

SAN ANTONIO FLIGHT PLAN

AN AVIATION NEWSLETTER FOR SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BREAKS GROUND ON NEW TERMINAL B



SAT Groundbreaking Ceremony
June 17, 2008

The City's \$635 million Airport Expansion Program includes two new terminals, a new parking facility, extension of the two-tier roadway system, new utility infrastructure, aircraft apron paving, expansion of the central utility plant, demolition of the existing Terminal 2 and airfield upgrades to taxiways and runways.

On June 17th, the City of San Antonio broke ground on Terminal B, the first major terminal expansion project at San Antonio International Airport (SAT) in 25 years. The \$134 million Terminal B is expected to open mid-year 2010.

While members of City Council, City Officials, San Antonio business leaders and other distinguished guests looked on, Mayor Phil Hardberger provided a memorable start to the project by taking the controls of an excavator that cracked the asphalt where Terminal B will be located.

The eight-gate Terminal B will replace the aging Terminal 2, which will be demolished upon completion of the new terminal facility. The removal of Terminal 2 will open up the area needed to construct Terminal C - expected to open in 2012. This third terminal facility will allow the airport to expand from its current 24 gates to 29, and eventually up to 35 gates. Continued gate expansion will occur as passengers increase and airlines need more capacity to service San Antonio's traveling public.



Pictured Left to Right: Councilwoman Lourdes Galvan (Dist. 5); Councilman Louis Rowe (Dist. 9); Mayor Phil Hardberger; City Manager Sheryl Sculley; Councilwoman Diane Cibrian (Dist. 8); Aviation Director Mark Webb; Councilwoman Delicia Herrera (Dist. 6); Loren Wood, Chairman ATAC; Councilwoman Mary Alice Cisneros (Dist. 1); Asst. City Manager Penny Postoak Ferguson; Councilwoman Jennifer Ramos (Dist. 3); Councilman Philip Cortez (Dist. 4); Councilwoman Sheila McMeil (Dist. 2)



Mayor Hardberger operates the excavator to ceremonially break ground for Terminal B.

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NEW ROADWAY & UTILITIES PROJECT PROGRESSING

The Airport Expansion Program includes a Roadways & Utilities Project, which primarily consists of extending the two-tier roadway system in front of Terminal 1 and installation of a new utility infrastructure. The elevated and near-grade level roadway will be constructed utilizing pre-cast concrete components and both portland cement and asphaltic concrete surface courses. New utilities include: storm drains; gas, sanitary sewer and water lines; street lighting; and hydronic line encasements. The Hydronic Lines Relocation Project consists of the placement of new hydronic lines from the Central Utility Plant to serve the existing and new terminals.

The two-tier roadway system, currently facilitating upper-level passenger drop off and lower-level pick-up in front of Terminal 1, which will be renamed Terminal A, is in the process of being extended to service proposed Terminals B and C. Archer Western Contractors, Ltd is expected to complete this \$41 million project by mid-year 2010.

This project was initiated in 2007, focusing primarily on the new utility infrastructure and hydronic lines. During June of this year, the familiar roadways and landscape in front of Terminal 2 were altered forever.



New Roadway Extends from Terminal 1



Temporary Access to Terminal 2



Piers for New Two-Tier Roadway

Today, pier-drilling and earth moving equipment, along with cement trucks, is a common sight in the area. New temporary walkways, curbside areas and roadways are in place to accommodate passengers utilizing Terminal 2.

“This necessary project unfortunately has an immense impact on airport users. However, we are making every possible effort to keep the roadway detours, altered pedestrian walkways and remote passenger drop off/pick-up areas safe and as convenient as possible,” said Aviation Director Mark Webb.

In addition to providing more personnel at the relocated Terminal 2 curbside to assist passengers and adding way-finding signage, a new feature has been added to the Airport’s web site titled “Report a Problem”. “We invite our customers to stay in touch with us if they are experiencing any issues due to the construction or regarding general Airport services and amenities,” advises Mr. Webb. Reports can be filed by going to http://www.sanantonio.gov/aviation/bus_complaintform.asp. Customers will receive an immediate response and follow through on their reported problem/issue.

SAT’S NEW PARKING GARAGE IS DELIVERED EARLY & UNDER BUDGET

The first of three major Airport Expansion Program projects at the San Antonio International Airport was completed four months ahead of schedule and more than \$5 million under budget. The parking garage had originally been slated for completion in December of this year at a cost of \$50.8 million. Through a joint venture between San Antonio-based contractor Bartlett Cocke and Detroit-based contractor Walbridge and a partnership with HNTB, a Kansas City, MO-based national transportation infrastructure firm, the project was completed and opened July 2008 at a final price tag of \$45.4 million.

“We couldn’t be happier with the way this project has

unfolded,” said City of San Antonio Aviation Director Mark H. Webb. “Bartlett Cocke did an amazing job in keeping this project moving forward.”

Randy Pawelek, president and CEO of Bartlett Cocke, agrees. “We’re really excited about this project. Our joint venture with Walbridge and good working relationships with the designers, engineers and airport staff – all working in tandem – produced a good product,” Pawelek says.

