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San José Airport to Close One Runway Next Week to Allow for Construction on Airfield

No impact on airline schedules or operations
Temporary change in flight approaches over next six months

SAN JOSE, CA – Mineta San José International Airport (SJC) will close its principal commercial approach runway, Runway 30 Left, for approximately one week beginning Monday, August 30. The closure will allow crews to begin construction of the next phase of the extension Taxiway W, next to the runway on the west side of the airfield.

R30L is the westernmost of the two 11,000-foot runways normally used for commercial aircraft at San José, and is usually used for all arrivals. During the one-week closure, the airport's other principal commercial runway on the east side of the airfield, Runway 30 Right, will be used for all arrivals and departures.

Although R30L is scheduled to become available for service again on Friday, September 3, it will see limited service for the next six months because of ongoing taxiway construction and the presence of crews and equipment on the taxiway. Most SJC air traffic will continue to use R30R for both arrivals and departures until airfield work is completed in February 2011.

While R30L is closed or in limited use, most aircraft approaching the airport from the south, in the general area over the intersection of Highway 101 and Highway 85, will shift approximately one mile to the east of the normal flight path. Residents in southern San José may notice an increase in aircraft operations over their communities.

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Closer to the airport, aircraft approaches will shift approximately 600 to 1000 feet to the east, and residents in neighborhoods near the airport also may notice the temporary change over the next several months.

The construction also requires the ongoing closure of Runway 11/29, SJC's 4600-foot general aviation runway used by smaller aircraft. This runway has been closed since last fall because of the proximity of taxiway construction. All general aviation activity will also continue to use the airport's two main runways instead.

The taxiway construction will not delay regular operations, and will not have any impact on safety or airline schedules. The Federal Aviation Administration air traffic control system will coordinate landings and takeoffs to maintain scheduled operations as it has done in the past when an SJC runway is temporarily out of service.

The Taxiway W project will enhance the safety of general aviation aircraft movements and further reduce the risk of accidents on the airfield. The federally funded project is part of a multi-phase plan to complete a new taxiway that also will help support the future development of the west side of the airport for general and corporate aviation activities.

Total cost of this phase of the taxiway project is \$8.3 million, with \$6.7 from FAA through an Airport Improvement Program grant. The airport's local share of the current project funding is \$1.6 million. Granite Rock Company is the project contractor for this phase of construction.

The remainder of Taxiway W is scheduled to be built in stages over the next several years. The total project cost is currently estimated to be approximately \$80 million, and the airport anticipates that 80 percent of the funding will come from future AIP grants from the FAA.

SJC generally closes each of its two main runways for routine maintenance such as rubber removal and painting one weekend each month. After September 3, Runway 30R will be closed on the fourth weekend of each month (September 25-26, October 23-24, etc.), and Runway 30L will be closed on the second weekend of each month (September 11-12, October 9-10, etc).

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