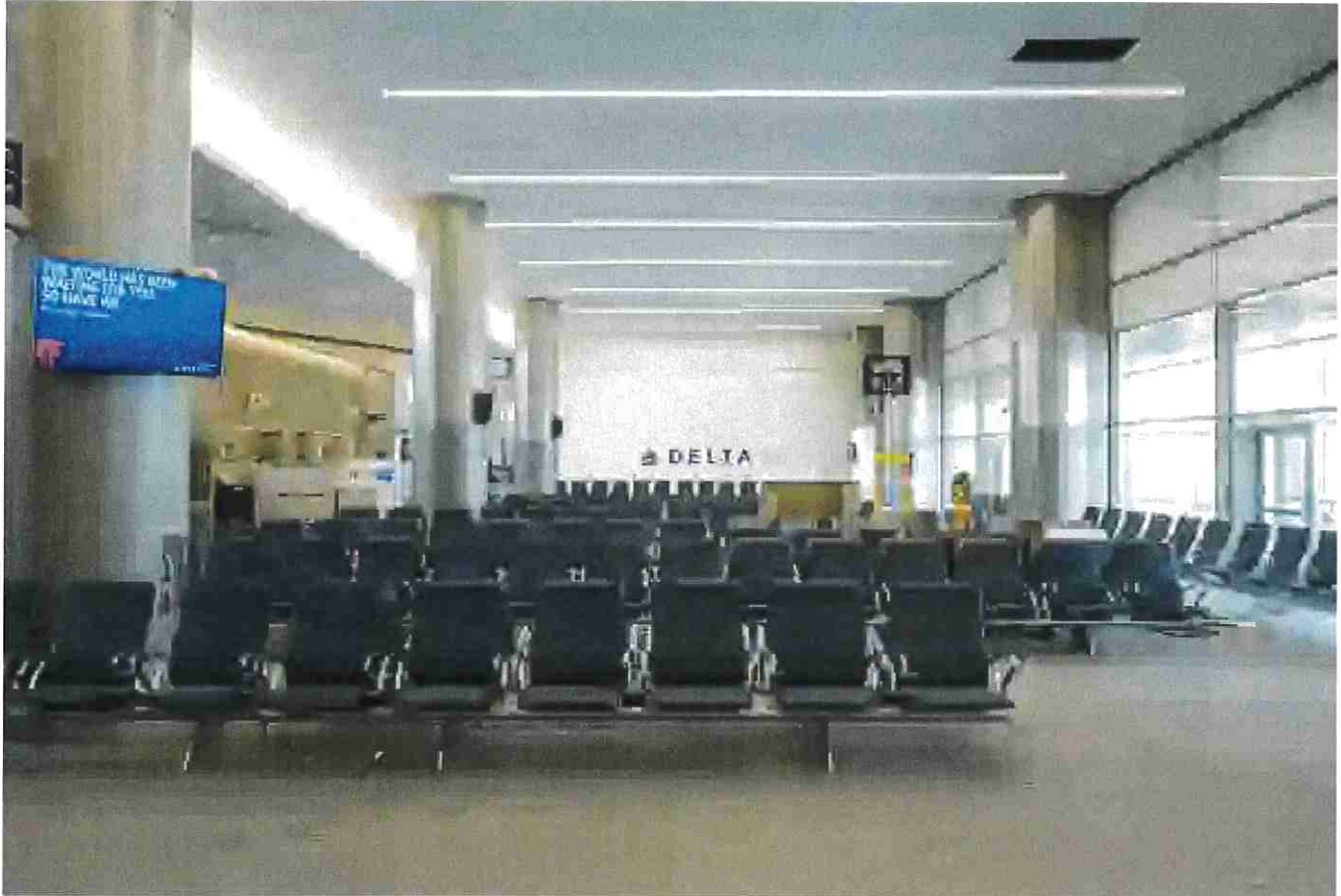
Salt Lake City: Delta's "connection to the west"

The new terminal in Salt Lake City is a "foundation for Delta's continued growth in the western U.S. when we move into the recovery," Delta CEO Ed Bastian told staff in a memo on Aug. 27. He called the opening a "refreshing" break from constant barrage of COVID-19 news.

Salt Lake City is one of the carrier's four core hubs alongside Atlanta (ATL), Detroit (DTW) and Minneapolis/St. Paul (MSP). And while Bastian has acknowledged that [Delta will be smaller](#) than it was pre-pandemic, he and other airline executives have repeatedly assured staff that the core bases — [plus coastal hubs in Boston, Los Angeles, New York and Seattle](#) — will return.

"The folks in Atlanta really view Salt Lake as the only tool to make their mini-hubs in [Los Angeles] and Seattle work," Wyatt said. "This really is how they make their connection to the West work."

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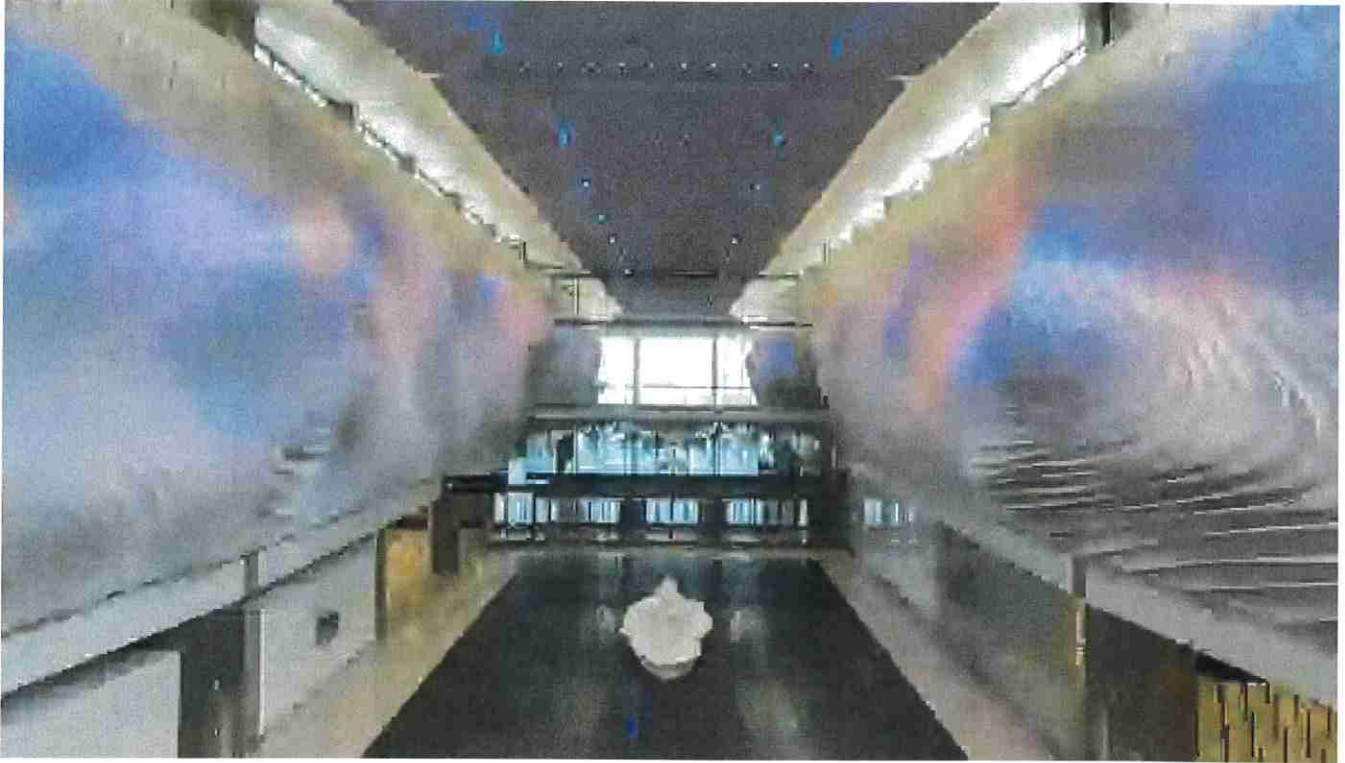


The new terminal features expanded gate areas for travelers. (Image courtesy of Salt Lake City International Airport)

Delta will fly roughly 43% of what it flew a year ago in September, according to Cirium schedules. However, its Salt Lake City hub — strategically located in the middle of the Rocky Mountains where holidaygoers have flocked in search of social distance during the pandemic — will be down just 23% compared to a year ago.

Salt Lake City has been Delta's primary western hub since it [acquired Western Airlines](#) in 1987. Western [established its hub in 1982](#) as an alternative to congested Denver, advertising it with the tagline "[the fastest hub in the west.](#)"

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The "Canyon" in the new Salt Lake City terminal. (Image courtesy of Salt Lake City International Airport)

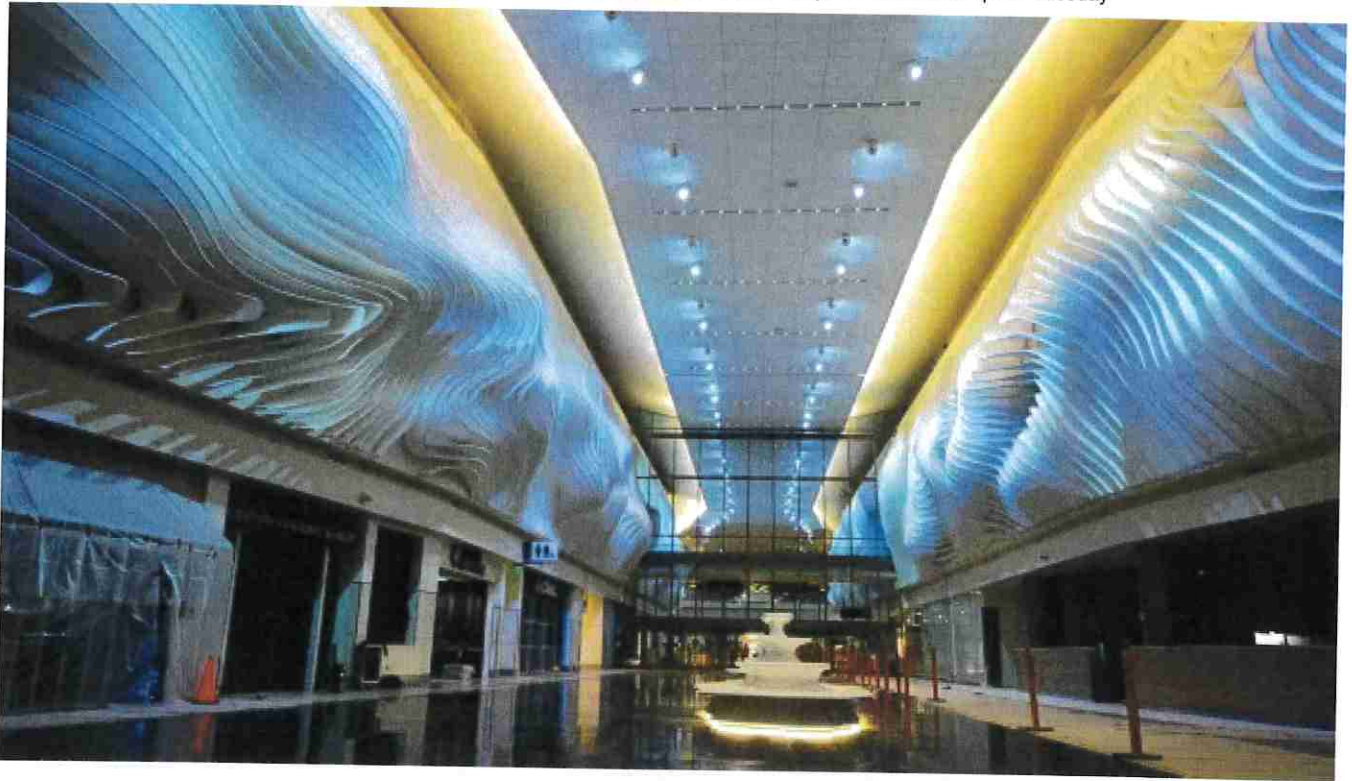
A Utah "slot canyon" inspired terminal

"As everyone who travels by air knows, airports and aesthetics are not always synonymous," Utah Lt. Gov. Spencer Cox said at an unveiling ceremony for the terminal on Aug. 27. "English humorist Douglas Adams remarked: 'It can hardly be a coincidence that no language on Earth has ever produced the expression 'as pretty as an airport.'"

In contrast, he said, the new Salt Lake City terminal is "truly beautiful and breathtaking."

In creating their image for the new terminal, architects at HOK drew on Utah's natural dramatic features, including the state's signature long, narrow and deep "slot canyons." The hall immediately post security is dubbed "The Canyon" for its design, which is meant to emulate its natural inspiration.

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The lights in "The Canyon" change as natural light does when it filters through Utah's slot canyons. (Image courtesy of Salt Lake City International Airport)

"How the filtered light shifts — it shows the geological layers, the reds [and] the greens," HOK regional lead of aviation and transportation Matt Needham told TPG. "It's definitely a beautiful environment and [gives] a sense of Utah."

That [local feel](#) was a key focus in designing the new terminal for both the architects and local community, he said. Other aspects include large windows with vistas of the nearby Wasatch Mountains that are unique to Salt Lake City's location.

Of course, the layout is not unlike so many other terminal-plus-linear-satellites airport designs of the past forty years. Strikingly similar to the layout of the [Delta terminal in Detroit](#), it also resembles [Atlanta](#), [Denver \(DEN\)](#) and even [Terminals 2 and 5 at London Heathrow \(LHR\)](#).

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Inside the new Concourse A at Salt Lake City airport. (Image courtesy of Salt Lake City International Airport)

This increasing ubiquity in airport layouts — as uninspiring as it can be — is not without its benefits. It offers airlines, particularly hub carriers, the “highest efficiency for airline operations,” said Needham. And efficiency, plus the lower costs that entails, are music to the ears of airline executives.

Travelers will benefit from the efficient layout as well. With just two concourses connected by an underground tunnel, flight connections will be simpler to navigate than in the old five-concourse facility. In addition, both Concourse A and B are wider than the old concourses allowing space for moving walkways, more concessions and larger gate areas with outlets and other useful amenities.

One amenity Delta flyers will appreciate is new Delta Sky Club that will among the airline’s largest. And in keeping with Salt Lake City’s western locale, it features an outdoor fire pit — just don’t plan on roasting s’mores before a flight.

“[We’re] changing the entire physical model of the airport,” Wyatt said. “The new terminal is “so much more efficient for aircraft and passengers... it’s just a stunningly beautiful and functional facility.”

New hub will stop unsafe parade of trucks inside Salt Lake City airport



(Trent Nelson | The Salt Lake Tribune) Bill Wyatt, Airport Executive Director, and Ben Richter, CEO & Founder of Bradford Airport Logistics, at the grand opening of the Salt Lake City Airport's new Central Receiving and Distribution Center (CRDC) on Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020.



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Officials at the Salt Lake City International Airport say the situation wasn't all that safe and it wasn't secure.

"You would see beer trucks, pop trucks and food trucks and all kinds of other trucks driving back and forth from the gate where they entered the airfield to the terminal" to make deliveries to concourse restaurants and stores, said airport director Bill Wyatt.

"That is not an optimal situation," he added. "You don't really know who the driver is.... Driving on the airport itself can be a very dangerous experience and it's not something that we ordinarily like to see."

The airport held a grand opening Tuesday for a new facility that will change all that, called the Central Receiving and Distribution Center. It comes just in time for the Sept. 15 opening of the first phase of the new \$4.1 billion airport, which has essentially been built on top of and to the side of the existing airport.

“Every good that goes into the secure side of the airport will eventually be processed and screened through this facility,” Wyatt said. “This year we’ll have 58 [new] restaurants and shops that will be coming online over a period of time. All of them will be served from this facility.”

