



Terminal Area Improvements

On Tuesday, November 15, 2005, Mineta San José International Airport (SJC) received approval from the San José City Council for development program implementation revisions to the Airport's Master Plan. The revisions will allow the Airport to maintain its vision for the future while appealing to the traveling public and the airlines, at a significantly reduced cost.

The recommendations, which allow many customer service improvements to be brought on-line sooner than originally scheduled, would be implemented in two phases. The first phase would include projects to be completed by 2010 and will offer advances in customer service upgrades. These projects include:

- **Remodel of Terminal A.** For improved passenger processing and circulation, this project calls for the build out for new ticketing facilities, north and south of the first level lobby. On the second level, where ticketing currently exists, would be a new and improved security checkpoint area with twice as many checkpoint lanes as currently exist. Pre-security concession and passenger gathering space is also included on the second level.
- **The Accelerated Removal of Terminal C.** The northern section of the Airport's oldest facility would be removed to make way for the new Terminal B. In Phase One, part of the southern portion of Terminal C (the south concourse and gates) would remain, and a new, temporary ticketing and baggage claim facility would be added.
- **Terminal B and North Concourse.** The northern portion of the new state-of-the-art Terminal B, including its North Concourse, currently under construction, would be completed in the first phase, with the North Concourse connecting to Terminal A. A new ticketing and baggage claim area for Terminal B would replace the northern portion of Terminal C and would be located close to public parking and rental car facilities.
- **Airport Roadway Improvements.** The removal of portions of Terminal C will allow the roadway in front of Terminals B and C to be straightened and widened, eliminating the confusing curves that exist today. These improvements also increase curb space for passenger drop-off and pick-up, alleviating curb congestion.
- **Rental Car & Parking Improvements.** While the national trend has been to place rental car operations off-airport, SJC is consciously placing their facilities across from the terminal to enhance the passenger experience. A new rental car garage, and rental car service area, plus a public parking surface lot would be located in front of Terminal B. Additional public parking would be available in a new surface lot located in the area now occupied by the current Rental Car Facility.

- **Terminal A Bypass.** Another roadway improvement is a Terminal A “bypass” loop to allow traffic not destined for Terminal A to turn off Airport Boulevard onto Terminal Drive without having to navigate past Terminal A.
- **Complete Removal of Terminal C.** The southern-most portion of Terminal C, along with the temporary ticketing and baggage claim facility would be removed, making way for the remaining pieces of Terminal B.
- **Potential Public Parking Garage in Front of Terminal B.** This project is still being evaluated for its financial feasibility.

The second phase projects would be demand-driven and would include:

- **Terminal B’s South Concourse.** Phase two calls for completing Terminal B, with additional ticketing and baggage claim facilities and a South Concourse, which would include additional gates. This project will bring the Airport to its full 40-gate capacity.

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