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Major Roadwork Underway At KCI Airport

Construction on the loop roadway at KCI Airport's Terminal B recently began, and during peak times, minor traffic delays could occur. Travelers flying on Delta, Northwest and Southwest Airlines are being urged to allow extra time before their flights. Curb space for passengers loading and unloading will be reduced at times..

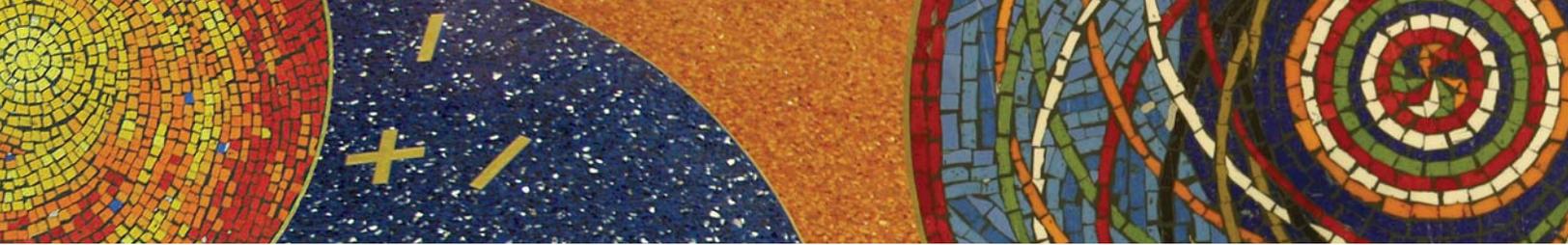
To minimize the impact of the project on travelers, numerous construction and directional signs have been posted to help drivers navigate through work areas. The construction may exacerbate the usual mid-week filling of Garage B, so travelers are being asked to consider using Garage A or C and then take a "Red Bus" to Terminal B.



The project will include constructing three new pedestrian bridges between the roadway and the top level of the garage at the existing stair towers. Waterproofing the pedestrian tunnel roofs near the stair towers will also occur, as will full-depth repair of certain areas of the roadway. Additionally, medians will be reconfigured, and milling and overlay of the entire roadway will occur. The project also encompasses replacement of the existing bus shelters with larger shelters, and improved signage and installation of light poles.

Construction will be performed in nine phases to minimize the impact to travelers. No construction will occur during the Thanksgiving, Christmas and spring break holiday periods so that all traffic lanes can be open during these heavy travel seasons. Construction is scheduled to continue through August 2010.

The rehabilitation project, which costs approximately \$3 million including design and construction, is needed to address roadway deterioration and traffic congestion. After the work is completed, the road will have a significantly smoother driving surface, and there will be a reduced need for maintenance work in the future. Similar work in Terminals A and C will occur at a later date.



Downtown Airport Installing State-of-the-Art Safety Materials



As part of a multi-year \$70 million refurbishment project, the Kansas City Aviation Department last month began work on construction of a \$17 million engineered material arresting system (EMAS) on Runway 1-19 at the Charles B. Wheeler Downtown Airport.

EMAS is designed to minimize the chance of injury and damage by arresting aircraft momentum with the use of a 300-foot barrier of specially constructed blocks. These blocks are made of aerated Portland cement and crush like plastic foam under the weight of the aircraft.

Phase I of the project will extend the south end of the runway by 100 feet and include installation of the EMAS and the relocation of Taxiway

Alpha. The runway will remain open for the duration of the project, which will be completed by late December. Taxiway Alpha, east of Runway 3-21, and Taxiway Golf, at a point south of Taxiway Bravo, will be closed during construction.

"The Runway 1-19 safety area project culminates a multi-year effort on the part of the Kansas City Aviation Department to rehabilitate and upgrade the airport infrastructure and to bring it into conformance with current safety standards," said Michael Roper, manager of the airport.

In addition to the EMAS project, the airport refurbishment program has conducted a \$28 million project to raze and resurface both airport runways, a \$20 million project to bulldoze 40 old hangars and replace them with 96 new hangars, and construction of a \$1 million general aviation terminal. The last project includes an outdoor aircraft wash bay, an aircraft self-fueling station, a pilots' lounge and large waiting room capable of accommodating 66 people. In September, the State of Missouri awarded \$3.5 million in economic incentives toward the construction. Specifically included was work for the new terminal building, hangars and other facilities for Hangar 10, a business aviation services company that opened at a temporary facility at the airport in May. Ground breaking for official work on Hangar 10 occurred just a few weeks ago.

Dedicated by Charles Lindbergh in 1927, Kansas City Downtown Airport is Kansas City, Missouri's first airport and still one of its busiest. Originally home to commercial aviation, the airport now attracts a large number of corporate, charter and recreational flyers. It is located on 695 acres, just across the Missouri River from Kansas City's business center, and serves up to 700 aircraft per day. The facility and its control tower are open 24 hours a day and features two runways, 7,002-foot Runway 1-19 and 5,050-foot Runway 3-21. For more information visit www.flymkc.com.