That includes using X-ray machines to examine everything, and reloading goods onto trucks operated by a new contractor, Bradford Air Logistics. It operates similar receiving and distribution centers at 20 other U.S. airports and at London’s Heathrow.

Bradford’s trucks “will be driven by people who are typically out on the airfield every single day,” Wyatt said. “They know what to look for. They know how to operate.”



(Trent Nelson | The Salt Lake Tribune) The Salt Lake City Airport's new Central Receiving and Distribution Center (CRDC) on Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020.

The new center is in a refurbished warehouse-style building on the airport campus, where the interior was remodeled and new equipment added at a cost of \$5.7 million.

Wyatt said officials decided to build the facility as part of the new airport project because aviation security ~~“is getting tighter and it’s getting more sophisticated and it’s becoming more important.”~~

Benjamin Richter, co-CEO and founder of Bradford Air Logistics, said another benefit is that passengers driving to the airport “no longer have to commingle with commercial traffic that we’ve rerouted” on service road to the new facility, “hopefully creating a better experience.”

Officials say the new system should also reduce emissions from hundreds of weekly delivery trucks.

Richter said his company also is honored to participate in the broader \$4.2 billion project, which he said “might be considered the eighth wonder of the world — building one airport right on top of another.”

Airport officials also announced that all of the airport’s excess food supplies will be donated to the Salt Lake City Mission. Restaurants and concessionaires will bring still edible food to a storage cooler, which Bradford will check daily and deliver to the mission.

Salt Lake City Council member James Rogers said the grand opening on Tuesday “is the first of hopefully very many dedications to come for Salt Lake City International.”

The first phase of the new airport opens in a month with a new terminal, concourse, parking garage and other facilities. In October, a second concourse is scheduled to open.

Last year before COVID-19, the airport served about 26 million passengers — but was designed to handle only 10 million.



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It's wheels up as new Salt Lake City International Airport is unveiled at ceremony



(Trent Nelson | The Salt Lake Tribune) Larry and Tammy Pinnock take a selfie with The Canyon, an art installation at the new Salt Lake City International Airport on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020.



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The new Salt Lake City International Airport — described as a “cathedral to transportation” — is now cleared for take-off, despite recent worries that the COVID-19 pandemic might delay that.

After six years of construction, officials held an unveiling ceremony Thursday to show off the first phase of the new \$4.1 billion facility — which was essentially built on top of the existing airport while operations continued. It includes a shiny new terminal, concourse and parking garage that will officially open for business on Sept. 15.

“We love to welcome the world and all of its incredible diversity. And now we will through an international airport that is deserving of this capital city in this amazing state,” said Salt Lake City Erin Mendenhall.

“This is the biggest public works project in the history of our state,” added City Council Chairman Chris Wharton. “That is something we can be proud of.”

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(Trent Nelson | The Salt Lake Tribune) Ticketing terminals and counters at the new Salt Lake City International Airport on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020.

The new airport includes higher-tech security screening that is estimated to be up to 30% faster. It has seven miles of conveyor belts for baggage. The new garage is twice as big, with kiosks to allow checking bags there to allow walking into the airport without them.

Waiting areas have far more seats, each with personal power plugs and two individual armrests. Elevated roadways will provide more room for passenger drop-off and pickup — including larger areas reserved for Uber and Lyft. The airport is designed to be one of the world's most energy-efficient.

Far more food and retail options will be available — eventually 58 of them in the first phase that by contract will offer “street pricing,” without airport markups.

Art and murals are everywhere — including the bathrooms. Passengers will never be farther than 150 feet from a bathroom, each with far more stalls. And the airport will have the largest-in-the-world Delta Sky Club at 28,000 square feet to enhance Delta Air Line's hub operations here.

(Trent Nelson | The Salt Lake Tribune) The baggage claim area of the new Salt Lake City International Airport was shown off on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020.

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It also has a special “greeting room” in the terminal lobby — moving constant celebrations for returning missionaries and others out of regular foot traffic. That area can accommodate up to 400 people, has plenty of seating, a fireplace, a wall showing airport history and a world map (reimagined from one on the floor of the old airport terminal).

“This is a moment 25 years in the making,” including all the needed planning and construction, said airport executive director Bill Wyatt.

But he adds that the on-time opening was in doubt when the pandemic hit. As air traffic nearly disappeared, he said he wondered if Delta and the other airlines — which are footing almost all of the bill — would want to pause or halt construction.

“After consulting with Delta, the answer from Atlanta [headquarters] was, ‘Put your foot on the gas pedal.’ With the support of all of our carriers, Delta, Southwest, American, United, JetBlue, Alaska and Frontier, we did just that,” Wyatt said.

(Trent Nelson | The Salt Lake Tribune) Airport director Bill Wyatt at The New SLC Unveil Ceremony, where the new Salt Lake City

International Airport was shown off on Thursday,
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The airlines even asked to speed up additional phases of the project.

“We’ve redesigned the second phase in a way that allows us to open two years sooner than we had expected originally, and save up to \$300 million on the final project cost,” he said, by keeping contractors on-site.

Wyatt said some construction on the soon-to-open phase continues, but the airport will open as scheduled on Sept. 15 “but there may be a few guys running around with light bulbs and screwdrivers.”

A first new concourse of gates will be just for Delta. A second new concourse for the other airlines is scheduled to open on Oct. 27 — and they will be using some existing gates until then. The new airport will feature concourses that are parallel to each other, instead of the current crab leg design that bottlenecks planes coming and going.

“We have powered through this together,” said Delta Vice President Scott Santoro, who also praised the new airport as a gold standard for new hub airports.

Ed Bastian, CEO of Delta, which before the pandemic provided about 70% of the flights from the airport, also wrote an email to its employees worldwide on Thursday hailing the new facilities as a gleam of hope during bleak pandemic times.

Bastian said the new airport will “bring together innovation, sustainability, convenience, and comfort all under one roof — providing a foundation for Delta’s continued growth in the Western U.S. when we move into the recovery.”

(Trent Nelson | The Salt Lake Tribune) The new Salt Lake City International Airport on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020.

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Officials hailed the new airport's design and art for reflecting Utah and its landscape.

Wyatt noted that entailed incorporating "the colors and textures of Utah like sage and copper throughout the airport," and adding "large windows so passengers could gaze out at the Wasatch and Oquirrh mountain ranges while waiting at their gates."

It also incorporates many large-scale pieces of art.

For example, just inside the door is "The Falls," a seven-story, 5,000-pound sculpture of glass "inspired by being up in the canyons and waterfalls going down," said Gordon Huether, art consultant for the airport.

(Trent Nelson | The Salt Lake Tribune) The Falls, an art installation at the new Salt Lake City International Airport on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020..

Also, a wavy sculpture lining much of the new terminal is called "The Canyon," inspired by the slot canyons in southern Utah. Huether said it aims to make visitors "think about the millions of years it took of water and air to create the erosion that created these incredible patterns."

Huether added, “You don’t have to know diddly about art to be moved, awed and inspired when you walk through this airport. You don’t have to know diddly about art to know you are here in Utah, and all will be inspired to be in this cathedral to transportation.”

Art is even in the bathrooms. They include “whimsy wall” murals that include everything from a sunset on the Great Salt Lake to abstract art about the feeling of accelerating and decelerating, clouds, birds, wildflowers, books, rainbows, American Indian art, deserts and service dogs.

Lt. Gov. Spencer Cox read a speech by Gov. Gary Herbert, who was traveling, that said the new airport is one of “the most critical economic engines fueling Utah’s economy.” He added that opening it in a pandemic also represents faith in a brighter future.

He noted the airport had a record 30,000 passengers a day in February before the pandemic, which dropped to a low point of 1,500 shortly afterward. “Like you, I believe in a brighter tomorrow, that our airport passengers will not only equal what we had before the pandemic but will far exceed them.”

(Trent Nelson | The Salt Lake Tribune) The baggage claim area of the new Salt Lake City International Airport was shown off on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020.

The current airport was designed to handle 10 million passengers a year, but has been serving nearly 26 million. The new airport is designed to handle 34 million, and will allow easy expansion by adding more parallel concourses.

Officials also provided items for a time capsule on Thursday.

Mendenhall donated a COVID-19 face mask, a copy of the city's new Black Lives Matter mural, some plaster that fell from City Hall during the recent earthquake (the new airport is considered quakeproof), and acorns from City Hall as a symbol of growth.

Delta provided one of the shirts that its employees have been selling during the pandemic to raise money for the needy. Wyatt put in a copy of a 1996 airport master plan, which included a cover illustration of what it thought a new airport would look like — which he said was remarkably accurate.



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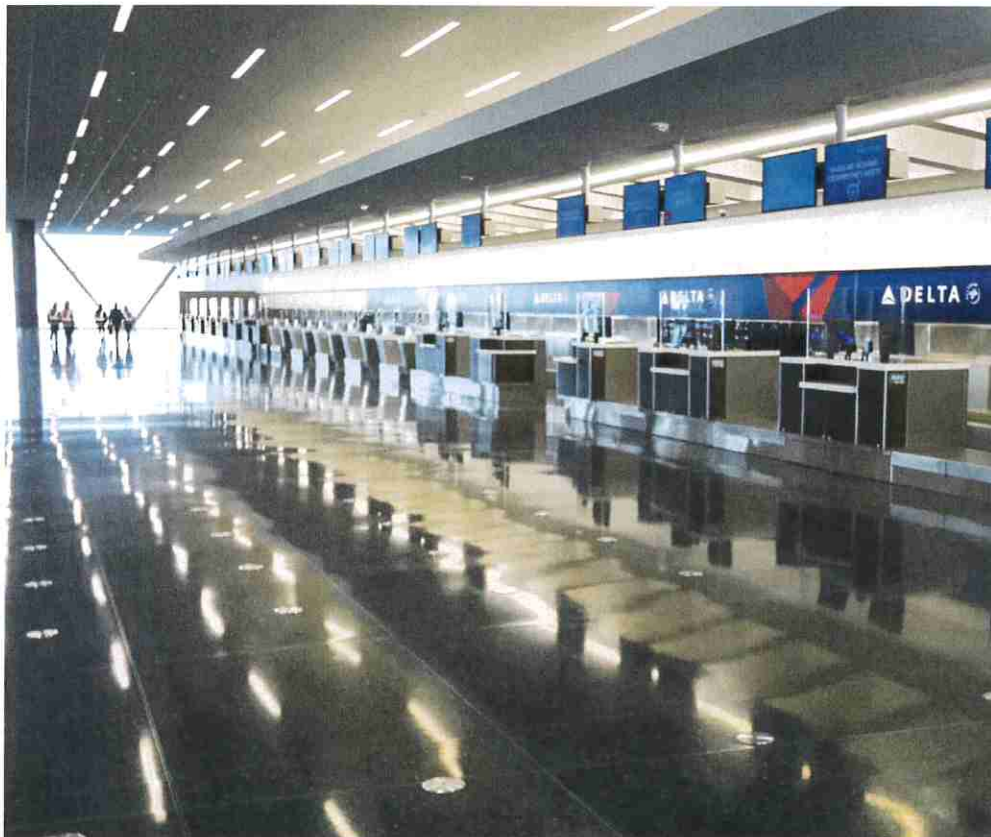
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Unveiling America's newest airport: Here's what \$4 billion did for Salt Lake City hub

The first major hub airport replacement of the 21st century will open to travelers Sept. 15

By Katie McKellar | @KatieMcKellar1 | Aug 27, 2020, 9:48am MDT



Ticket counters inside the new Salt Lake City International Airport are pictured on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020. The Salt Lake City Department of Airports is unveiling the large-scale art installations today and updating the public on construction progress 20 days prior to the Sept.15, 2020, opening. | Steve Griffin, Deseret News

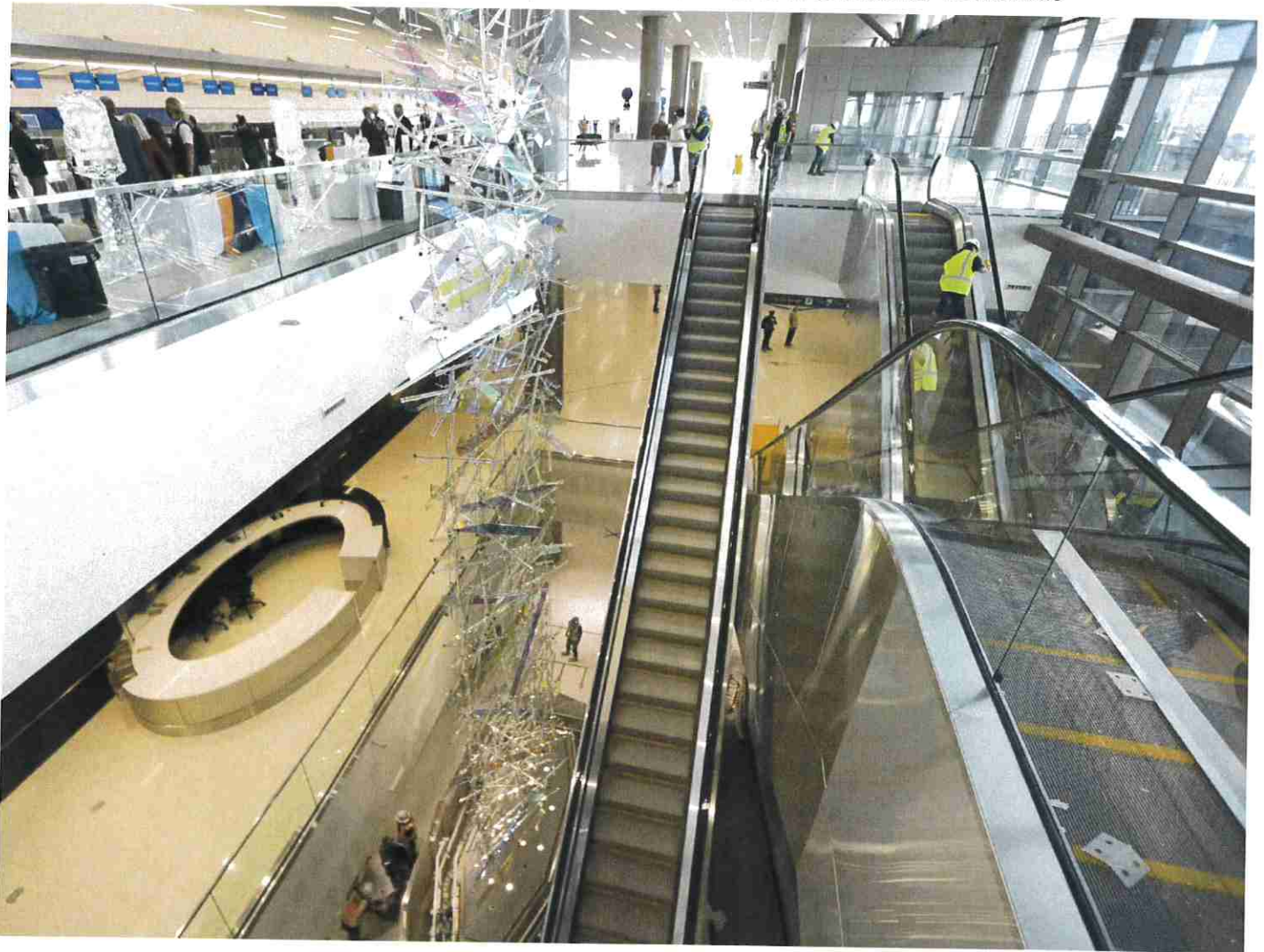
SALT LAKE CITY — State and city leaders have unveiled America's newest airport.

The massive, multibillion-dollar undertaking to rebuild Salt Lake City International Airport, which has been under construction for the past six years, is about to cross its first finish line when its first buildings open to travelers Sept. 15.

That means that day Utahns — and travelers from across the world — will walk into a brand-new airport they've never seen before. Thursday, Utah officials previewed its opening with an unveiling ceremony to show off its grandeur and give the public its first look inside the finished product with tours for members of the media.

