Celebrating PDX with Food, Fun and Friends

Between sizzling summer travel and the fast-approaching holidays, we set aside some time to celebrate the #PDXPeople who power us through the busy seasons and make this airport friendly and welcoming for all.

For a full week in September, we held events on the airfield, in the food court, on the roadway and everywhere in between to thank all of you with kind words, free food and tons of swag. See photos at go.pdx.com/PDXPeople2019 and discover the hidden talents of your airport colleagues at go.pdx.com/Celebrate.

Customer Compliments

“...I wanted to share how impressed I was with TSA. We were in a long security line and worried it would take forever to get through. It literally took five minutes, and everyone was incredibly nice and accommodating. Thank you to TSA and all the other employees of this great airport.”

Teri K., Portland, Ore.
In Pictures

Over the next five years, a series of transformative projects will bring more Pacific Northwest-inspired architecture, local restaurants and shops, inclusive design, and carbon footprint-reducing technology to PDX. Behind this $2 billion investment is a mission to make our award-winning airport more comfortable, efficient and easier to navigate than ever before, while making it even more welcoming to everyone we serve. Check out these renderings to get a sneak peek of the future of travel, then learn even more at [PDXNext.com](http://PDXNext.com).

An iconic gateway to the Pacific Northwest

Everything gets brighter in summer 2020 when you step into the freshly expanded Concourse E. This daylight-filled home for Southwest Airlines aesthetically reflects the urban landscape of the city and frames lush views of the region, including the snowcapped peak of Mt. Hood. More local restaurants, shops and comfortable spots to relax give everyone a taste of Portland’s good life.

Upgrading to bigger and brighter

The completely redeveloped and expanded Concourse B opens up more possibilities for travelers in 2021, including six new gates for Alaska Airlines. Architects embraced the romance of flying with floor-to-ceiling windows, and the interior space is about putting you in a good mood, from leafy foliage to common areas where you can de-stress. You’ll also get more local flavor when two heavyweights of Portland’s food scene open shop – Good Coffee and Screen Door.

Getting in and out of PDX faster

We’re rolling out a series of improvements over the next few years so that airport commutes are even easier. The new exit toll plaza (opening this November) will make room for a flexible transit hub with 2,400 close-in parking spots, and we’re bringing car rentals on-site in 2021. We’re also making space for light-rail and bike-path enhancements, and a dedicated pickup area arriving in 2023 will streamline the rideshare experience.

#GoodbyeA: Share Memories of the Concourse We’ll (Kinda) Miss

By now, you’ve heard the news. We’re demolishing Concourse A – home of dim lights, low ceilings and crowded seating areas – to make room for more of what you love about PDX. But saying goodbye is bittersweet. We’ve all had plenty of memorable times here, and we know you have stories to share. If you have a great Concourse A memory, we want to hear it – use #GoodbyeA and tag @flypdx on Twitter or @pdxairport on Instagram.

Police Incident Reporting Just a Click Away

Luggage theft, non-injury hit and run, lost property, vandalism or even reporting a homeless campsite…now there’s a new place to report non-emergency PDX incidents with no known suspect. Our new online tool allows you to submit a police report immediately and print a temporary copy. Bookmark the site now for future use, and please share if you encounter travelers in need of such a resource: [go.pdx.com/PoliceReport](http://go.pdx.com/PoliceReport).

Did You Know?

Starting Oct. 1, 2020, TSA will require a form of identification that complies with the federal REAL ID Act, and the current Oregon driver license is not compliant. Oregon DMV will begin offering a REAL ID driver license option on July 6, 2020, but a new system and long lines mean it’s best to find another option if you plan to fly next summer. Find out more at [oregon.gov/REALID](http://oregon.gov/REALID).

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PDX North Tunnel Gets Bright, Bold Mural

After collaboration with the Portland Street Art Alliance, Port of Portland employees and community partners – including representatives from NAYA, Urban League of Portland, APANO, IRCO, Latino Network, Black United Fund, East County Boys & Girls Club and the PDX Community Advisory Committee – here’s a look at the design for the colorful mural underway in the PDX North Tunnel.

Per the artists, Alex Chiu and Jeremy Nichols, the mural is meant to be a magical and fantastic landscape inspired by the culture and spirit of Portland and Oregon. All images, figures and landscapes are both directly and indirectly inspired by feedback from community members, who wanted to see inclusivity, diversity, family, sharing food and native flora and fauna represented.

The artists also wanted to include a nod to Portland events and culture including our vibrant jazz and blues scene, as well as the annual Good in the Hood, Vanport Mosaic and Portland Rose festivals.

When in place, the mural will have a content key to help viewers understand who and what is pictured and why – this will be especially important given our national and international audience.

Look for painting to wrap up by the end of October.

Looking for a food option that bridges continents in a single bite? Try a sushi burrito filled with fresh ingredients from our newest cart: Sumo Sushi! Whether you pick a pre-set option off the comprehensive menu or build-your-own, no matter what you choose, you’ll roll back hunger with a variety of vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free choices.

Did You Know?

In late October, the children’s play area equipment at the end of Concourse C will be removed to make room for additional seating tied to Alaska Airlines’ move from Concourse A. Families looking for a play area can still find one near Gate D7.