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AIRLINE TERMINAL AREA CHANGES DUE TO CONSTRUCTION

Loop Road Reconfiguration Effective June 9th

SANTA BARBARA, CA – Construction of the Santa Barbara Airport Airline Terminal Project began in May. Travelers will notice more changes over the next few months as the site is prepared for construction of the new terminal building. Beginning this month passengers will see the following changes (diagram attached):

- The Terminal loop road will be reconfigured and include a designated curb area for passenger pickup/drop-off effective Tuesday, June 9th. Taxi service will be available in a center island.
- Baggage Claim A (American Eagle, Horizon Air & U.S. Airways) will be relocated next to Baggage Claim B (United Express, Delta Connection & Allegiant Air) become operational around June 22nd, in the meantime all baggage is handled at Baggage Claim B.
- The Rental Cars will continue to operate from the building adjacent to the Terminal. Access to the Rental Car building will be via a walkway along the new loop road.
- Construction fencing will be installed around the former Short Term Parking Lot. This fenced area will become the construction site for the new terminal building.
- Airport Ambassadors will continue to provide visitor information during peak travel times.
- Bicycle parking has been relocated across from the Baggage Claim pavilion.

Parking

- The former Short Term Parking Lot has been closed and Short Term Parking is now located in the portion of the Long Term Lot nearest the Terminal building.
- Parking lots will soon have automated payment; for cash transactions, a Pay Station is located in front of Terminal at the Airport Ambassadors' kiosk.

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Airline Terminal Project Description & Milestones

Project construction includes temporary facilities, site preparation, a new terminal, a new loop road, refurbishment and relocation of the existing Terminal, and a reconfigured short term parking lot. The 60,000 sq ft new Terminal building will retain the Spanish Colonial Revival architectural style of the historic portion of the existing Terminal. Financing for the entire \$54M project is funded by bonds, Federal Aviation Administration Airport improvement Program grants, passenger facility charges, and Airport capital funds. As with all Airport expenditures, no local tax dollars will be used. The Terminal building will operate as usual with no flight interruptions due to construction.

The 'Santa Barbara Airport Experience' will be enhanced with increased passenger amenities: concessions and restrooms beyond the security checkpoint, additional front curb loading and unloading space, indoor centralized baggage claim, and passenger loading bridges providing greater accessibility for everyone. The new Airline Terminal design incorporates *Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design* goals to the greatest extent feasible.

Fall 2009 – Groundbreaking for the new Airline Terminal building

2009-11 – New Airline Terminal, new Short Term Parking Lot and new loop road construction

Spring 2011 – Refurbishment and relocation of the original portion of the existing Airline Terminal

Winter 2012 – Grand opening of the new Terminal and associated improvements

Phase I Airline Terminal construction diagram attached

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