The \$4.1 billion rebuild was funded with airport revenue — not taxpayer dollars — and marks the first major hub airport replacement built in the 21st century. It's not a remodel or expansion, but an entirely new airport. It comes with a parking garage with double the existing capacity, a massive terminal and two concourses connected by an underground tunnel meant to make air travel easier and more efficient for people and planes.

The unveiling of the "New SLC" comes after more than a decade of planning, but at a strange and trepidatious time for air travel as COVID-19 continues to grip the world. But as airport officials are hopeful the air industry will weather the current challenges brought on by the pandemic, they are also hopeful the new Salt Lake City airport will rise to meet those challenges as well as future growth.



Construction nears completion at the new Salt Lake City International Airport on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020. The Salt Lake City Department of Airports is unveiling the large-scale art installations today and updating the public on construction progress 20 days prior to the Sept.15, 2020, opening. | Steve Griffin, Deseret News

In February, before COVID-19 landed in Utah, Salt Lake City International Airport saw a record high 30,000 passengers each weekend. Just one month later, when COVID-19 hit, that tally spiraled to barely 1,500, according to airport officials.

With travelers slowly returning, airport officials say they adopted several new COVID-19 protocols to ensure travel is as safe as possible. Those include increased disinfectant in high-touch areas such as moving walkways, stairs and escalator handrails, as well as mandatory mask policies enacted by most U.S.-based airlines.

The New SLC brings an entirely new linear layout that will eventually, when the second phase of the project is complete in 2024 or 2025, will expand Concourse A to the east where the old airport now stands.

The rebuild will replace facilities that were constructed more than 50 years ago and designed to handle half as many travelers it served last year: more than 26 million. As it has grown to an international hub, facilities have neared the end of their useful life.

To plan for and design the rebuild, the Salt Lake City Department of Airports spent years to create an airport that will be more efficient, be able to handle future growth with ease, and give passengers facilities that will be easier and quicker to navigate. The linear design — with one central terminal and the two concourses parallel to each other — is considered the “gold standard” for hub airports, from which different sized aircraft come and go throughout the day.



Ticket kiosks are pictured inside the new Salt Lake City International Airport on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020. The Salt Lake City Department of Airports is unveiling the large-scale art installations today and updating the public on construction progress 20 days prior to the Sept.15, 2020, opening. | Steve Griffin, Deseret News

Concourse A, which will eventually house Delta Airlines' gates exclusively, is centered on from the enormous terminal building, which is connected to the concourse with a grand entrance called the Plaza, with 50-foot, floor-to-ceiling glass wall windows that frame the Wasatch Mountains.

Concourse B, which is slated to open in October, connects to Concourse A with an underground tunnel, which was built more than 15 years ago in anticipation of the rebuild. Passengers will walk between the two concourses on moving walkways stretching beneath the taxiway.

While the price tag soared as the size and scope of the project also grew, along with explosive construction costs, airport officials say its economic impact is forecasted to outpace its cost, at \$5.5 billion.

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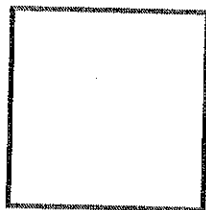
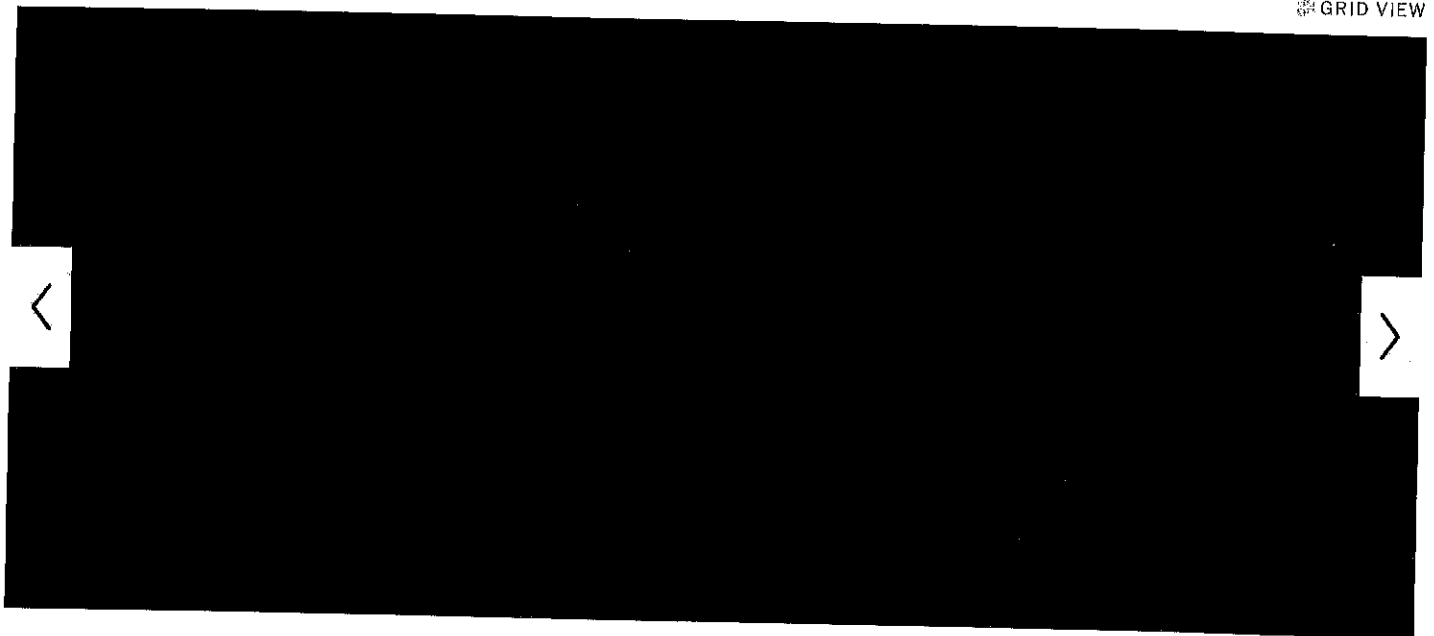
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The new facility features:

- More than 4 million square feet of space.

- A new baggage system that contains over 7 miles of conveyor belts, intentionally built to accommodate skis, snowboards, bicycles and other items Utah-bound travelers often bring.
- 24 restrooms all 300 feet apart so passengers will never be more than 150 feet away.
- 31 escalators.
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- 58 restaurants and shops.
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The current airport's gate count is 71 gates and three international gates. Only 55 of the current gates have jet bridges. The new airport also features a new, 28,000-square-foot Delta Sky Club and an outdoor Sky Deck.

Throughout the new airport are also countless art installations, including the centerpiece “The Canyon” — a football field-sized installation by California-based artist Gordon Huether made of more than 500 wavy, fabric-covered, aluminum-framed fins that sweep across the upper walls of the central terminal and illuminate with a programmable lighting system. “The Canyon” aims to represent the wind- and water-carved canyons of Utah. While it’s perhaps the most spectacular of art installations in the airport, it’s certainly not the only one.

Nature-inspired art is featured throughout the entire airport and was “given as much priority as were functionality,” airport officials wrote in a magazine boasting of the new facility.

“Our intent was to distinguish Salt Lake from other airports around the world,” said Maureen Riley, who was executive director of the airport until 2017, during which time she initiated the redevelopment plan. “We wanted people to know exactly where they were when they deplaned into the terminal and remember the art.”

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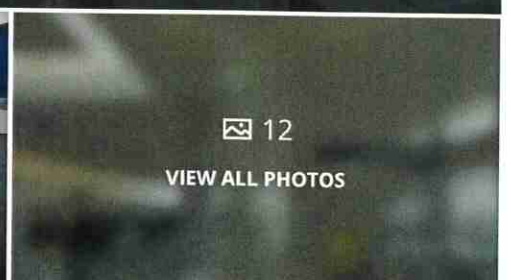
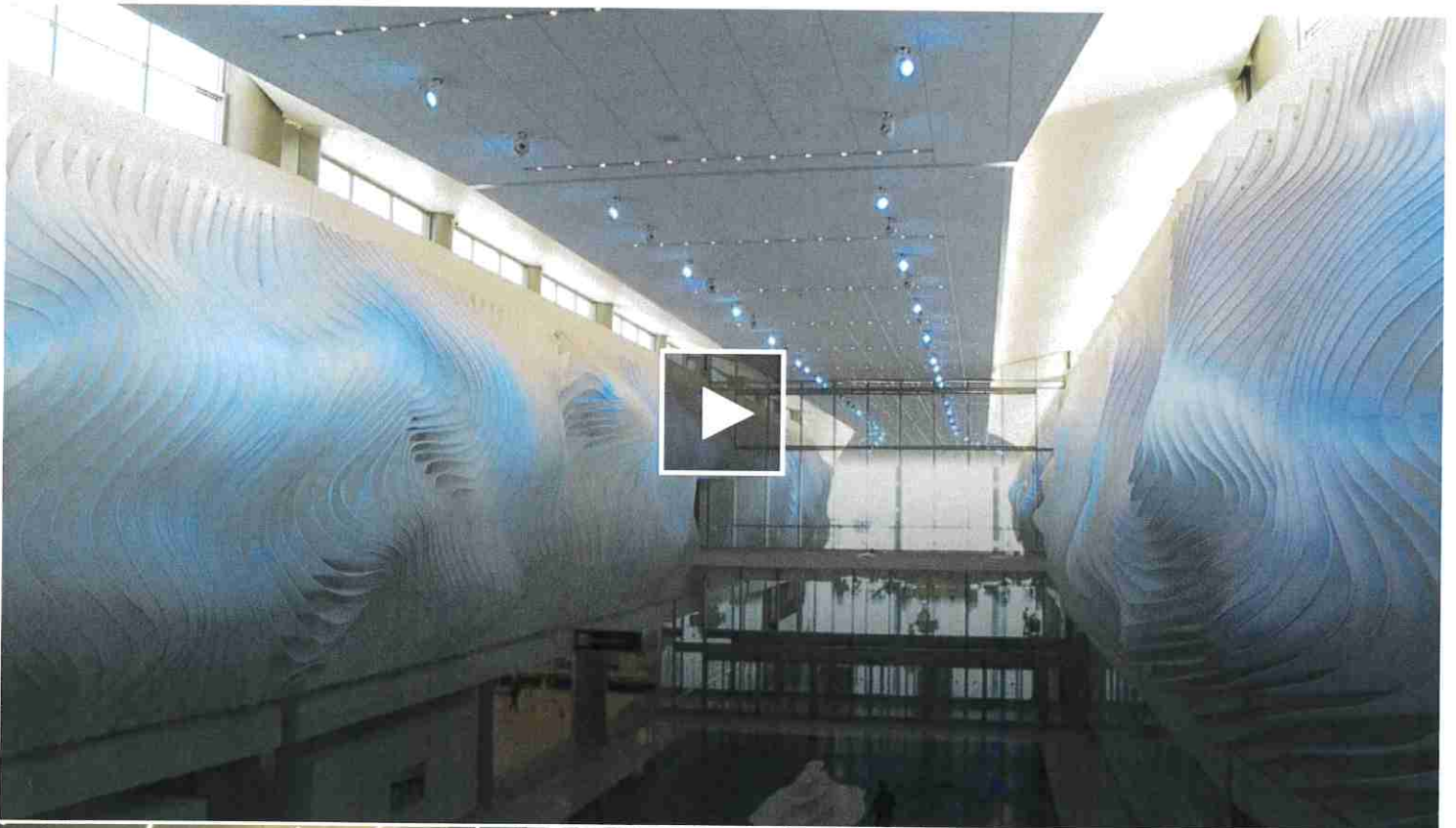


Salt Lake City Int'l Airport unveils phase 1 of \$4 billion project

by KUTV

Thursday, August 27th 2020

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A new concourse and terminal are set to open at the Salt Lake City International Airport in 18 days. (Photo: KUTV)

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See the new Salt Lake City International Airport

By: [Ben Winslow](#)

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SALT LAKE CITY — The new Salt Lake City International Airport was unveiled, showcasing massive glass windows and artwork that blends seamlessly into a transportation hub that will serve over 25 million people a year.

"This is the biggest public works project in the history of our state," Salt Lake City Council Chair Chris Wharton said at a ceremony Thursday.

The new airport is being completed on-time and on-budget, said Mayor Erin Mendenhall. It cost over \$4 billion and did not involve a penny of local tax dollars, the mayor told FOX 13.

"Not a single local dollar was spent on this. It was within the airport from the fees of the passengers and very good fiscal management over the past couple of decades," she said.

The new airport is estimated to bring a \$5.5 billion economic impact to the state. Delta Air Lines has also signed a contract to keep it as a hub until 2034.

It's a marked improvement over the existing Salt Lake City International, which was built in the 1980s. That facility hasn't really been updated and exceeded passenger capacity years ago. The new airport is over four million square feet with two separate levels for departures and arrivals, as well as some other interesting features:

- Seven miles of conveyor belts behind the scenes for improved baggage claim and drop-off



- 32 moving walkways
- 70 passenger gates
- Every seat has a charging station and a cup holder (something passengers are demanding more of)
- There's an emphasis on local restaurants and businesses in the terminals
- Two separate concourses with connecting tunnels
- Expanded security checkpoint
- A special "greeting room" that alleviates a problem fairly unique to Salt Lake City, where missionaries come home and crowds block other passengers from getting to baggage claim
- 24 restrooms spaced 300 feet apart, with the women's restrooms having more stalls than required and baby-changing stations in both gender restrooms

Greeting travelers is "The Canyon," a massive art installation that spans the length of the terminal. Art is built into the airport in many places. It was by design, said artist Gordon Huether.

"Travel is almost always stressful, and what we want to do with the art with the natural light, with the architecture and all of that, is we want to flip that whole dynamic of feeling stressed and feel inspired and a sense of calm," he told FOX 13.

Floor-to-ceiling windows throughout the airport highlight the mountains as people arrive in Salt Lake City. For some, they change planes and never step foot in the rest of Utah. But the design is meant to tease people into staying and exploring the rest of the state.

The building is also environmentally friendly. It's LEED Gold certified and ground vehicles owned by the airport are electric. There's expanded electric charging facilities and even a dedicated ride share lane at arrivals to avoid traffic congestion and idling.



Becker. Recently retired, she returned for a tour of the facility she helped create.

"While it was a lot of work, the reward you can just see! It's just... this is when dreams come true when you see something like this happen," she said.

Mayor Mendenhall said it's something for Salt Lake City to be proud of.

"This is probably the happiest moment Salt Lake City's been able to celebrate in the last couple of months. Being on time with a project that started seven years ago. It's made it through the pandemic recently, earthquakes, and here we are opening on-budget," she said.