New Building Ready For Winter

Work on the new KCI Airport snow removal facility is mostly complete, allowing field maintenance crews and their machinery to be at the ready for this season's first snowflake. It's been a project many years in the making and offers storage for the entire fleet of 40 massive vehicles which are used to remove ice, snow and sleet from the airport's runways and taxiways. Various front-end broom, plow, highloader and snow-blowing trucks now have complete shelter from the elements as well as room for maintenance. The final touches on the project include paving a wide road for the trucks. It will connect the facility to a taxiway, offering quicker air-field access, decreased use of other narrow roads and a staging area for the enormous trucks. Additionally, some of the surrounding grounds will be graded and reseeded in the coming months.

The original field maintenance building will be returned to workspace and small equipment storage as originally designed.



Fleet Services Soon Equipped For New Era

The modernization of KCI Airport's Fleet Maintenance facility is full steam ahead. Three entirely new vehicle bays have already been added, and up-to-date heating/ventilation/air-conditioning systems have replaced the old, inefficient systems. An upgraded electrical component is ninety percent complete, and all office refurbishments are finished as well. Further, the project has introduced separate, sealed areas for vehicle painting and body work. There is much still to be done, however, for a project that is essentially a complete make-over. The walls and ceiling of the garage bays, including the new ones, will be painted. The epoxy on the bay floors is considerably worn and will be removed. The underlying concrete will then be patched and completely sealed. New computer servers and phone systems are also in the works.

Once all improvements have been done, the facility will be able to better accommodate larger airport vehicles and make operations significantly more effective. The building is about 37 years old, and the majority of the space was severely obsolete and outdated. Renovations began last February and are expected to end around January 2010.

Thanks Golf Sponsors

The 6th Annual KCI Airport Golf Classic, held this fall to benefit the Kansas City Combined Charities Campaign, was once again sold out. We would like to thank our sponsors for making this event such a success and raising \$5,000 for the charity.

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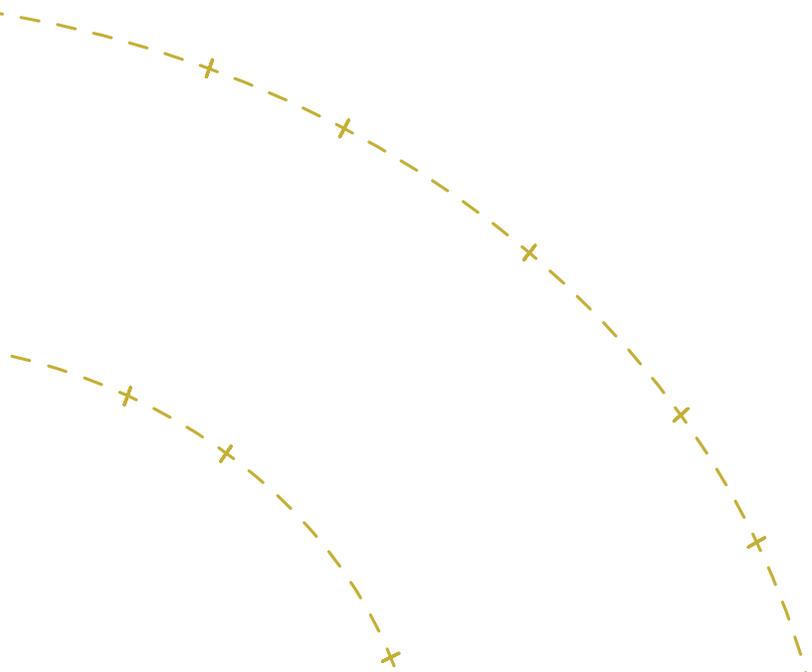




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Air Travel Shows Uptick

September brought a glimmer of better days for air travel at KCI Airport. For the first time in 18 months, the monthly number of travelers increased when compared to the same period of the previous year. To be exact, the airport recorded 792,533 passengers arriving and departing through its gates in September, an increase of 1.1 percent. The numbers for the year to date are still below last year, but airlines have been adding a few flights, leading industry watchers to conclude that stability, if not growth, is not far off.

From Kansas City, Southwest Airlines will begin nonstop service to Milwaukee on November 1. Midwest Airlines is scheduled to begin nonstop service on December 17 to Fort Myers, Florida. For December only, Delta Air Lines is adding an additional nonstop frequency to New York's LaGuardia Airport. Also in December, Northwest Airlines is increasing seats to all three of its hubs - Detroit, Memphis and Minneapolis.



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Aviation Department Arrivals

The Kansas City Aviation Department salutes its new, transferred and promoted employees...

- Richard Bahmler - Aviation Manager, Downtown Airport
- Booker Brown - Airport Police Officer
- Clifford Byers - Dispatcher, Parking & Bus Service
- Rod DeWinkler - Airport Operations Agent, Downtown Airport
- Dennis Duncan - Airport Police Officer
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