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\$100 MILLION TERMINAL REDEVELOPMENT TAKES OFF

The much-awaited \$100 million redevelopment of the Gold Coast Airport terminal has taken off.

Gold Coast Airport Chief Operating Officer Paul Donovan said travelers would start noticing changes to the existing terminal.

“The initial works, including moving the tarmac apron lighting and bedding down the trunk services like stormwater, sewer and power are well underway and nearing completion.

“On the weekend the start of the serious construction commenced with the demolition of the former airside passenger walkway in front of Terminal 1,” he said.

The walkway will be taken down completely across three stages, with completion expected in the next eight to ten days. This will give the contractors the access to commence the piling work that will support the new terminal extension.

When piling works are complete, the contractors will start ‘standing the steel’ works which form the framework of the new terminal extension.

“We want to reinforce that works are being staged to minimise disruption to airline passenger services and ensure minimal night works for local residents,” Mr Donovan said.

“During the terminal redevelopment convenient access tunnels will be provided to ensure safety and security of the passengers, terminal visitors and staff is not compromised,” Mr Donovan said.

The redevelopment will see the terminal more than double its current size to approximately 28,700 square metres of space, to cater for forecast passenger growth over the next ten years.

“When finished, our terminal will be the largest purpose-built facility specifically designed to cater for low cost airlines and their passengers in Australia,” Mr Donovan said.

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“Our focus is to ensure the terminal operation is fast and efficient for airlines and their passengers by taking a common user approach with one main check-in area for all airlines with self service kiosks, a single baggage collection and screening point, and one main departures and arrivals area.”

Mr Donovan said the interior design had also been finalised.

“When completed, visitors will feel like they are on holidays from the moment they step off the plane. It will all be part of their Gold Coast experience.

“While the colours and use of natural light will add an air of sophistication, we’ve opted to move away from architectural statements and focus on the amazing views of the hinterland with two storey floor to ceiling glass looking across the tarmac.

“Through the screening points there will be a large retail and dining area offering a range of branded dining options - from ‘grab-n-go’ style venues to more sophisticated coffee bars.

“We’ve also added some unique features for our customers including a convenience store for passengers staying in self contained apartments, a prayer room for our guests and parent’s rooms in each amenity block,” he said.

The terminal redevelopment is scheduled to be completed by March 2010. ADCO Constructions was appointed as the principal design and construct contractor for the project in October last year.

The entire \$100million redevelopment is fully funded by Gold Coast Airport Pty Limited and its shareholder, Queensland Airports Limited.

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Gold Coast Airport Terminal Redevelopment Fact Sheet

Key features of the new terminal building will include:

- More than double the size of the existing terminal - to 28,742 square metres (including 13,102 square metres of existing space with an additional 15,640 square metres added as part of the redevelopment)
- Common check-in area with 36 check-in desks and an increased number of airline self service kiosks
- One common use terminal
- Open high ceilings with two storey floor to glass windows looking across the runway to the hinterland
- Short walking distances and easy floor plan for speed of access
- Expanded check-in facility for oversize baggage to allow for regular transport of golf clubs and surf boards to accommodate for leisure visitors
- Full check bag screening as required by Federal legislation
- Double current baggage capacity and expanded inspection facilities for international arrivals
- Common screening area for all departures with an additional screening point for Liquids Aerosols and Gels for departing international guests
- Two swing gates to extend or minimise the domestic/international lounge mix
- Very targeted mix of retail and food and beverage based on three years of passenger research. Retail outlets will include gifts and accessories, surfwear and lifestyle options, confectionary and internet points
- Hard flooring for high traffic areas with carpet for dwelling and resting areas (such as the departure lounges)
- A neutral base pallet with splashes of colour to keep it timeless
- Landside currency exchange, convenience store and bus information
- Refurbished Rainbow Bay ale house
- An additional currency exchange in the departures area
- Parents room in each amenities block
- 30% increase in the duty free area for international visitors
- Expanded area for international meeters and greeters
- Use of locally sourced products where available
- Full transit facilities for international transit passengers
- A facility that encourages a “holiday spirit” with full-façade windows overlooking the stunning hinterland.