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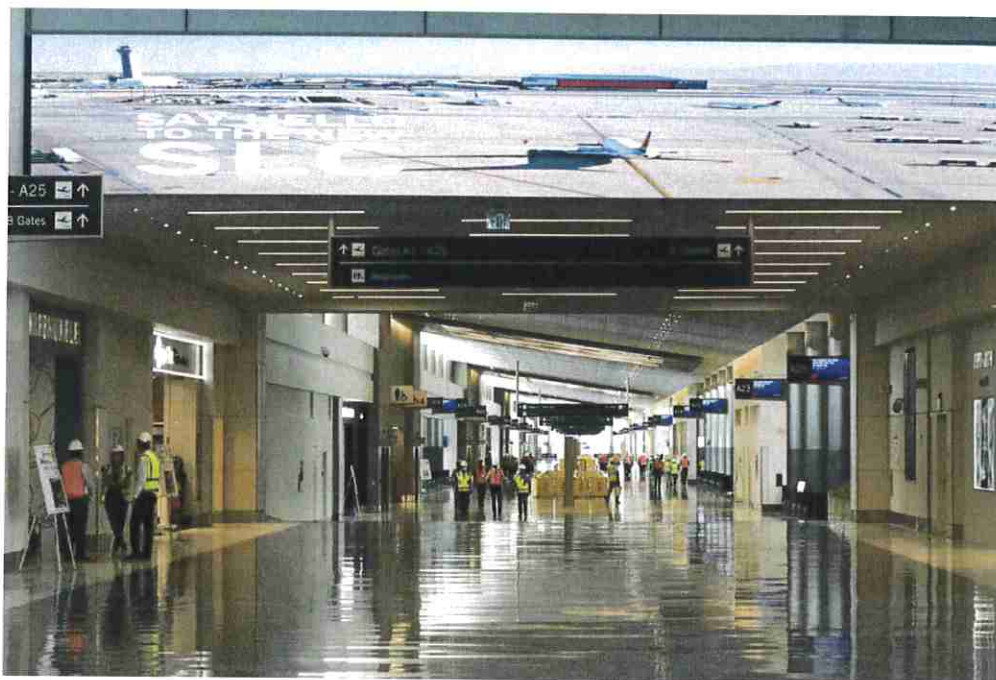
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How the new SLC airport saved millions of dollars amid COVID-19

By Julia Breinholt-Pappas, Contributor | Aug 28, 2020, 6:38pm MDT



Members of the media and dignitaries tour the new Salt Lake City International Airport's main terminal in Salt Lake City on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020. | Steve Griffin, Deseret News

And now for some good news: The new Salt Lake City International Airport is opening on Sept. 15 — ahead of schedule and under budget.

The Salt Lake City Airport, the fourth-largest Delta hub in the nation, has fared relatively well and has seen a higher-than-average percentage increase in daily traffic compared to other major cities. Even so, air traffic is down about 70% nationwide due to COVID-19, and projections for a return to normal range from three to four years.

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What's changed at the Salt Lake City International Airport? Everything

Early in the pandemic, executive director of the Salt Lake City Department of Airports Bill Wyatt asked his team to find opportunities in this crisis. One such opportunity was bringing on additional electricians and contractors from other projects in the state which had stalled due to COVID-19. Additionally, while fewer passengers had a significant impact on revenue, a decrease in traffic enabled the team to ramp up construction. Phase 2, which includes the build out of Concourse A to the east, will now open sooner than expected.

The expedited construction timeline saved an estimated \$300 million. This is especially noteworthy considering the project is funded without local tax dollars.

The new airport features six international gates, and nonstop international flights to Europe will restart when the pandemic subsides. Wyatt and his team are ready to welcome the world to Salt Lake City, although slowly at first and with added precautions. Upon arrival, foreign and domestic visitors will gain a more accurate and inspiring first impression of Utah thanks to canyon-like art installations, local restaurants and luggage carousels designed specifically for ski gear.

Wyatt's example is one to be followed. Opportunities exist even in the most challenging times, but businesses may need to look a little further than usual and expand outside of their comfort zones. Bold and swift action amid uncertainty yields not just an increased rate of survival, but a much greater chance at success.

To weather the recession 10 years ago, many Utah companies engaged in international trade and investment. The United States International Trade Commission reported that in 2009, small and medium-sized businesses that exported had more than twice the total revenue of their nonexporting counterparts. From 2009 to 2012, Utah's exports nearly doubled, securing the state's reputation for economic stability. Today, nearly 1 in 4 Utah jobs are supported by international trade, and more than 3,500 Utah small- and medium-sized businesses export.

Now is the time to leverage untapped resources and prepare to engage internationally. Ninety-five percent of the world's consumers live outside of the United States, and training, grant funding and networking resources are available to help Utah companies

make connections and pursue opportunities. Start thinking about how to engage your customers differently, innovate to meet their needs during the pandemic, and consider entering new international markets or increasing your presence in current markets.

Most importantly, start cultivating your international relationships now. Upon returning to a new normal, those who prepare in advance will be ready to capitalize on new opportunities. And the Salt Lake City International Airport will be ready to fly you there.

Julia Breinholt-Pappas is the MarComm Director for World Trade Center Utah.

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By Deseret News | Aug 27, 2020, 6:39pm MDT

SALT LAKE CITY — Whether they're coming to ski Utah, stargaze at the Sundance Film Festival, tour Temple Square, watch a Utah Jazz or University of Utah game or take off in a rental car to Zion, Arches or any of the state's national parks, the first thing air travelers will see is the "New SLC."

Salt Lake City's \$4.1 billion airport replacement opens to travelers Sept. 15, bringing online more than 4 million square feet of space that Salt Lake City International Airport officials say can easily handle the more than 26 million passengers that arrived last year, and it is built to accommodate even more in the future.

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How it was built

- It took over 8.3 million labor hours to build, according to airport officials, and used more than 3,200 steel piles driven into the ground and over 7,600 stone columns to stabilize the ground.
- The new complex was built next to the 50-year-old terminals, which will be demolished as the new facilities open.
- The \$4.1 billion rebuild was funded with airport revenue and marks the first major hub airport replacement built in the 21st century.



A Delta departure gate in the new Salt Lake City International Airport's main terminal in Salt Lake City is pictured on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020. | Steve Griffin, Deseret News

What to see

- Concourse A, which will eventually house Delta Airlines' gates exclusively, is connected to the terminal building with a grand entrance called the Plaza, with 50-foot floor-to-ceiling windows that frame the Wasatch Mountains.
- Concourse B, which is slated to open in October, connects to Concourse A with an underground tunnel beneath the taxiway.
- Throughout the new airport are also countless art installations, including the centerpiece "The Canyon" — a football field-sized installation by California-based artist Gordon Huether made of more than 500 wavy, fabric-covered, aluminum-framed fins that sweep across the upper walls of the central terminal and illuminate with a programmable lighting system.

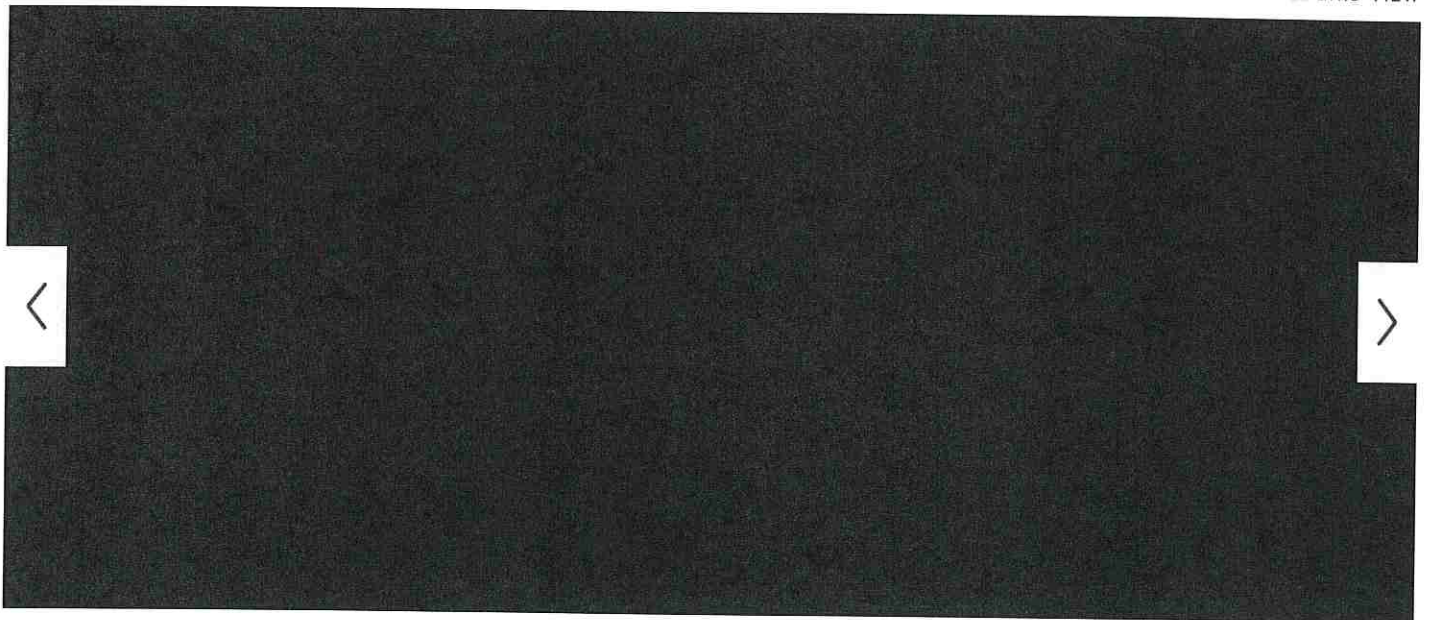
Restaurants and shops

The concourses also have space for 58 restaurants and shops, a mix of Utah favorites and national brands including Frye, Hip & Humble, White Horse Spirits & Kitchen, Shake Shack, Squatters Pub, Cafe Rio, Bruges Belgian Bistro, Starbucks, Lego Store, iStore and Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory.

Other features

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The Salt Lake City Department of Airports Opens the First Phase of The New SLC

Salt Lake City, UT—Today at 4:00 a.m., the Salt Lake City Department of Airports (SLCDA) turned the key and opened the first phase of The New SLC Airport. As the lights dimmed on the existing airport, the lights brightened on a new parking garage, gateway center, central terminal and Concourse A-west. Delta Air Lines will occupy the 25 gates in Concourse A-west, including six international gates. In six weeks—on Oct. 27—Concourse B-west will open with 20 gates for Alaska, American, Frontier, JetBlue, Southwest and United airlines.

"This day has been years in the making," said Bill Wyatt, SLCDA executive director. "To say we are excited to be here today is an understatement. After six years of construction and many more years of planning, we are proud to open the first new U.S. hub airport in the 21st Century," Wyatt added.

The need to build a new SLC airport became apparent as passenger numbers grew and facilities became outdated. Prior to the pandemic, SLC recorded more than 26 million passengers in 2019, in an airport that was built for 10 million passengers.

The advantages of building an entirely new airport is that the architects were able to design for the future to create a more efficient and more sustainable facility. The new concourses are designed in a parallel configuration—compared to the current pier layout—which will eliminate aircraft bottlenecks and idling, so airlines are able to get their planes to the gate and back in the air quicker.

SLCDA also built the new facilities with LEED Gold Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council in mind. The airport achieved this certification through a variety of ways, such as converting all airline ground service equipment to electric. Plus, the use of natural light will also help to achieve the airport's energy goals.

Additional highlights of the \$4.1 billion airport include the following:

- A two-level roadway system with an elevated road designated for departures.
- A parking garage with 3,600 parking stalls and a camera-based sensor system that uses lights to indicate where open spots are located. Plus, 56 places to charge electronic vehicles.
- The Gateway, which houses car rental counters and quick-check airline ticket counters.
- 16 security screening lanes with automatic return bins to aid in touchless travel.
- 45 concessions—21 restaurants and 24 stores—in the Terminal and Concourse A-west—all with street pricing. (On opening day, there will be 9 restaurants and 12 stores that open in Concourse A-west.)
- Electronic plug-ins at each seat and in open seating areas throughout the airport.
- 7 miles of luggage conveyor belts to accommodate oversized bags, such as skis, snowboards, bike boxes and golf clubs.
- Aircraft gates that employ the SAFEGATE Aircraft Docking System to provide pilots active guidance to support safe, efficient and precise automated aircraft

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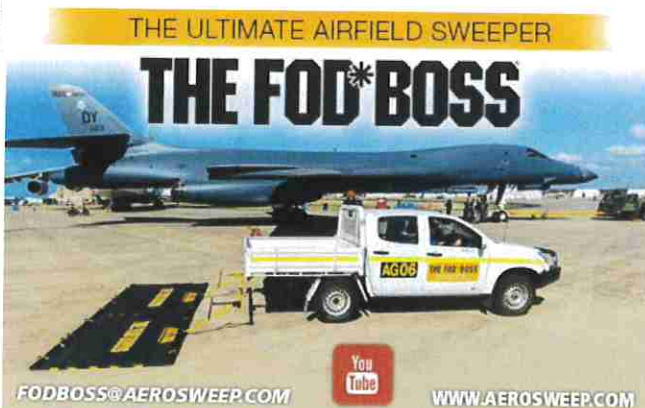
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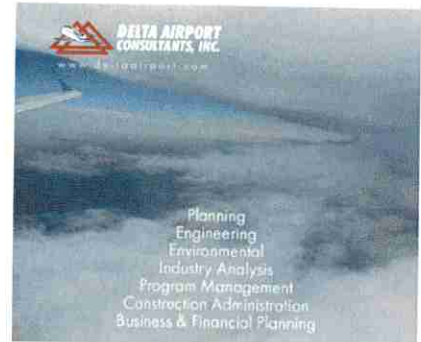
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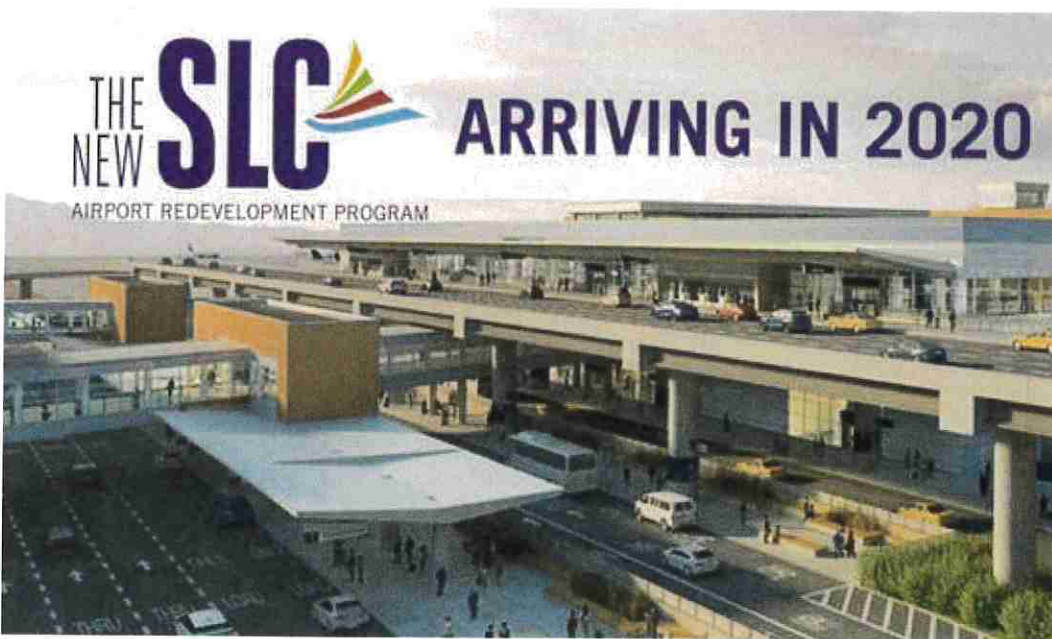
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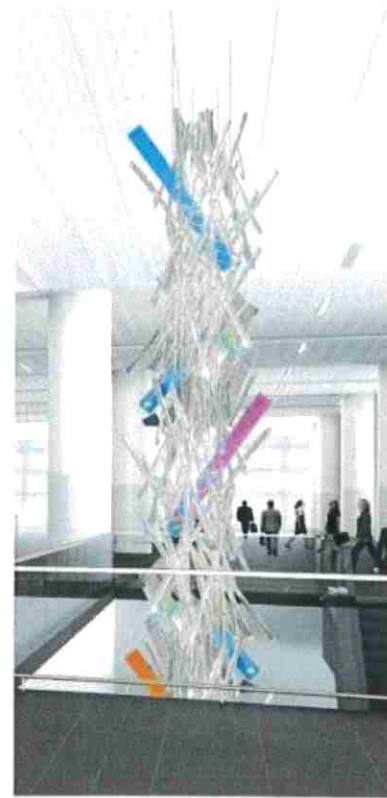
Delta Flight 2020 departed for Atlanta from Salt Lake City International Airport's stunning new Concourse A Tuesday, marking the official first flight in Delta's new home in this core hub after a decade of partnership in planning, design and construction to deliver the first U.S. global aviation hub of the 21st century.

