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Salt Lake City Department of Airports

New Members Named to Airport Advisory Board

Mayor Jackie Biskupski and the Salt Lake City Council have appointed four new members to the Dept. of Airports' Advisory Board. Robert Bergman, Sam Granato, Senator Karen Mayne and Cyndi Miller have been named to the board. In addition, Igor Best-Devereux has been elected chairman of the board.

The Airport Board advises the Mayor regarding the operation and management of the airports owned by Salt Lake City Corporation.

For more information on the Airport Advisory Board and its members, go to www.slcairport.com/about-the-airport/airport-board.

AIRLINE NEWS

Southwest Begins Non-stop Service from SLC to San Jose

Southwest has announced new service between Salt Lake City International and San Jose International Airport will begin Nov. 6, 2016, with two daily departures. Southwest currently has 27 departures daily from SLC.



Drivers at Salt Lake City International Airport now take a new turn on Terminal Drive leading out of the airport as construction on the Terminal Redevelopment Program (TRP) ramps up. Terminal Drive has been re-directed in order to cordon off space needed to build the new terminal and south concourse. "The airport construction so far has been to prepare for the terminal build," said Maureen Riley, executive director, Salt Lake City Dept. of Airports. "The change to Terminal Drive signals our readiness to move forward with the new terminal."

SLC to Add Second Concourse North of Future Terminal

The Salt Lake City International Airport unveiled plans to build a \$740 million concourse north of the existing terminal to accommodate forecast growth in passenger traffic and to replace aging facilities. The North Concourse is in addition to the South Concourse, which is beginning construction as part of the Airport's Terminal Redevelopment Program (TRP). The addition of the North Concourse effectively increases the project's cost from \$1.8 billion to \$2.6 billion.

Salt Lake City Mayor Jackie Biskupski made the announcement on May 2, 2016. "Aligned with our other resources, the Airport is a key economic driver for our city and state," Mayor Biskupski said. "This addition is essential in building a state-of-the-art facility to help attract more business and tourism dollars, and completely in line with my plan for robust economic development."

The current Airport facility serves more than 22 million passengers annually, which is more than double its design capacity.

Passenger traffic at SLC is forecast to continue increasing in the coming years.

Salt Lake City Department of Airports Executive Director Maureen Riley said

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constructing the North Concourse now is the most efficient approach. "We've studied the alternatives to accommodate passenger growth at Salt Lake City International Airport," Riley noted. "Building the North Concourse sooner, rather than later, is the best solution for the future."

The North Concourse will replace existing gates now on Concourses B, C and D, which have significant facility deficiencies that would require costly renovations if retained. In addition, renovations to these concourses would significantly disrupt airline operations and require multiple relocations by each airline to accommodate the necessary construction.

The first phase of the North Concourse construction will start on the west portion of the building and is scheduled to be completed in 2020, in conjunction with the opening of the South Concourse-West and the new terminal. The North Concourse will add 30 gates in two phases and will have a flexible gate layout to serve a mix of aircraft sizes. A passenger tunnel will be constructed to connect the North Concourse to the South Concourse and the new terminal.

Funding will be provided by General Airport Revenue Bonds.

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Crews began demolition of the south arm of Concourse E on June 26, to make way for the Terminal Redevelopment Program. To see more photos of the construction project, go to www.slcairport.com/thenewslc/trp-progress-gallery.

Smoking Rooms to Close

Mayor Jackie Biskupski and the Salt Lake City International Airport announced plans to phase out the five smoking rooms currently in use at the Airport.

The six-month plan began on July 5 with the closure of the smoking room in Concourse D.

The final smoking room will permanently close on Dec. 19. The current design of the \$2.6 billion Terminal Redevelopment Program does not include smoking rooms.

"This is first and foremost an issue of public health, both for travelers and our airport employees, but it is also an issue of space concerns," said Mayor Biskupski, on the closure plan. "The current airport terminal is also beyond capacity, and every foot of available space should be used to the best advantage of the traveling public."

Closing the smoking rooms will free up more than 1,200 sq. ft. in the concourses for other purposes, such as extra passenger seating.

"We have thoroughly studied the issue of closing the smoking rooms," said Airport Executive Director Maureen Riley. "While we expect a mild change in routine for some using the airport, we anticipate no major impact in passenger movements or convenience in taking this step."

By keeping its airport smoking rooms open, Salt Lake City has remained an outlier in the United States. Currently, 27 of the 35 busiest U.S. airports are smoke-free. More than 600 of the nation's airports are smoke-free.

Those wishing to smoke at the airport will still be able to do so outside the terminals, 25 feet from entrances, in accordance with the Utah Indoor Clean Air Act.



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