

## Fact Sheet

For more than 80 years, San Diego International Airport (SDIA) has served the air transportation needs of the San Diego County region. Nearly 17 million passengers traveled through the airport in 2009, and this number is projected to increase to 27–33 million by 2030. To accommodate this increase in demand, SDIA is moving forward with much-needed improvements to the airport that will enhance the traveler's experience and improve the airport's efficiency.

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Green Build is the largest project in the history of San Diego International Airport. Called "The Green Build" due to the Airport Authority's commitment to sustainability and the environment, as well as positive economic impact, The Green Build will create approximately 1,000 jobs at peak construction and provide contract opportunities for small businesses. Project highlights include:

- **10 new gates** to reduce terminal congestion and provide expanded, more comfortable passenger waiting areas
- **Curbside check-in**, allowing most passengers to check in, print boarding passes and check baggage before entering the terminal at an easy-to-use curbside kiosk
- **Dual-level roadway** to relieve curb-front traffic congestion by separating arriving and departing passengers
- **12 security lanes** (increased from six today) to improve flow of passengers through the terminal
- **Expanded concession area** providing more dining and shopping options

### CONSTRUCTION: WHAT TO EXPECT

SDIA passengers and visitors began to see visible construction in March 2010 when work began on Terminal 2 and the dual-level roadway. Some parking in front of Terminal 2 was temporarily relocated, and frequent shuttles transport passengers from alternate parking lots to the terminal. As construction continues, passengers should plan ahead and allow extra time when traveling to the airport to arrive at the terminal, park and check-in. Stay up-to-date by signing up to receive construction e-alerts at [www.san.org](http://www.san.org).

### CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

**2009** – Construction began on apron improvements, additional aircraft parking and new USO facilities

**2010** – Terminal and dual-level roadway construction began; portion of Terminal 2 parking relocated, Terminal 2 East and West pedestrian bridges removed; frequent shuttles transport passengers to terminal

**2011** – All of Terminal 2 parking relocated; frequent shuttles transport passengers to terminal

**2012** – Terminal and dual-level roadway construction continues

**Early 2013** – New gates, facilities and roadway improvements open to the public

### ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE

The environment is a top priority for San Diego International Airport. In fact, SDIA was the first major airport to implement a sustainability policy. The Green Build further supports SDIA's efforts to be environmentally friendly. The project is designed to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, using "green" design principles such as use of alternative energy sources, recycled materials and renewable resources, leading to decreased water usage and reduced

energy consumption. In fact, construction material waste from the project, such as concrete, is being recycled and reused on site.

## **ECONOMIC IMPACT**

The Green Build, a \$1 billion project, will add to the airport's economic impact, providing work for local, small, disadvantaged and minority-owned businesses, and creating approximately 1,000 jobs at peak construction. Improvement projects such as The Green Build also ensure that the airport can continue to support the region's vital industries, including tourism, technology and life sciences.

## **SMALL BUSINESS OUTREACH**

The Airport Authority has been working closely with San Diego's local and small business community to encourage local participation in construction of The Green Build. Working with its contractors, the Authority is tailoring bid opportunities and package size in order to facilitate local business participation. For more information about contract opportunities, visit [www.san.org/smallbusiness](http://www.san.org/smallbusiness).

## **SDIA'S FUTURE**

The Green Build will ensure that San Diego International Airport can continue to serve the region's economy and vital industries, including technology, life sciences and tourism, in the years ahead. The Airport Authority is also exploring other options and alternatives to meet San Diego County's air transportation needs for the next 30 years and beyond. Some of the options being studied include:

**Destination Lindbergh** – The Airport Authority is moving forward with Phase One of Destination Lindbergh, which includes a consolidated rental car facility on the north side of the airfield. Environmental work is currently under way. In addition, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and the City of San Diego are exploring plans for an intermodal transit center on the north side.

**Transit and off-airport roadway improvements** – Plans are being developed in partnership with other agencies to improve the airport's connections to the surrounding transportation network.

**Regional Aviation Strategic Plan (RASP)** – The Airport Authority is working with SANDAG and airport owner/operators (City of San Diego and County of San Diego) to evaluate ways to optimize the public use airports in the region.

**Beyond our borders** – The Airport Authority is reaching out to neighboring counties and Mexico to explore more productive interaction between all airports in the Southern California region.

## **COST AND FUNDING**

The Green Build is being funded by user fees, airport revenue bonds, airport cash and FAA grants. The Airport Authority estimates The Green Build project will cost approximately \$1 billion – \$865 million for the project and the remainder in financing costs.

## **KEEP INFORMED**

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