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Lambert to begin largest interior renovation in history Airport Experience projects to transform terminal and concourses

(St. Louis) Lambert-St. Louis International Airport has committed to begin \$50 million in modernization projects resulting in the largest interior renovation in its history. Construction will begin in the fall of 2010.

The two-year plan is the latest phase in the Airport Experience Program that is focused on improving passenger services and airport operations in Lambert's iconic Terminal 1, which was designed by architect Minoru Yamasaki (1956). The projects also feature improvements and new design features in Concourses A and C.

"These projects will breathe new life into the facility while preserving its history," said Director Rhonda Hamm-Niebruegge. "This plan demonstrates Lambert's commitment to enhance the passenger experience and enhance our competitive position given that the Airport is our region's most important economic asset."

The renovation will kick off with a major visual transformation of the A and C Concourses, which serve a majority of Lambert's airlines. The interior roof structure of the concourses and all metal surfaces (doors, columns, air supply ducts) will be painted to coordinate with new tile flooring, new ceilings and a more efficient circular pendant lighting system. All concourse restrooms will be updated with Terrazzo flooring, new wall tile, new countertops and sink fixtures. The airport will also install new signage and directories.

Other improvements in Terminal 1 include:

- New ticket counters and Terrazzo flooring on upper level. Open public views to outside.
- New baggage claim restrooms; renovation of existing restrooms.

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- Upgraded C Concourse checkpoint to accommodate latest passenger screening equipment.
- Introducing brighter ceiling treatments in lower level that includes programmable LED lighted caps on structural columns. Ceilings will be raised to maximize overhead space.
- Add atrium to connect ticketing and lower levels.
- New signage and directories.
- Introduce “St. Louis Stage,” a dedicated performance area in lower level.
- Incorporate new interactive and static art displays in renovated areas

This phase of the Airport Experience Program will support nearly 150 daily skilled construction workers totaling 392,000 man hours. Labor will account for more than half of the committed \$50 million in total project costs.

Prior to the construction, Lambert will move gate operations for AirTran Airways, Frontier Airlines, Cape Air and incoming Midwest Airlines to the C Concourse. This aspect of the project will give the passengers on these airlines more convenient access to restaurants and retail shops.

Lambert is committing a total of \$70 million for all projects in the *Airport Experience Program* which began in 2008. The first phase of projects accounted for \$20 million in projects. Lambert has completed the installation of a new baggage system in Terminal 1 and the interior restoration of the terminal’s domed ceilings. The domes now feature skylights with programmable LED lighting, a design feature that will be replicated in the columns caps in the lower level. Lambert has also begun the installation of new roadway signage along Lambert International Boulevard to improve navigation for motorists to and from the Airport.

The signage project has received an additional \$200,000 contribution from St. Louis’ Regional Business Council for additional roadway improvements such as painted sign structures, guardrails, street lights and fencing.

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