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SANTA BARBARA AIRPORT TO CELEBRATE AIRLINE TERMINAL GROUNDBREAKING ON OCTOBER 22, 2009

SANTA BARBARA, CA – A groundbreaking ceremony to highlight the beginning of construction for the \$32 million Airline Terminal Project will be held on Thursday, October 22nd at 10 a.m. at the construction site off Moffett Place. Mayor Marty Blum, Airport Director Karen Ramsdell, Third District Supervisor Doreen Farr, City of Goleta Mayor Roger Aceves, Project Manager Joe Grogan of HNTB and Project Architect Fred Sweeney of Phillips Metsch Sweeney Moore Architects will make brief remarks. Officials from the Santa Barbara City Council, Airport Commission, Goleta City Council, and the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors are expected to attend as well as many other community leaders.

The Project includes:

- ◆ Construction of a new two-story 67,000 sq ft Terminal of Spanish Colonial Revival architecture
- ◆ Reconfiguration and landscaping of a new Short Term Parking Lot
- ◆ Construction of a new Terminal loop road with a separate lane for public transportation vehicles
- ◆ Rehabilitation and relocation of the historic portion of the existing 1942 Terminal

“The Airline Terminal Project has undergone extensive planning and design for a number of years. It is said that ‘timing is everything’ and so it has been with this project. Construction coincided with a very competitive bidding climate resulting in very favorable bids and project bonds were sold at a time when interest rates were low,” stated Airport Director Karen Ramsdell.

The groundbreaking event will highlight two important elements of the Terminal Project: Sustainable Design and the Public Art Program. The Airline Terminal Project is registered with the U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), the nationally recognized benchmark for

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design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. The Airport Department has set the goal of “Silver” LEED certification and is on target for that goal.

As an important community gateway, SBA has the opportunity to provide public art that enriches the visitor’s experience and reflects the history and culture of the region. The SBA Public Art Program will be launched with the opening of the new Airline Terminal complex in 2011. The Program has four major components:

- ◆ Existing Art: Inclusion and relocation of the ‘*Good Time Clock*’ by George Rhoades and the ‘*Albatross*’ by Dustin Shuler courtesy of the Bermant Foundation.
- ◆ Commissioned Art: Various pieces sponsored the Airport, Santa Barbara Beautiful and the Pierre Claeysens Museum.
- ◆ Long Term Loan Art: ‘*Fiesta*’ mural by Channing Peake, on loan from the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission; and a large courthouse lantern on loan from the Santa Barbara Courthouse Legacy Foundation.
- ◆ Regional Art: Various media will be displayed on a rotating basis throughout the year.

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Santa Barbara Airport (SBA) is a self-supporting enterprise owned and operated by the City of Santa Barbara, serving over 800,000 passengers annually.