"I want to congratulate the Salt Lake City leadership for their vision and partnership in creating this iconic new air travel experience," **said Delta CEO Ed Bastian.** "On behalf of Delta's global workforce, and the more than 4,000 employees based in SLC, we look forward to welcoming and serving our customers traveling to, from and through the Mountain West region."

The new SLC includes convenient amenities designed to enhance the overall travel experience. From a more efficient baggage-handling system that accommodates luggage of all sizes and shapes so skis don't need to be dropped off at a special counter to a state-of-the-art parking garage with a mobile app service to remind passengers where they parked their car, the new SLC was designed with today's traveler in mind.

As a mid-sized hub connected to global destinations, the new Salt Lake City airport will remain an important part of Delta's overall network strategy as the airline recovers from the global pandemic. Delta's involvement in the completion of this airport, coupled with the airline's extension of its current lease through 2034, stands as a testament to the relationship between Delta, the state of Utah and the airport.

"This day has been years in the making," **said Bill Wyatt, Executive Director of Salt Lake City Department of Airports.** "To say we are excited to be here today is an understatement. After six years of construction and many more years of planning, we are proud to open the first new U.S. hub airport in the 21st century."



The new airport also boasts Delta's newest and largest Delta Sky Club at 28,000 square feet. With a unique look inspired by the canyons and landscape of the region, the Club offers guests views of the Wasatch Range from the covered open-air Sky Deck and a 360-degree fireplace in the middle of the lounge on their journey through the Beehive State.

Investing in infrastructure

Delta is investing more than \$12 billion in airport projects that modernize the airline's hub infrastructure and customer experience, including new construction at Los Angeles International Airport and New York's LaGuardia Airport in addition to the work in SLC.

Delta people have played key roles since day one in contributing to the new SLC, which opens on time and on budget.

Salt Lake City International Airport will remain an important part of Delta's overall network strategy as the airline recovers from the global pandemic. Delta's involvement in the completion of this airport, coupled with the airlines' extension of its current lease through 2034, stands as a testament to the relationship among Delta, the airport, and the state of Utah.

"For the past 60 years, Delta has remained a steadfast, strategic partner to the Salt Lake City International Airport and today, we are gathered to celebrate the opening of the new gold standard for travelers coming to or through this great region that we've built together," **said Scott Santoro, Delta's Vice President - Sales for the West Coast.**

"This incredible space is more than the largest new build in the Western United States for more than 25 years. It solidifies Delta as the airline of choice for passengers traveling to, from, and through Salt Lake for both business and leisure travel for years to come."

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Parking and TRAX changes at Salt Lake International Airport



(Trent Nelson | Tribune file photo) Larry and Tammy Pinnock take a selfie with The Canyon, an art installation at the new Salt Lake City International Airport on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020.



By Lee Davidson

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As the first phase of the new \$4.1 billion Salt Lake City International Airport prepares to open on Tuesday, passengers will start to see changes now on where they can make TRAX connections and where they should park if they want to find their cars when they return from trips.

The Utah Transit Authority says it will cease direct TRAX Green Line service to the airport beginning Friday through Monday as a new temporary station is prepared there. People seeking to take TRAX to the airport will need to exit at the 1940 West Station and take a shuttle to terminals. A shuttle to that station from the airport will also be available at ground level at the terminals.

That shuttle service will operate from 5:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. on weekdays, 6:20 a.m. to 11:20 p.m. on Saturday and 6:20 a.m. to 8:52 p.m. on Sunday.

Beginning on Tuesday when the new airport facilities open, TRAX will use a new temporary airport station. Passengers then may take a shuttle from it to the new airport terminal.

UTA aims to finish a new permanent station next summer at the airport, which will be adjacent to the new terminal. The current, or old, terminals must first be demolished to make way for extension of TRAX rail lines to that new station. UTA has said the new station and extension will cost \$18.6 million.

Meanwhile, airport officials are urging travelers who leave on trips now but who will return after the new airport opens next Tuesday to park in the economy lot rather than the current garage — which will be demolished after new facilities open.

The airport will not allow access to the current garage after Monday. Cars that are parked there on Tuesday morning will be moved to the new garage, and a parking attendant will be on-site to assist passengers in locating their vehicles.

As part of the first phase of the new airport, a new garage will open on Tuesday with twice as many stalls as the current facility.

Beginning on Tuesday, passengers being dropped off by car at the airport will access the terminal by a new roadway. An elevated road is available for passenger drop off, while passenger pickup is at ground level.

Overnight on Monday and Tuesday morning, current terminals and the parking garage will close and a new garage, terminal and a concourse for Delta Air Lines will open.

Some current gates for all other airlines — with access from the new terminal via a pedestrian bridge — will continue in use until Oct. 27, when another new concourse will open for those airlines.

The airport has added a navigational map to the SLC International phone app to help passengers find their way. The airport encourages all passengers to allow extra time to find parking and access their gate, especially those flying out of original airport

gates, because the walk from the new terminal to the original airport will take longer.

The first flight scheduled to leave the new airport on Tuesday is a 6 a.m. Delta flight to Atlanta. The first flight scheduled to arrive is a Delta flight from Idaho Falls at 7:20 a.m. Passengers departing and arriving will be greeted with a water spray salute and each will be given an airport coin to commemorate opening day, officials said.

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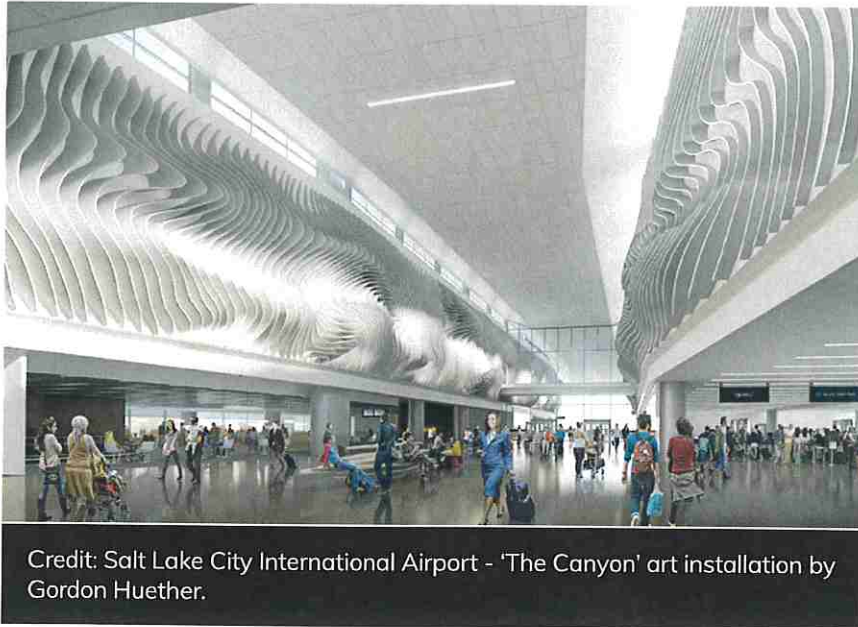
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A range of art installations, designed by Gordon Huether, have made their debut as part of Salt Lake City Airport's expansion.

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Credit: Salt Lake City International Airport - 'The Canyon' art installation by Gordon Huether.

Local and national officials, architects and the artist – Gordon Huether – involved with Salt Lake City's [new airport expansion](#) have debuted the massive first phase of the eventual \$4 billion expansion of Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC).

Set for full completion in 2024, the project will grow the transit hub as one of the nation's busiest while focusing on prioritising a healthy, safe and enjoyable passenger experience within the next generation of airport design.

The innovative approach to the design of the [Salt Lake City Airport](#) redevelopment, led by HOK architects, centres around the passenger experience by creating a unique environment for patrons as they travel to their final destinations. Featuring more efficient passenger flow, state-of-the-art conveniences and amenities and high environmental standards, the redevelopment also incorporates visual aesthetics befitting one of the U.S.' newest airports.

At the direction of city and airport executives, several major, structurally-integrated art installations have been

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incorporated into the design from the early stages of development to create a strong identity and sense of place. Designed by Huether, these massive art installations help to define and enhance the passenger experience by bringing the natural wonders of Utah into the physical space of [Salt Lake City International Airport](#).

Huether said: "The prime objective from the start was to celebrate the natural beauty of Utah in a fully architecturally, integrated art programme. The big idea is to blur the lines between art and architecture. If there was ever a time that art mattered, where art should transport you to a higher place, where art could unite us in inspiration, nature and beauty, this is that time."

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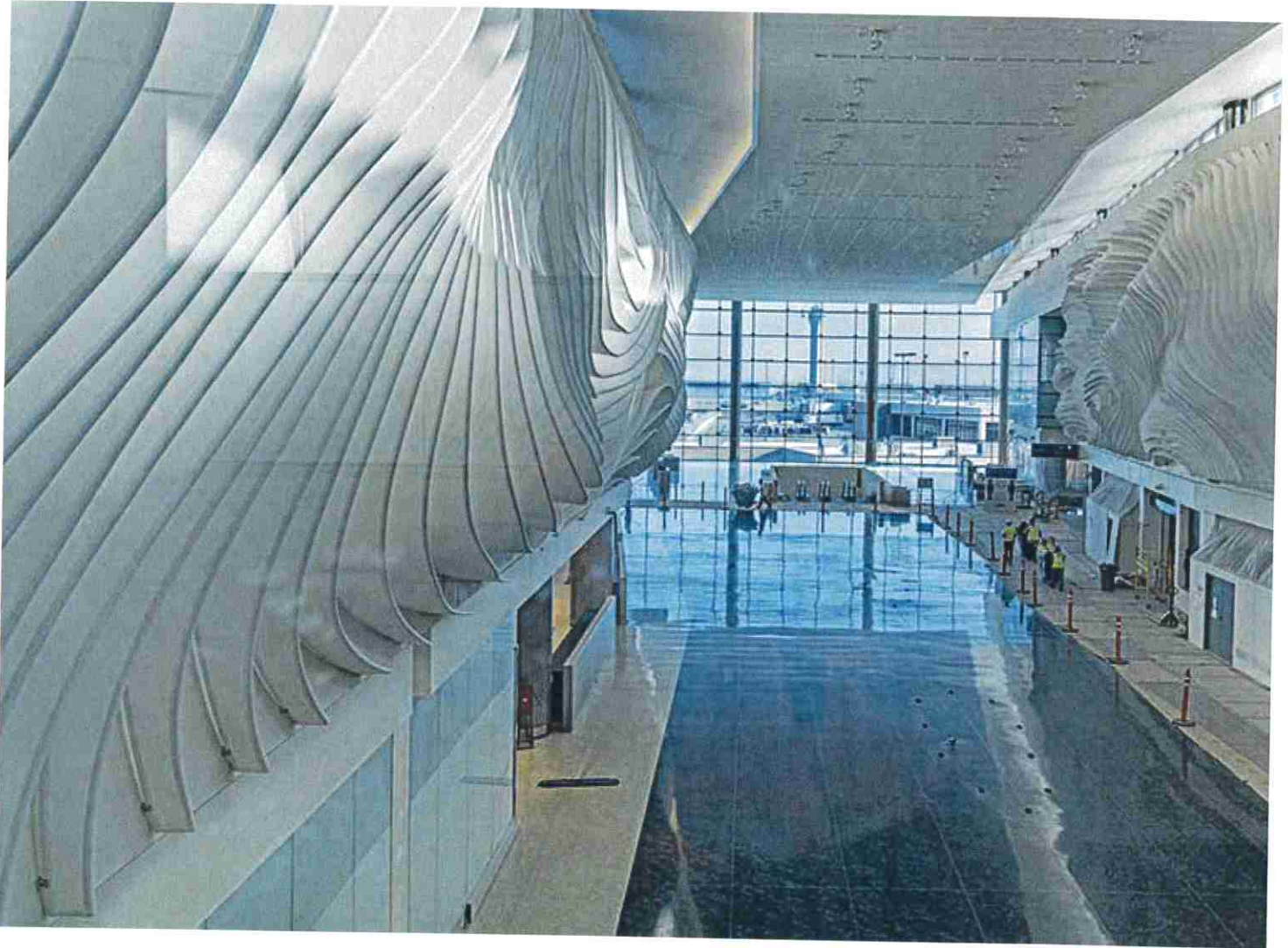
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The main passenger hallway at the new Salt Lake City airport terminal is called the Canyon. Construction on the facility and the first phase will be complete later this year.

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When the COVID-19 pandemic brought air travel to a near stop in March, construction managers building the replacement terminal for Salt Lake City International Airport saw both a challenge and an opportunity. The challenge was keeping the workforce of up to 1,800 people healthy and on the job in the face of a global pandemic, while the dramatic drop in airport traffic presented an opportunity to complete all phases of the \$4.1-billion facility more than two years ahead of schedule.

The 3.2-million-sq-ft replacement facility, a new five-level parking structure and central utility plant have been rising on a 296.7-acre site directly southwest of the current airport.

Bill Wyatt, the airport's executive director, says the goal was to keep at least 65 gates open during construction. "As the pandemic hit and air traffic dropped off, it became apparent that keeping so many gates open while we worked on the second phase was not as critical as it had been just a few months ago," he says.

"We presented the idea that we could begin tearing down all of the existing airport once we fully open in October. We'll still have enough flexibility so that if demand returns sooner than we anticipate, we can do hard-stand boarding [transporting passengers to gates by bus]. We estimate this will move us to completion in 2024 and could save around \$300 million."

Program director Mike Williams says: "We recognized early (in the pandemic) that we needed new processes and procedures in place to keep going. The Salt Lake County Health Department people came out and were happy with what we were doing."

But around the first week of July, Williams says workers or their associates began testing positive for the virus, in keeping with a statewide increase. "Someone would test positive or someone they were close with had a positive test, so not only would they have to leave the site, but people on the crew they had worked closely with would have to go too. We went from seven people who had to be off site to a peak of 88."

Williams says quarantined and medically cleared workers continue to return to the job, and there has been increased vigilance on maintaining distance and cleaning. "When the numbers started going up, I think we were able to get our arms around the situation early and keep it from getting worse," Williams says.

Wyatt and Williams say the first phase of the airport is still scheduled to open Sept. 15, with more concourses opening in October. Work is currently underway on art installations and preparing tenant spaces for occupancy.

— *By Brian Fryer in Utah*

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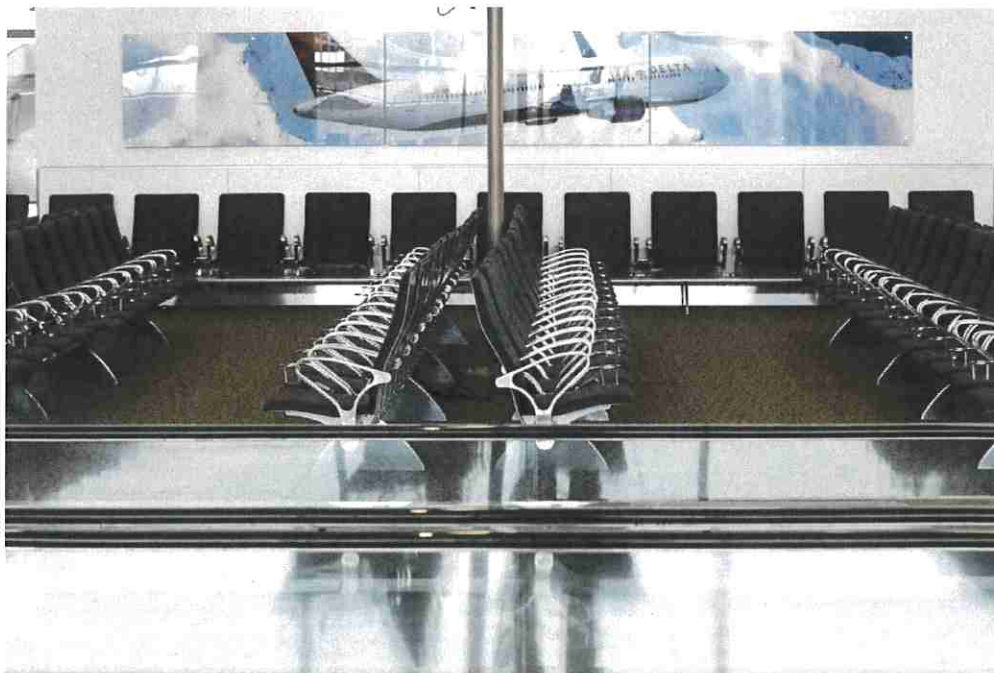
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In our opinion: The perfect time for a new Salt Lake airport

The pandemic has reduced air travel, but the Salt Lake airport's major expansion will position it perfectly once travelers return.

