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## **PDXNext**

### ***Portland International Airport Improvements Planned***

Portland International Airport is involved in a period of major redevelopment to ensure it stays on the leading edge of airports nationwide.

Collectively known as PDXNext, this suite of major airport improvement projects will continue providing awarding-winning comfort and convenience for travelers, operational efficiency, and safety and security.

The Port of Portland will make every effort to minimize construction project impacts to passengers and airport partners during redevelopment, while meeting all safety and security requirements.

The following construction and planning projects from 2015 through 2017, represent a nearly \$190 million investment in the airport. Information on additional projects will follow, as those projects take shape.

#### **New Carpeting**

***Now-November 2015***

Replacement is underway for 13 acres of carpet in the airport. Carpet provides a comfortable, quiet travel experience; the existing carpeting is worn and the design is nearly 30 years old. The modernized design of the new carpet represents images of flight, nature and structures found in the Pacific Northwest and in and around the airport.

Most construction is taking place at night to minimize impacts on travelers and airport tenants. Recycling and reuse of old carpet will help keep materials out of the landfill.

Project partners include:

- Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Architects LLP of Portland, Ore; conceptual pattern of new design
- Hennebery Eddy Architects, Inc. of Portland, Ore.; final product development, logistics and construction support
- Emerick Construction Co., Happy Valley, Ore.; general contractor
- Rubenstein's, Portland, Ore.; carpet purchase and installation
- J+J Flooring Solutions, Dalton, Ga.; carpet fabrication (for most of the carpet)

The project budget, including all construction is about \$13 million, primarily funded by airlines serving PDX.

### **New Shops & Restaurants**

*Now-2017*

Eleven new PDX shops and restaurants will open between January and June 2015. The new businesses are the first phase of a three-year airport concessions redevelopment designed to continue bringing PDX travelers new food, beverage and retail choices.

New shops and restaurants opening include: Bambuza Vietnam Kitchen, Café Yumm!, cc McKenzie (expanding existing PDX operations), Henry's Tavern, Hissho Sushi, Metalsmiths Sterling, MOD Pizza, Mo's Seafood & Chowder, Potbelly Sandwiches, Subway Sandwiches, and The Country Cat at PDX. Concessions are periodically refreshed as existing leases expire. In 2015, the Port will invite concessionaries to submit proposals for more new shop and restaurant operations beginning in summer 2016.

A budget of \$19.8 million is established for infrastructure improvements, new storefronts and concessions wayfinding signs for the new businesses, funded by airlines serving PDX. Each shop and restaurant will fund its own facility improvements. Revenues raised by PDX concessions are returned to airlines to offset their cost of operating at PDX, promoting stable and expanded air service, and numerous flight, shop, restaurant and service options for PDX travelers. With new shops and restaurants in 2015, PDX will offer 67 locations to shop and dine.

### **Federal Inspection Station Remodel**

*Now-Fall 2015*

Remodeling of the Federal Inspection Station is underway to improve comfort and efficiency and provide a more welcoming environment for passengers arriving from international destinations.

The project will open up floor space, improve lighting, install new carpet, refresh painted walls, and add wall graphics. Upgrades will include new informational video monitors displaying state tourism destinations, and the installation of Wi-Fi. The total project budget is \$940,000, funded by airlines serving PDX.

Two new canopies are also planned in 2015 and will keep international travelers dry when boarding buses from the Federal Inspection Station to the baggage claim area.

### **Security Upgrades, Expansion**

*Now-August 2016*

To enhance security and comfort, a complete replacement of the PDX security access control system is underway, and relocating and expanding both north and south security checkpoint exit lanes is planned along with new passenger waiting areas.

The access control system upgrade will include replacement of locking systems on airport security doorways, new airfield gates and airfield check stations, as well as a new training facility for teaching airport workers about safety and security requirements.

The new, wider exit lanes at security checkpoints will feature doors that automatically lock out anyone entering the exit lane in the wrong direction. Comfort will improve for those waiting for arriving passengers with the development of two new waiting areas.

The total project budget for all improvements is \$57 million, shared between the Port and airlines serving PDX.

### **Terminal Balancing, Concourse E Extension, Airline Relocations** *Now-late 2017*

Efforts are underway to balance the number of passengers using the north and south sides of the airport, and construction begins this fall. The work will extend Concourse E and improve adjacent ground loading facilities. The efforts are designed to increase the efficiency of airport operations, prolong the longevity of existing terminal facilities, and increase the level of service for passengers flying on ground-loaded aircraft.

Currently, the largest two air carriers at PDX—Alaska Air Group and Southwest Airlines—are located on the south side of the airport terminal building, and two-thirds of PDX passengers are using the south side of the terminal. To better balance passengers between the north and south concourses, Alaska Air Group will move from Concourse A, B and C to Concourse E, and United Airlines will move from Concourse E to Concourse C.

The project will also extend Concourse E by 210 feet, and construct new ground loading facilities. Construction activities will be designed to minimize impacts on travelers and airport tenants. The entire project budget is \$98 million, funded primarily by airlines serving PDX.

### **Terminal Core Redevelopment** *Commencing Summer 2015*

Preliminary planning is expected to begin in summer 2015 for a comprehensive terminal core redevelopment at PDX. The terminal core includes the existing ticket lobby, Oregon Market, security checkpoints and baggage claim area. Further details are not available at this time.

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