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## City of San José Celebrates Opening of New San José Airport Fire Station 20

*Mayor, City leaders, FAA representatives cut ribbon at relocated airport fire station*

**SAN JOSÉ, CA**— Today, Mayor Sam Liccardo, the FAA's Western-Pacific Region Director Mark McClardy, and leadership from the City of San José gathered to cut the ribbon at Fire Station 20, located at [Mineta San José International Airport \(SJC\)](#). After serving the Airport for nearly 60 years, the newly relocated Station 20 is now housed in a state-of-the-art facility located at 1120 Coleman Avenue just north of Airport Boulevard, near the southwest end of the SJC airfield. Major development in North San José has increased the need for firefighting coverage in this area of the city.

"With the growth we're seeing in North San José neighborhoods and increased flight traffic at SJC, Fire Station 20 will ensure SJFD continues to provide an exemplary level of service to keep residents and travelers safe," **said Mayor Sam Liccardo**.

Station 20 is an Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Station for the San José Fire Department (SJFD). The new facility broke ground in September 2020 and covers 18,300 square feet with a modern hybrid design for ARFF capabilities. It includes ten firefighter dormitories, kitchen, laundry, and training rooms. There are five apparatus bays designated for airport use with direct access to the airfield. The project cost \$28.1 million and included a grant from the FAA for \$18.2 million. The new station also includes facilities and resources that expand SJFD coverage beyond the airport to better serve the adjacent community, including residents and businesses.

"Fire Station 20 will serve airport travelers and the San José community for generations to come," **said San José City Manager Jennifer Maguire**. "This design-build project is a collaborative effort between multiple City of San José departments including Mineta San José International Airport, San José Fire Department, and Public Works."

"SJFD responds to approximately 95,000 emergencies each year," **said San José Fire Chief Robert Sapien, Jr.** "Response times are critical in the successful delivery of emergency medical services and fire suppression efforts. The opening of Fire Station 20 and expansion of SJFD operations beyond the airfield



through the addition of the Advanced Life Support Rescue Medic 20 will greatly enhance the Fire Department's ability to protect the more than 15 million travelers that move in and around Mineta San Jose International Airport annually."

SJC saw a record-breaking 15.7 million passengers in 2019 immediately before the pandemic, and COVID recovery is regenerating growth in passenger traffic as well as new approaches to improve the customer experience in the airport.

"This beautiful new Fire Station at SJC represents the trust built here locally and in Washington," said **Assistant Airport Director Judy Ross**. "That trust sustained the vision; that vision sustained the effort, and the result is this beautiful, green, state-of-the-art facility, built during the most unprecedented time."

The design and construction was completed by Overaa Construction, Tenover Studio, and Yamamar Architecture.

"This new facility reflects a true collaboration between dedicated City staff from many different Departments such as the Airport, Public Works, Fire and Budget," said **Director of Public Works Matt Cano**. "In a much appreciated partnership with Overaa Construction, our City team was able to build a facility that will support both the Airport and the community."

[Click here for b-roll of the new station.](#)

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### **About the City of San José**

With more than one million residents, San José comprises the 10<sup>th</sup> largest city in the United States, and one of its most diverse cities. San José's transformation into a global innovation center in the heart of Silicon Valley has resulted in the world's greatest concentration of technology talent and development.

### **About SJC: Transforming How Silicon Valley Travels**

Mineta San José International Airport (SJC) is Silicon Valley's airport, a self-supporting enterprise owned and operated by the City of San José. The airport provides nonstop service across North America and to Europe and Asia. For more airport information, visit [www.flysanjose.com](http://www.flysanjose.com).

### **About San José Fire Department**

The San José Fire Department (SJFD) is a full-service, all-hazard metropolitan fire department that provides service to and protects a population of over one million residents within the approximately 180 square miles of the nation's tenth largest city. The protection area includes residential, commercial, high-rise, industrial, seven major hospitals (including three trauma centers and seven emergency departments, the SAP Center (home to the NHL's San José Sharks), the Earthquakes Stadium (home of the MSL's San José Earthquakes), San José State University, Norman Y. Mineta San José International Airport, three super-regional malls, the United State Patent and Trademark Office and wildland-urban interface areas. Learn more at [www.sjfd.org](http://www.sjfd.org).