By the Deseret News Editorial Board | Aug 28, 2020, 10:00pm MDT



A Delta departure gate in the new Salt Lake City International Airport's main terminal in Salt Lake City is pictured on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020. Media and dignitaries toured the facility that will open on Sept. 15, 2020. | Steve Griffin, Deseret News

To the shortsighted, this may seem like a ridiculous time to open the nation's first entirely new hub airport in this century — more than 4 million square feet of space to accommodate hordes of travelers.

Delta Airlines, the hub carrier, announced Monday it plans to furlough 1,941 pilots this fall, and American Airlines said Tuesday it plans to cut 19,000 jobs. Traffic in and out of Salt Lake City has gone from 30,000 on a typical weekend in February to barely 1,500.

But that's a myopic view. To people with vision, this is a perfect time.

The pandemic will not last forever. When it ends, air travel will surge beyond the 26 million passengers who came through the old airport last year, and Salt Lake City will be poised with a world-class facility capable of handling it.

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Members of the media got a tour of the new facility this week, ahead of the grand opening on Sept. 15. Dignitaries put items in a time capsule, tentatively scheduled for review 100 years from now. Anticipation is growing for a new airport that is as much a showcase for Salt Lake City and Utah as it is a modern "cathedral to transportation," as officials have called it.

Many years ago, train depots served much the same purpose. Salt Lake City has preserved two of these — the Union Pacific and Rio Grande terminals downtown. Their grand main halls, far more ornate than what was required to handle daily train traffic back then, featured murals and other decorations exhibiting local pride and telling travelers a bit about where they had arrived.

The new airport will serve much the same purpose in a more modern way.

It is functional enough to handle an expansion of the city's already impressive list of direct overseas flights and domestic connections. But it also contains impressive artwork, including "The Canyon," a representation of the state's many canyons that fills the size of a football field, and "The Falls," an 80-foot sculpture meant to evoke thoughts of a waterfall in a canyon.

Air travelers are far more harried and distracted than train travelers of old, but these amenities are bound to calm them and make them curious about where they have landed.

The airport is the largest and most expensive public works project ever attempted in Utah, coming in at \$4.1 billion, but it will cost taxpayers nothing. Airports are funded by user fees and bonds. Air travelers, for the most part, pay the tab, and they do so

without feeling much impact in terms of airfare. Utah taxpayers, however, will benefit from easier access to distant locations and the economic development that is sure to follow.

And speaking of vision, it's important to give a nod to previous city leaders, who did more than just dream of the future. Sixteen years ago, they built a tunnel under the airport's taxiway, using an \$8 million grant, in anticipation of this project. Now, that tunnel will connect the new south concourse with the north concourse, featuring moving sidewalks. Because it was built in 2004, it cost less than it would today, and it made the phased construction of the airport much easier.

The benefits of a new airport may be hard to imagine at a time when economic activity has slowed to a trickle and the few flights coming and going from the city are half-full. But we are confident they will become evident soon enough, and that this facility — an anomaly at a time when virtually no one is building airports — will quickly become a source of local pride.



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Salt Lake City, UT-The Salt Lake City Department of Airports (SLCDA) will be turning out the lights on sections of the original airport the morning of Sept. 15 as the first phase of The New SLC opens its doors.

Overnight, Terminals 1 and 2, the International Terminal and the parking garage will close and the New SLC parking garage, central terminal and Concourse A-west will open for business. Concourses C, F and G of the original airport will remain open for six weeks until Oct. 27 when Concourse B-west opens. At that point, the following airlines will move into Concourse B: Alaska, American, Frontier, JetBlue, Southwest and United.

Passengers who have trips planned when the transition to the new parking garage occurs are encouraged to park in the economy lot rather than in the original garage. Cars that are parked in the original garage the morning of Sept. 15, will be moved to the new garage and a parking attendant will be on site to assist passengers to locate their vehicles. There will be no access to the original parking garage after Sept. 14 at midnight. During the remainder of 2020, the charge to park in the garage will be reduced to \$20 daily.

Passengers planning to travel the morning of Sept. 15 will access the airport via a new roadway. An elevated roadway is available for passenger drop off, while passenger pick up is at ground level. Passengers taking TRAX will take a shuttle from the end of the existing TRAX line to the new airport for approx. eight months while the new TRAX line is build out to the new Terminal building.

The first flight out Sept. 15 is Delta Air Lines flight #2020 from SLC to ATL departing at 6:00 a.m. The first flight to arrive is Delta's flight #3540 from IDA. Passengers departing and arriving will be greeted with a water salute and each will be given an airport coin to commemorate opening day.

SLCDA has added a navigational map to the SLC International phone app to help passengers find their way. The app is available to download on Google or Apple. The airport encourages all passengers to allow extra time to find parking and access their gate, especially those flying out of the original airport, since the walk from the new terminal to the original airport will take longer.

Due to the pandemic, access to the airport is remains limited to ticketed passengers, employees or individuals doing business with the airport. Those picking up passengers should do so curbside or in the parking garage. The Park and Wait lot is also available to drivers waiting to pick up passengers.

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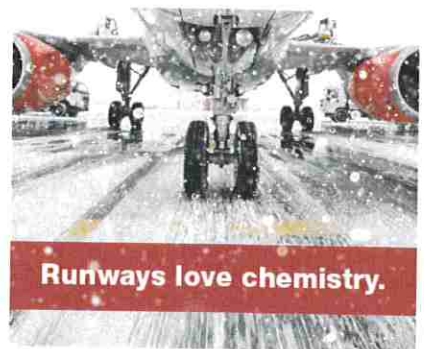
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The new terminal opens to the public Sept. 15. (Photo courtesy of Salt Lake City Airport)

SALT LAKE CITY — The first phase of Salt Lake City International Airport’s \$4 billion expansion is now complete and set to open Tuesday, Sept. 15. HOK Architects designed the project, which features more efficient passenger flow, visual aesthetics, new amenities and high environmental standards.

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The new terminal is designed to eliminate airplane parking bottlenecks and enable airlines to get planes back in the air more quickly.

Napa, Calif.-based artist Gordon Heuther completed art installations within the project. The largest installation, *The Canyon*, reflects Utah's landscape and is integrated into both walls of the new terminal. The other significant installation is a 65-foot-tall glass sculpture in the escalator titled *The Falls*.

"The prime objective from the start was to celebrate the natural beauty of Utah in a fully architecturally, integrated art program," says Heuther. "The big idea is to blur the lines between art and architecture."

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SLC Salt Lake City International Airport simulation on Aug. 29, 2020. (Photo by Robin Pendergrast)



(KUTV) — The new Salt Lake City International Airport opens in one week. The transition happens the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 15. Here’s what it will be like for the first passengers.

“Overnight, Terminals 1 and 2, the International Terminal and the parking garage will close and the New SLC parking garage, central terminal and Concourse A-west will open for business,” according to an airport news release on Tuesday.

Six weeks later, another portion of the new airport will open, Concourse B-west. That’s when more airlines will make the move — Alaska, American, Frontier, JetBlue, Southwest and United.

People who are returning Sept. 15 or beyond are encouraged to park in the economy lot. Cars that are in the old parking garage, which is closing, will be moved to the new garage.

A new road is opening as well. “An elevated roadway is available for passenger drop off, while passenger pick up is at ground level,” according to the airport spokeswoman.

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By Jasen Lee | @JasenLee1 | Aug 11, 2020, 3:38pm MDT |



Christian Wunderly, logistics specialist, moves a pallet during the grand opening of Salt Lake City International Airport's Central Receiving and Distribution Center in Salt Lake City on Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020. | Kristin Murphy, Deseret News

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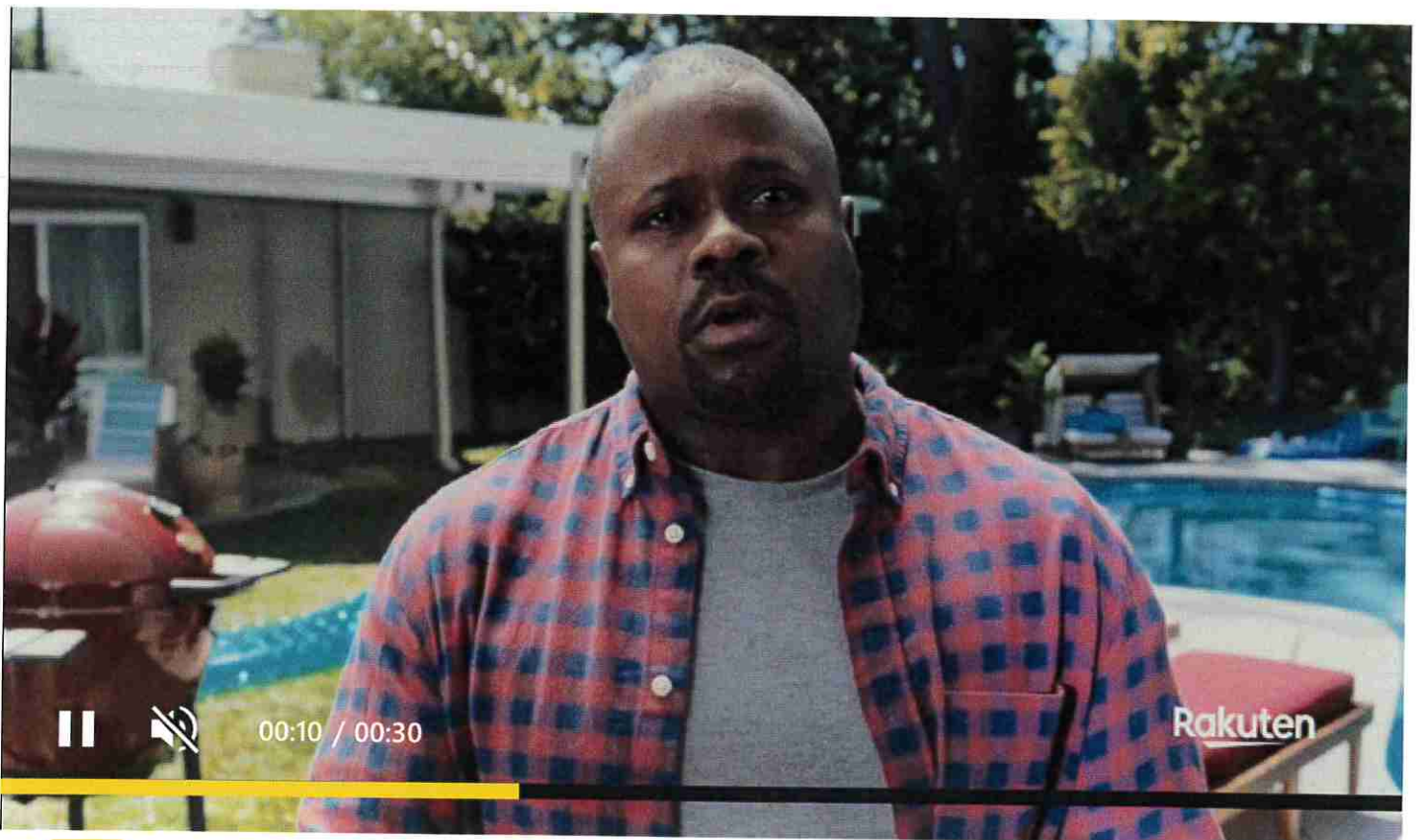
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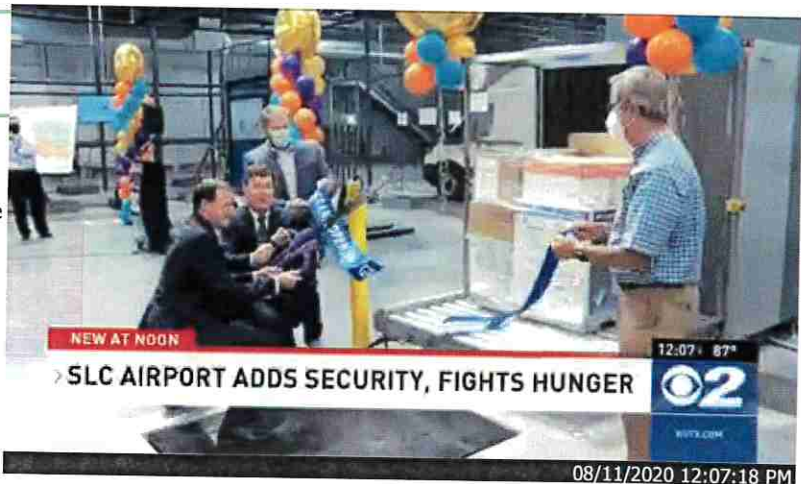
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New Salt Lake Airport Distribution Center Expected To Ease Traffic

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NEW AT NOON **GRAND OPENING FOR AIRPORT'S NEW DISTRIBUTION CENTER**
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It's called the Central Receiving and Distribution Center, and Tuesday was the grand opening.

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The new facility will not only improve security screenings, but it will also enhance the safety of the goods entering the airport. Those goods include things like food and other items that get distributed at airport restaurants and stores. And any food items that aren't sold will be donated to the Salt Lake City Mission.

Items will go through a screening process before being delivered to individual areas throughout the airport, minimizing the amount of traffic in the airfield and benefiting those traveling to the airport.



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lexi times tied for many small business owners and the theft of a key piece of equipment can be devastating. >> that's what happened to a popular food truck operator in north salt lake city and now he and police are hoping fox 13 news viewers can help them catch the culprits. scott mccain joins live to tell us what happened. >> that's unfortunate. good morning, scott. yeah. good morning, guys. his name is rubin cy young. he moved to this area from l.a. about three years ago and he brought his cooking skills with him. he wound opening the bob dylan case to cater to pick food truck here behind. it's been very popular. he says business has been great . things have been going fantastic until this past weekend on saturday that's when thieves stole the lifeblood of any food truck, his generator. now this was a two man team and they seemed to know what they were doing. they rolled up in a late model gmc pickup truck in the middle of the afternoon without a care in the world seemingly first day parked at a nearby business scoping out the area to make sure no one was around they left. then a couple hours later they returned and snagged the forty five hundred dollar generator which had been welded and chained to the back of the food truck. now this is all a big setback for rubin, especially right now in the middle of a pandemic when general especially big ones like the one he needs to power his truck are very tough to come back. >> i'm currently looking for the exact same one and everywhere i've called here in davis county salt lake county, they're on back stock until september. you know, mid-september. so it's unfortunate and it and we're taking a hit and you know ,we need a generator to keep wheels going and to be able to keep working through these hard times. >> ro rubin and the police are salt lake hope. the video we're showing you will help them catch ...


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SLC AIRPORT OPENS CENTRAL RECEIVING AND DISTRIBUTION CENTER

Bradford Airport Logistics to Operate the CRDC

Salt Lake City, UT- Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC) held an open house on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, to showcase a new Central Receiving and Distribution Center (CRDC) operated by Bradford Airport Logistics, which begins operating on August 17, 2020.

