

The New SLC: An Environmentally-minded Airport

Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC) considers environmental stewardship an integral part of airport activities. SLC has demonstrated its commitment to improving and preserving natural environments through continuously developing and implementing new sustainability strategies.

The New SLC will replace the airport's outdated facilities with a higher efficiency, energy saving infrastructure, and has been designed to meet high environmental standards. The New SLC is striving for LEED Gold Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council through the following efforts:

- Connect the airport to public transit
- Use of water-efficient plumbing fixtures
- Purchase 2.1 MW of off-site Green Power through Rocky Mountain Power
- Procure a minimum of 20% of materials locally containing recycled content
- Use of 95% certified wood
- Divert more than 95% of construction waste from the landfill

The new facilities will not only have high sustainability standards but will be more efficient as well. The linear design of The New SLC will eliminate airplane-parking bottlenecks and will allow airlines to get planes back in the air more quickly, which translates to less idling time on the tarmac. A single terminal will eliminate redundant facilities for passenger check-in, security screening and baggage claim. The New SLC will have more electric vehicle charging stations for employees and passengers. Plus, more windows mean more natural light, which is not only environmentally friendly but provides welcome views for passengers.

The airport will continue sustainability efforts such as LED runway lighting, renewable energy programs and improved re-fill and recycling efforts to help lower its carbon footprint.