The completion of the new parking garage increases the long-term parking spaces from 3,800 to 6,600 and takes the total overall space count, including short-term and economy parking facilities, to around 9,000 at the Airport.

EMBRY RIDDLE PARTNERS WITH WRIGHT FLYERS



Wright Flyers Academy
Professional Career Pilot Training Since 1982

Demand for new pilots is so strong that beginning students can now go from zero time to the right seat of a regional jet in a couple of years. But any pilot with designs on flying for a major airline will need a four-year degree, and to make that easier, Wright Flyers Academy and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) have formed a partnership to give students who earn their ratings at Wright Flyers 36 credit hours toward a degree. In essence, that could take about a year off a four-year degree program at ERAU, not to mention a sizeable savings in tuition.

For more than 25 years, Wright Flyers Academy has trained future airline pilots at the San Antonio International Airport, and in 2007 earned the Cessna Aircraft Company's prestigious Platinum Award. ERAU is the world's largest, fully accredited university specializing in aviation and aerospace. For eight consecutive years ERAU has earned the top spot in the annual "America's Best Colleges" guide published by U.S. News & World Report magazine in the category of "Aerospace/Aeronautical/Astronautical Engineering" programs. For more information, please call Marc Silva, Wright Flyers' Manager of Pilot Services, or go to www.wrightflyers.com.

SAT OFFERING FREE WI-FI



Starting July 4th, San Antonio International Airport (SAT) began offering the traveling public "freedom" from connection fees to the internet. SAT customers, who once paid \$6.95 per day to connect, can now do so free. All public areas in both terminals will be Wi-Fi hot spots. That includes the gate areas, concourses and lobby areas. In the near future, the City's Aviation Department plans to extend the coverage to the Cell Phone Waiting Lot.

"We've worked very hard to make sure that the Airport stays up with our passengers' need for easy, convenient access to today's technology," said Aviation Director Mark H. Webb. "About half of our passengers are traveling for business and need to stay productive while at the Airport. Our business travelers are important to us and we will continue to offer new technological services that make their airport experience pleasant and productive," says Webb.

Users with a wireless modem will turn it on, and an icon saying "SAIA Wi-Fi" will appear. When the users double-click the link, they will be connected.



AVIATION DIRECTOR'S FAREWELL MESSAGE

September 19th will be the last day Mark H. Webb serves as Aviation Director for the City of San Antonio. Mr. Webb has accepted a position with the University Health System to oversee a \$900 million expansion program.

I arrived at the San Antonio International Airport almost three years ago with a laundry list of goals, but two stood out more than any others. I wanted to see significant progress made on the expansion programs at both International and

Stinson Airports, and I wanted to help create a "culture of excellence" among the entire Airport Team. Thanks to some very hard work, the success I've seen on both of these fronts has exceeded my wildest expectations. As this newsletter demonstrates, the Airport Expansion Program is well underway, and we are about to finish the new Stinson terminal facilities. The success of the Expansion Program represents the accomplishments of a top professional and committed Airport Team.

My greatest sense of pride doesn't involve steel or concrete, but rather people. In a fairly short period of time, we've managed to dramatically improve the level of customer service, which was recognized by JD Power & Associates in 2007 (2nd place) and 2008 (3rd place). Some customer service improvement highlights include: free Wi-Fi; the Cell Phone Waiting Lot; introduction of the "Welcome Home a Hero" program; more community volunteers to staff the Airport Ambassador Program; and initiation of the Volunteers in Airport Policing Program to assist the Airport Police Division.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve San Antonio's traveling public and to make new friendships within the San Antonio community and among our airport/airline partners. I hope our paths will cross many times in the coming years.

SAN ANTONIO CONVENTIONS & EVENTS

During the fourth quarter of 2008, the City of San Antonio will host more than 112 conventions with over 79,880 delegates. Among the visitors to San Antonio will be:

DATES	ORGANIZATIONS	DELEGATES
October 2-4	Kindergarten Teachers of Texas	1,400
October 5-7	Diversified Business Communications	5,300
October 16-19	American Dental Association	13,000
October 29-31	Texas Municipal League	4,000
Oct. 31- Nov. 5	Association of American Medical Colleges	3,800
November 14-16	Elite Racing, Inc.	15,000
November 16-19	International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans	7,500
November 20-25	National Council of Teachers of English	6,000
November 27-29	Gulf Latin American District Assemblies of God	7,500
December 10-14	San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium	8,500
December 15-19	AMEDD	35,000

SAT YEAR-TO-DATE STATS

	Through June '07	Through June '08	Change
Domestic Enplanements	1,937,621	2,046,657	5.63%
International Enplanements	49,364	42,914	-13.07%
Charter Enplanements	4,141	4,296	3.70%
Total Enplanements	1,986,985	2,089,571	5.20%
Total Freight (lbs)	106,196,493	107,544,073	1.27%
Total Mail (lbs)	35,159,880	35,538,331	1.08%