The \$5.6 million facility will improve security screening and enhance the health and safety of all goods entering the airport. The 22,000 sq. ft. CRDC will receive goods for delivery to the existing airport and for The New SLC Airport, which opens Sept. 15, 2020. The CRDC staff does regulatory inspections and x-ray screening before consolidating the goods—including food, beverage, retail—for redistribution to terminal and concourses for the end user—the passengers.

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Another sustainability component announced during the grand opening is the donation of the airport's excess food supplies to the Salt Lake City Mission to redistribute to the community.

Airport concessionaries will bring their non-salable, but edible food, to a storage and cooler that Bradford Airport Logistics will check daily to bring the food back to the CRDC. From there, the SLC Mission will pick it up for immediate distribution to those in need in the community.

"Celebrating our twentieth year in business, Bradford has been the primary catalyst and developer of CRDC growth and innovation within the U.S. and global aviation industry. We are proud to operate this showcase facility on behalf of SLC," said Benjamin Richter, CEO and founder, Bradford Airport Logistics."

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Speakers at CDRC Open House announce plans for the facility. (Photo: Salt Lake City International Airport)

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Salt Lake City International Airport Unveils New Retail Screening Facility

Salt Lake City International Airport officially opened its brand new Central Receiving and Distribution Center (CRDC) on Aug. 17. Bradford Airport Logistics, a Houston-based management operations and supply chain company, will be in charge of operating it. The CRDC is expected to receive and handle goods delivered to the airport, where the staff will complete safety regulations and x-ray screening before piling the goods together for redistribution to restaurants and retail stores in the terminal.

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According to [Aviation Pros](#), the facility will also complement the Salt Lake City Mission’s initiative

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the storage and cooler daily to bring the food back to the CRDC for community distribution.



While major US carriers such as United, Delta and American continue to either temporarily close their airport lounges or open them with limited hours, the CRDC will allow airport officials to specifically meet the passengers' travel demands in terms of food and retail within the new airport terminals, during the current aviation industry's environment.

Airport Officials Continue Master Plan



Conceptual rendering of the terminal interior once construction for new SLC is completed. (Photo: Salt Lake City International Airport)

Airport officials held a reception for the new \$5.6

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unveiling of the CRDC comes after airport officials announced the first phase of the airport's master plan to rebuild and renovate the terminals and facilities.

While the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact the aviation industry, the renovation progress at Salt Lake City International Airport is not hindered.

The first phase is expected to open in September and includes an enhanced parking garage and central terminal as well as an improved portion of the South Concourse. A new portion of the North Concourse will open later in October. Additionally, the second phase of completing the remaining portion of the South and North concourses and the demolition of the existing, older concourses are expected to be completed in 2024.



Delta Experiences Effects From Construction

Delta is the largest carrier at Salt Lake City International Airport, as the airport is one of the

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have been operating via hardstand operations since January until the first phase is completed.

The CRDC will play a significant role in improving the Atlanta-based carrier’s passengers’ experience as well, since the security screened food and retail items are expected to travel on a different route to get to the airport, minimizing the amount of airport traffic on the roads.

“Vendors can now take a unique route away from the traveling public and not co-mingle. So you get to the airport with a little more time, a lot less hassle and behind the scenes, those goods are coming in in a precise manner,” said Benjamin Richter the founder and chief executive of Bradford Airport Logistics.

In the meantime, once phase one is completed, Delta will receive six new international gates in the new concourse. The implementation of the CDRC to enhance the food and retail offerings in the terminals and the ongoing restoration will assist the airline in expanding its flight operations while attempting to attract more passengers to the airport.

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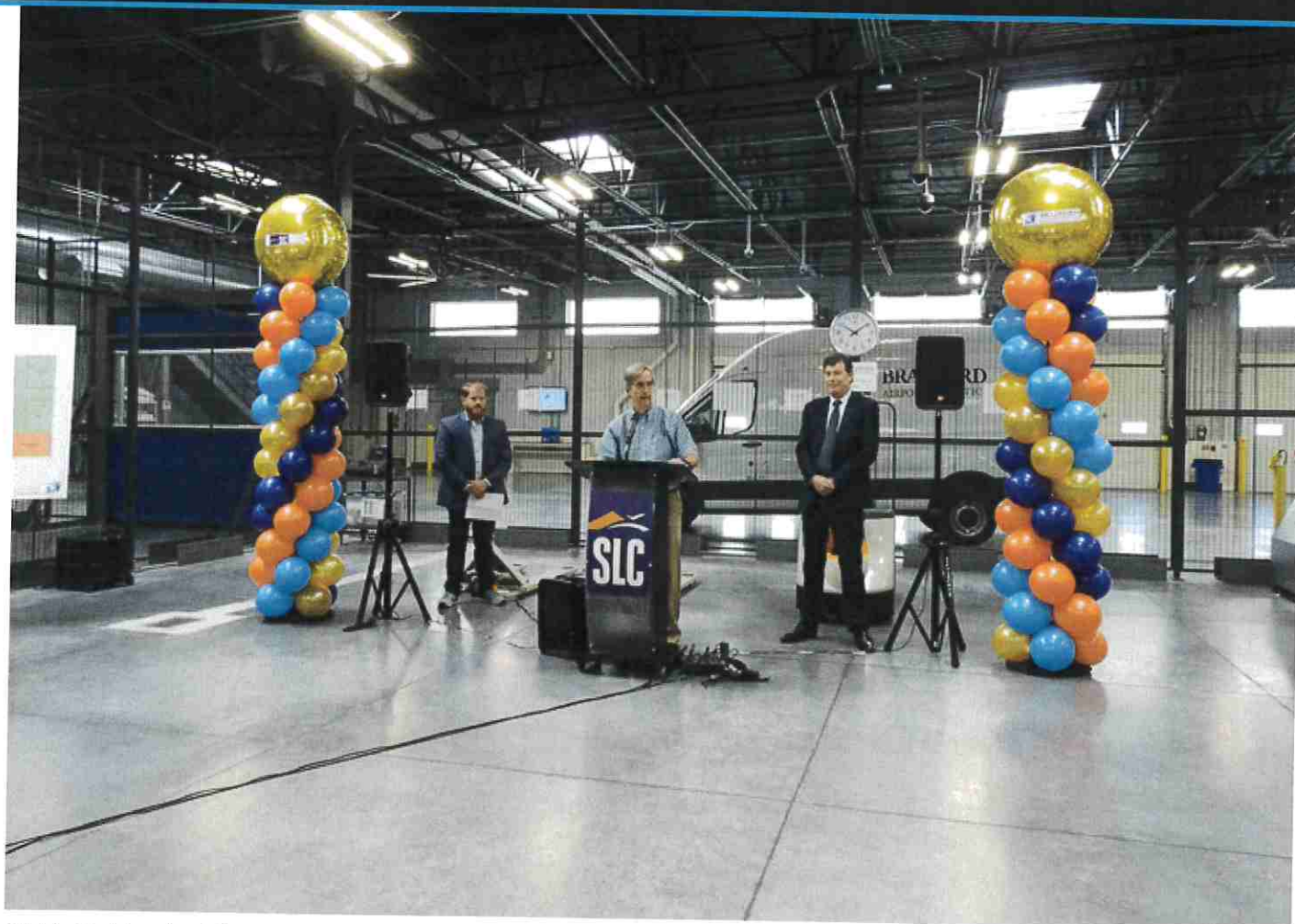
SLC Airport Opens Central Receiving and Distribution Center

The \$5.6 million facility will improve security screening and enhance the health and safety of all goods entering the airport.

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Salt Lake City International Airport

Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC) held an open house on Aug. 11, to showcase a new Central Receiving and Distribution Center (CRDC) operated by Bradford Airport Logistics, which begins operating on Aug.17.

The \$5.6 million facility will improve security screening and enhance the health and safety of all goods entering the airport. The 22,000 square-foot. CRDC will receive goods for delivery to the existing airport and for The New SLC Airport, which opens Sept. 15. The CRDC staff does regulatory inspections and x-ray screening before consolidating the goods – including food, beverage, retail – for redistribution to terminal and concourses for the end user – the passengers.

“This facility will provide increased efficiency and safety, since third-party truck deliveries will no longer be made via the airfield,” said Bill Wyatt, executive director, Salt Lake City Department of Airports. “This reduced delivery truck traffic around aircraft and airport facilities is not only more secure but reduces emissions from weekly delivery trucks.”

Another sustainability component announced during the grand opening is the donation of the airport's excess food supplies to the Salt Lake City Mission to redistribute to the community.

Airport concessionaries will bring their non-salable, but edible food, to a storage and cooler that Bradford Airport Logistics will check daily to bring the food back to the CRDC. From there, the SLC Mission will pick it up for immediate distribution to those in need in the community.

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Salt Lake City opens new Central Receiving and Distribution Centre



Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC) has opened a new USD 5.6 million Central Receiving and Distribution Center (CRDC) to improve the security screening – and enhance the health and safety – of all goods entering the airport.

Operated by Bradford Airport Logistics, the new 22,000sqft facility will receive goods for delivery to the existing airport and for the new-look gateway, which officially opens for business on September 15.

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Upon arrival at the new facility, CRDC staff will carry out regulatory inspections and X-ray screening before consolidating the goods for redistribution to SLC's terminal and concourses for the end user—the passengers.

The inspected items includes all the retail goods and food and drinks sold in SLC's shops and F&B outlets.

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"Celebrating our twentieth year in business, Bradford has been the primary catalyst and developer of CRDC growth and innovation within the US and global aviation industry," enthuses Benjamin Richter, CEO and founder, Bradford Airport Logistics.

"We are proud to operate this showcase facility on behalf of SLC."

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The building of an entirely new airport at Salt Lake City

The New SLC Airport will secure the area's position as a global aviation hub, whilst benefiting passengers, the economy and the environment.

By Salt Lake City International Airport

24 July 2020

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Salt Lake City (SLC) is building what will be the first new hub airport in the United States in the 21st century. Not a remodel or an expansion, but an entirely new airport – with a new parking garage, new terminal and two new concourses.

As with many airports, up until about March 2020, SLC was experiencing tremendous passenger growth and operating in facilities that were over utilised and well past their prime. The history of SLC International Airport goes back to 1961, when Terminal 1 first opened. Over the years, the airport added Terminal 2, additional concourses and an International Terminal. The newest building was the International Terminal, but this was constructed more than 20 years ago.

SLC facilities were originally built to accommodate 10 million passengers. Prior to the pandemic, SLC was seeing upwards of 26 million passengers each year, averaging 380 flights to nearly 100 destinations daily. As a thriving hub for Delta Air Lines, non-stop flights to European destinations – including Amsterdam, London and Paris – were included in the international mix.

Prior to the pandemic, passengers experienced congestion at SLC daily at almost every touchpoint, whether it was kerbside, in the parking garage, when trying to find a seat in the gate hold area or in a restaurant. Plus, the lack of available gates limited new air services for SLC.



Rendered aerial shot of the New SLC Airport, Credit: Salt Lake City International Airport

The timeline behind constructing a new airport

In the late 1990s, SLC decided the time was right to build a new airport, to offer passengers a better customer experience, as well as meet current seismic standards, and provide a more sustainable airport. The project was initially delayed due to events of 9/11 and the great recession, which allowed the airport to plan and save money for the construction. In the summer of 2014, ground was broken and construction began.

Come 15 September 2020, the first phase of The New SLC Redevelopment Project will open with a new parking garage with double the capacity, one central terminal with 16 security lanes and the west end of Concourse A. Six weeks later, the west end of Concourse B will open to passenger traffic. Once the first phase opens, the process to build the second phase begins with the demolition of all of the existing airport facilities, which allows construction to the east to commence. Come 2024, the entire project will be complete and passengers will be travelling through an entirely new, modern airport.

The New SLC Airport will benefit passengers and the environment

The advantages of building an entirely new airport is that the architects can design for the future. The New SLC Airport will be more efficient and more sustainable in a number of ways. The new concourses are designed in a parallel configuration – compared to the current pier design – which will eliminate aircraft bottlenecks and idling, so airlines can get their planes to the gate and back in the air faster.

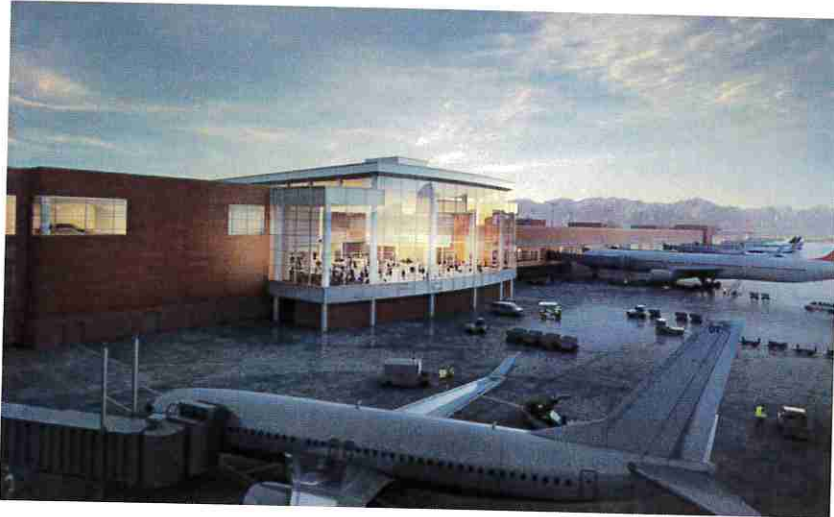
SLC is also building the new facilities with LEED Gold Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council in mind. The airport plans to achieve this through a variety of ways, such as converting all airline ground service equipment to electric by the opening day. Plus, the use of natural light will also help to achieve the airport's energy goals.

Some of the ways The New SLC will be more sustainable include the use of water-efficient plumbing fixtures; diverting more than 95 per cent of construction waste from the landfill; efficient design to reduce taxi times and aircraft idling while waiting for a gate; conversion by airlines to electric ground support equipment on opening day, reducing 8,000 metric tonnes of greenhouse gases annually; installation of more electric vehicle charging stations for employees and passengers; and use of natural light through more windows, which is not only environmentally friendly, but provides welcome views for passengers.

The New SLC Airport will have many new features, including more places to plug-in electronic devices and wider luggage belts to accommodate bike boxes, skis and snowboards, and golf clubs.

One unique feature of The New SLC that typically isn't found in most airports is known as the Greeting Room. Those who have arrived at Salt Lake City may have experienced the unique phenomenon first-hand. Friends and family members come to greet returning missionaries for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Church sends young men and women around the

world on missions. It's not unusual to see large gatherings at the luggage carousels with crowds holding signs welcoming back their loved ones. This also presents a challenge to passengers attempting to get their luggage. In the new terminal, the Greeting Room will be a place where everyone who is waiting for passengers to arrive – whether they be military personnel, missionaries or a winning sports team – can relax in a comfortable setting.



Passenger viewing point. Credit: Salt Lake City International Airport

But beyond the brick and mortar, the new airport has been designed to leave a lasting impression on travellers. Art and other elements will provide a sense of place through the use of sandstone, copper colours and native plants. The design incorporates plenty of windows to provide views of the mountains from many vantage points throughout the airport, including from an outdoor deck from Delta's Sky Club.

Passengers will be wowed by massive art installations, such as The Canyon, which is integrated in the spine of the airport terminal. The Canyon evokes the Salt Lake City landscape and spans roughly the size of a football field. The Falls is a 65ft sculpture of dichroic glass that hangs from ceiling to floor reflecting colours of the rainbow.

An expanded concessions programme with 29 retail stores is planned and includes a mix of local, regional and national brands, including new brands such as Coach, Frye and Mac. The restaurant programme is just as impressive with a wide array of food and beverage options to choose from; from American to Asian to Italian to Mexican. The first phase of The New SLC restaurant programme will include 23 concepts that include well-known national options, plus a number of home-grown eateries that are local favourites.

"Our passengers are hungry for a variety of food and beverage options," said [Bill Wyatt, Executive Director, Salt Lake City Department of Airports](#). "Today's traveller expects airports to provide a quality selection of restaurants with

affordable pricing. Whether its casual fare or fine dining they will find it at The New SLC Airport."

