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# AIRPORT REPORT

## NORTH TERMINAL CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

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On January 14, 2016, the construction of the \$807 million North Terminal Project was commemorated with an official ground breaking ceremony held on the site of the new terminal. This is a landmark moment as we begin construction to complete the largest capital project in the Airport's history. The new terminal is scheduled to open October 1, 2018 for the City of New Orleans tricentennial.

Hunt-Gibbs-Boh-Metro (HGBM), a joint venture of Hunt Construction Group, Gibbs Construction, Boh Bros. Construction Co., and Metro Service Group, signed the construction contract December 21, 2015 to complete the project. HGBM is serving as the construction manager at-risk, meaning they are "at-risk" to complete the project for the guaranteed maximum price by October 1, 2018. Throughout construction, there will be an estimated 13,000 construction jobs to benefit our community.

The new 760,500-square-foot terminal with 30 airline gates is situated closer to the interstate, which is the main thoroughfare to the Airport. Other Project components include a 2,000 space parking garage, a ground transportation center, and on-Airport roadway system. There will be a consolidated screening checkpoint with room for 17 TSA screening lanes. There will also be an in-line baggage system so passengers can just hand their checked bags to the airline agents where it will seamlessly be screened and transferred to the aircraft. Upon activation and operation of the new terminal, existing terminal's east ticket lobby and Concourses A, B, and C will be demolished to allow for redevelopment of the area for aviation uses. Concourse D will remain and be used for charter flights. The other areas of the terminal will be repurposed for administrative offices for the Airport and other tenants such as the Transportation Security Administration.

Funding for the \$807 million North Terminal Project includes grants from the Federal Aviation Administration, Transportation Security Administration, and Louisiana Aviation Trust fund, passenger facility charges, customer facility charges, and General Airport Revenue Bond proceeds.

There are several other third-party projects that are a part of the overall capital program. An area adjacent to the new terminal has been identified for a third party to construct and operate an on-site hotel. The airlines will be installing a new, state-of-the-art, \$39 million hydrant fueling system. This fueling system, constructed and funded directly by airlines, will allow aircraft to be fueled by the terminal gates without the use of fuel trucks. Flyover ramps at the Loyola and I-10 interchange will be completed by the state to provide seamless entry and exit to the new terminal from both the east and west. When you include the cost of these third-party projects, the total capital program cost and investment in our community is about \$950 million.

The vision for this new terminal is to have operations of over 14 million passengers annually, placing our Airport within the top 30 airports in the U.S. With an all-time record of 10.6 million passengers served last year and a 5-year trend of strong consistent growth, I believe we will see these passenger numbers within the next 10 years. My team and I here at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport are always striving to provide our community with an Airport they can be proud of. And we affirm that commitment with each new milestone we achieve. ✈



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