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Ground Breaking Held for Airport's New Terminal Project

Salt Lake City Mayor, Ralph Becker, led the ground breaking ceremony today for the Salt Lake City Department of Airports' Terminal Redevelopment Program. He was joined by Maureen Riley, Executive Director of the Salt Lake City Department of Airports, and Holden Shannon, Senior Vice President of Corporate Real Estate with Delta Air Lines.

The event was held at the site where the car rental operation will soon be relocated. It is the first major construction project that kicks off the 8-10 year program that will result in a new terminal and associated facilities at Salt Lake City International Airport.

"This project certainly reflects our status as an ever-growing crossroads and regional leader," said Mayor Becker. "Not only will we be creating vast improvements in efficiency and convenience for all airport users, but also doing so in a way that seeks unprecedented environmental goals for a facility of this kind, helping to address our serious air quality issues and accomplishing this all without additional expense to taxpayers."

The \$1.8 billion project will be built in phases and is expected to generate nearly 24,000 jobs and \$1 billion in wages.

A single terminal will be built southwest of the existing terminal complex featuring dual level access, new parking, and more spacious, modernized facilities. It is anticipated that the terminal will be completed in 2019.

The program is funded by federal grants, user fees, general airport revenue bonds, and airport reserves. No local tax dollars will be used.

Years have been spent analyzing options, soliciting public input, and gaining partner support for the initiative. The project goals include addressing seismic risk, providing right-sized facilities, solving operational issues, improving customer service, accommodating growth, and maintaining competitive cost.

HOK serves as the architect and HDJV Construction (a joint venture between Holder Construction and Big-D Construction) are the builders.

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