All concessions will charge street pricing, which is a move that has been well received amongst the travelling public. This means passengers will pay the same price charged at locations off-site of the airport.

The cost of becoming a global aviation hub

The price tag for The New SLC Airport is \$4.1 billion and includes no local taxpayer dollars. For years, SLC was the only large-size, hub airport in the country to be debt free. The foresight of those planning this project allowed the project to begin building with savings: It will all pay off in the end. A recent economic impact study showed the project is contributing approximately \$5.5 billion to the local economy.

SLC is currently one of the nation's most cost-effective airports for airline operations and plans to maintain one of the lowest CPE's in the country for a hub operation.

The New SLC Airport will secure the area's position as a global aviation hub that will serve and grow with the region for decades to come.



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‘Coming together beautifully’

ARTIST HOPES SALT LAKE AIRPORT PROJECT HELPS TRAVELERS FOCUS ON BEAUTY RATHER THAN STRESS

BY JED BOAL

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SALT LAKE CITY — The new Salt Lake City International Airport opens in 46 days, and it’s starting to look like it’s ready for passengers. Among the eye-catching features of the \$41 billion project, seven large art installations highlighting the beauty of Utah stand out.

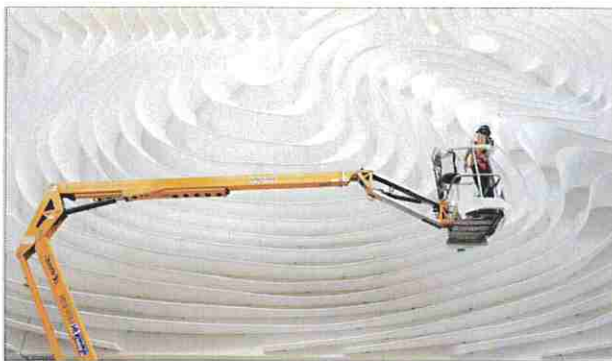
“It all seems to be coming together beautifully,” said Gordon Huether, the consulting artist for the new airport. “We want to create a sense of place, and we want to make your experience a pleasant one, rather than a stressful one.”

Huether gave media a tour Wednesday as he and his team begin putting finishing touches on the art.

“I’m all about inspiring the spirit of humanity by bringing beauty and meaning into this world through art,” said Huether. He wants people to be moved by the art emotionally when they walk through the airport.

With the airport opening for travelers Sept. 15, those finalizing the facility are digging in to meet the approaching

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Brian Aiken works on part of “The Canyon” art installation as construction continues in the new Salt Lake International Airport in Salt Lake City.

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Left: Construction crews install part of “The Canyon” Salt Lake International Airport on Wednesday.



Right: Gordon Huether, consulting artist for the new airport, talks about his art installation, Falls.”

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deadline.

“This is probably the most important time in our lifetime where art really, really matters, and really makes a difference,” Huether said, noting the many negative impacts brought on by COVID-19. “Art is good for the soul. It’s good for the spirit, it’s good for this airport.”

He hopes travelers are swept away in the beauty of the airport experience, rather than the stress. In addition to his own work, Huether is overseeing the larger project in the airport that includes a number of artists.

“It really takes a whole team, and we’ve got a great team,” he said.

Running through the center of the terminal elevated along the higher walls is the airport’s major art installation — “The Canyon.” It’s as long as a football field, and the panels on the sides are three stories high. It took five acres of fabric to make the wave effect, as well as seven miles of tubing.

“This is the signature art installation for the airport,” Huether said.

Lights on the ceiling will hit the waves of fabric with colors that range from sunrise to sunset. Seasonal themes can also be added.

Huether says the art highlights the natural beauty of Utah, and gives those who never leave the airport a sense of the state.

“We want to embrace you as soon as you walk in the door,” he said.

“The Falls” is the first piece of art seen when entering the airport. In that work, hundreds of pieces of colorful glass are held in place by cables stretching six stories high.

“They catch the light in all kinds of beautiful and inspiring ways, very much like when the sunlight hits a waterfall and you get the light sparkles on it,” Huether said.

Prior to the pandemic, 26,000 passengers a day passed through the corridors of Salt Lake City International Airport. Now, as construction wraps up in Concourse A, gate areas are complete with seating and ticketing

The baggage claim is nearly ready, with carousels being tested. The new airport also has a new, larger carousel for oversized luggage like skis and golf clubs.

The TSA security screening area has also been upgraded. In the old airport, passengers are screened in each of the three terminals. In the new airport, passengers will be screened in one central terminal, with 16 stations.

“I’m sure there are going to be some finishing touches that we will need to make on opening day,” airport spokeswoman Nancy Volmer said. “But they’ll be able to go through the security screening areas and go to their gates. It will be a totally new experience for passengers.”

Six weeks after Concourse A opens, Concourse B will be ready. At that point, existing structures will be demolished and the project will move on to phase two.

Dustin Nielsen walks behind the “World Map” that is found on the floor of Terminal 1 in the existing Salt Lake International Airport and now hangs in the new airport.

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SALT LAKE CITY — The Salt Lake City International Airport has announced the completion of the first of seven art installations by national public artist, Gordon Huether.

The airport is undergoing a \$4.1 billion Airport Redevelopment Program designed to address the airport’s operational needs, seismic requirements and security standards while creating one of the world’s most modern and distinctive airports.

The visual aesthetic of the new main terminal will play a prominent role in the final outcome of the airport’s new design.

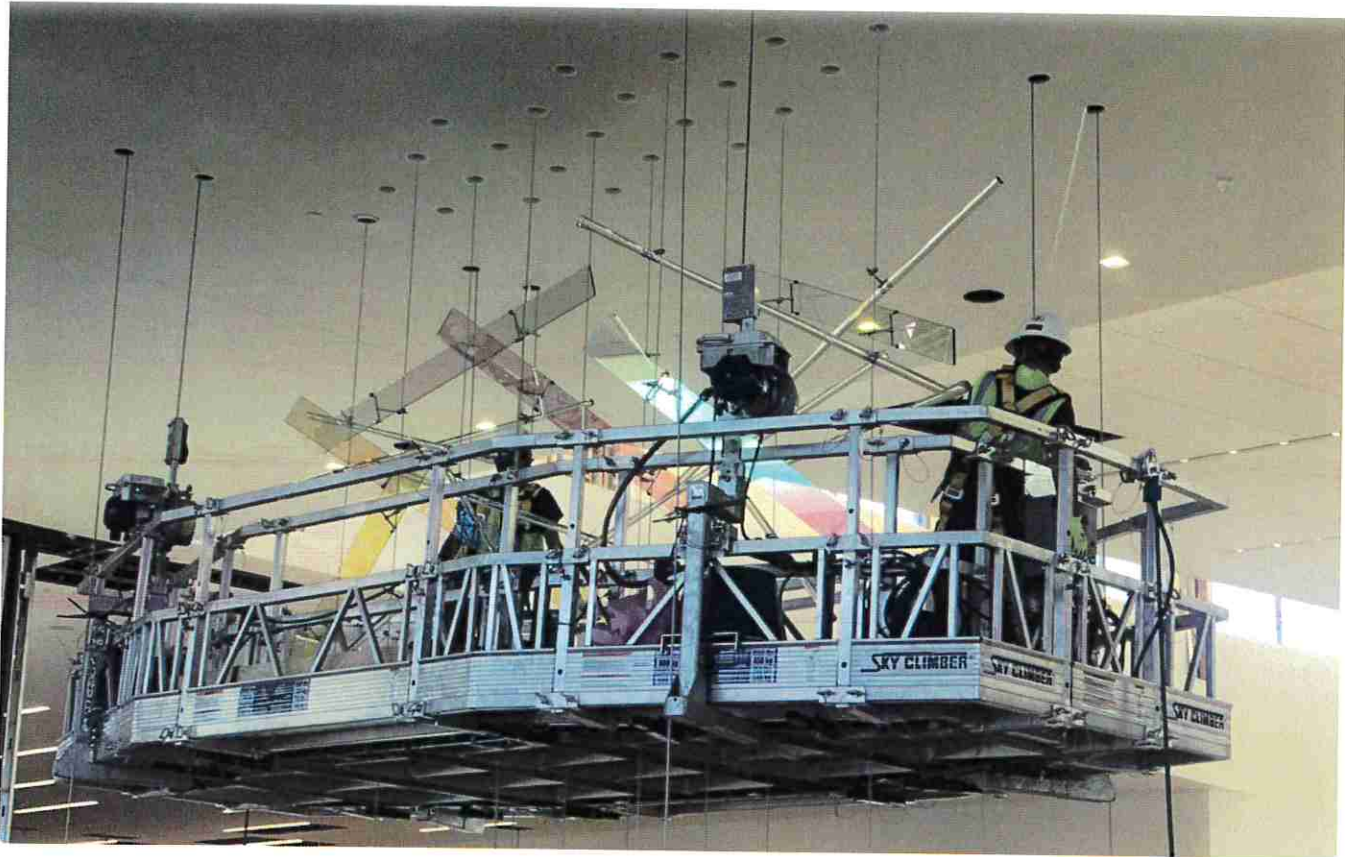
The first of Huether’s seven structurally significant installations, “The Falls” has recently completed installation.

Comprised of roughly 300 dichroic glass panels, and 220 hand drawn glass and Pyrex rods, this 65-foot-tall suspended sculpture cascades down the escalator well at the entrance to the new main terminal and makes use of the natural light this location receives from the terminal’s glass facade to create an astonishing array of ever-changing colors and patterns on adjacent surfaces. The installation is inspired by Utah’s natural beauty and is meant to resemble the waterfalls dispersed among the state’s canyon landscape.

The entire suspended sculpture weighs a staggering 5,000 pounds and is attached to the terminal ceiling with spring boots to help retain tension on the cables during the winter months when the roof bends under the weight of up t

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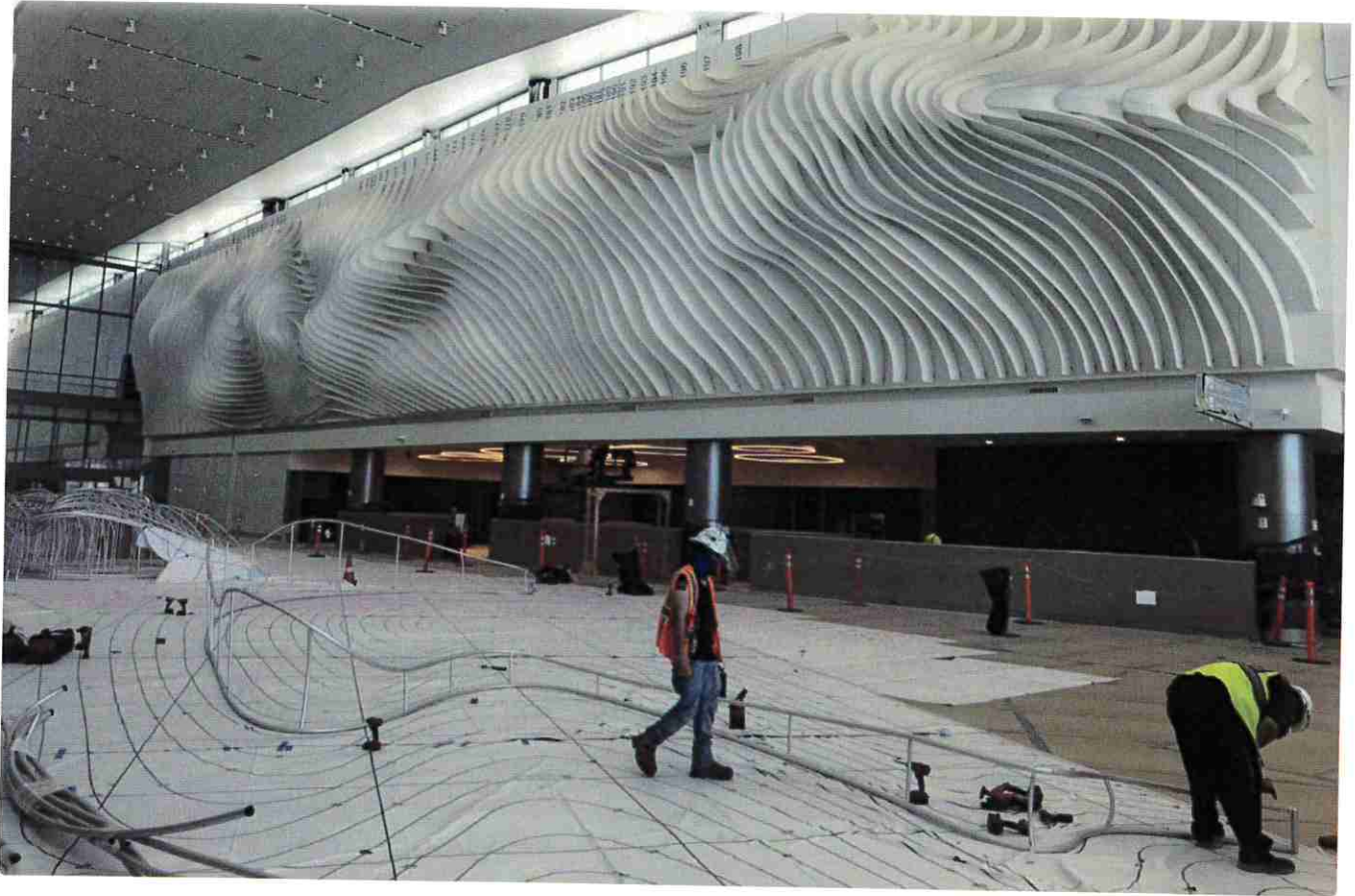
Gordon Huether Studio

'The Falls' at Salt Lake International designed by artist Gordon Huether

Huether's largest art feature at The New SLC airport, titled "The Canyon", is nearing completion as well. This art installation features over 500 individual tensile membrane fins attached to the walls of the new main terminal, of which roughly 50% have been placed. The Northwest wall is complete, with the Southern and Northeastern walls remaining.

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The first of four architecturally integrated Column Plates, located in a gathering area for both arriving and departing passengers in The New SLC terminal, has been installed.

At 18 feet high and 17 feet at their widest point, these massive structures help to create a visual distinction for the various activities taking place in the open space. Echoing the sculptural theme of The Canyon walls, the columns provide visual interest and will function as seating as well as sculptural elements.



"Lake Bonneville" artist, Trent Coll, Utah

CELEBRATING UTAH'S NATURAL BEAUTY AT THE NEW SLC AIRPORT

From its majestic mountain ranges to its rich red-rock landscapes, Utah's dazzling beauty will be on full display this September when doors open at the new Salt Lake City International Airport. No corner or corridor will be left out when reflecting the airport's commitment to the visual arts.

"The whole intent—the overall theme of the architecture, of all the art decisions, the commissioned pieces and the fine art pieces—is to celebrate the natural beauty of Utah," explained California-based artist Gordon Huether, who has collaborated with the airport redevelopment program every step of the way since being commissioned in 2015 with its comprehensive art master plan.

Along with his own large-scale permanent installations, Huether helped curate the airport's 150-piece fine-art collection that features pieces by internationally recognized artists like Peter Max as well as several Utah-based artists including Doug Snow, Suzanne Kanatsiz, Jennifer Rasmusson, Marianne Cone and Michael Begue. While pieces will be exhibited

throughout the entire airport, a concentrated display will be behind glass in the Greeting Room, located in the non-secure side of the airport.

Local artists will also be represented for the redesign of the TSA Security checkpoint area, the Mid-Concourse Tunnel and the rental car space.

When reflecting on the scope of the project, Huether said it's been a commission unlike any other: "Between restoring, reimagining and curating things already there then adding to it the Whimsy Walls, six major installations and subsequent smaller installations, there is not an airport that I'm aware of in the United States that has demonstrated such a commitment to the visual arts and to being part of the airport and the airport experience." ■

by Lisa Antonucci

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