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### **New Expanded Security Checkpoint Opens at Terminal A in San Jose Airport Tomorrow** **Major milestone in terminal upgrade project**

**San Jose, CA ---** The new centralized and expanded security checkpoint at Terminal A opens early Wednesday morning, November 4, at Mineta San Jose International Airport. The spacious and airy new checkpoint will have eight lanes for TSA passenger screening to begin, with room for up to twelve lanes to accommodate future growth in passenger activity.

The new checkpoint is located on the second floor of Terminal A in the area that previously housed airline ticket counters and concessions. By consolidating and replacing the six congested lanes at the two existing checkpoints, the airport will provide more efficient and comfortable lanes that will mean faster security processing for passengers by TSA.

The opening of the checkpoint is a significant milestone for the airport's comprehensive project to upgrade Terminal A and modernize its terminal facilities. Other features at Terminal A include the new expanded street-level ticket lobbies that opened in May this year, new shops and restaurants that are continuing to be added, a new state-of-the-art baggage handling system, and replacement of flooring, ceilings, and restrooms throughout the terminal to improve the passenger experience at San Jose.

SJC is on scheduled to complete the Terminal A facelift in February 2010, with the exception on the continuing addition of new concessions and the completion of the baggage security system that is scheduled in spring 2010.

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**About the SJC Terminal Area Improvement Program**

Phase 1 of SJC's \$1.3 billion [terminal area improvement program](#) involves the modernization and replacement of the airport's terminal facilities, including the construction of a new Terminal B and Terminal B Concourse that will take the place of Terminal C, originally built in 1965. The program also includes upgrades and expansion of Terminal A to provide more spacious and comfortable waiting areas, new ticketing area, and faster security check-in systems.

The program also includes a new 3350-space rental car and public parking garage directly in front of Terminal B; expanded space for more options for quality food, beverage, and retail services; an extensive public art program; and improved roadways serving the airport for more convenient access.

The overall modernization program remains on-schedule and on-budget for completion by the end of 2010, and Terminal B is scheduled to open for service in June 2010. Plans for future airport expansion in Phase 2, which would extend Terminal B and add new gates, will be contingent on reaching growth triggers for the number of flights or passengers pre-established in collaboration with the airlines serving San José.

**About Mineta San José International Airport**

Mineta San José International Airport, a self-supporting enterprise, is owned and operated by the City of San José. SJC served 9.7 million passengers and handled approximately 162 million pounds of air cargo in 2008. SJC has approximately 140 flights a day on 13 domestic and international carriers to 27 nonstop destinations.

Mineta San José International Airport is located in San José, California's third largest city and the nation's tenth largest city (population 1,007,000). For more airport information, visit [www.flysanjose.com](http://www.flysanjose.com).

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