



WILL ROGERS WORLD AIRPORT
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Oklahoma City Airport Trust Approves Construction Plans for Terminal Expansion

Construction to Begin First Quarter 2019

OKLAHOMA CITY – August 23, 2018 Updated renderings and finalized construction documents for the Will Rogers World Airport terminal expansion were presented to the Oklahoma City Airport Trust (Trust) today after which the Trust authorized the advertisement and solicitation of construction bids. The terminal expansion project will add four new airline gates, a new streamlined security checkpoint, a public airfield observation experience, and space for future international air service.

The Trust anticipates receiving the bids by the end of October with construction beginning in the first quarter of 2019. The project will be funded with general airport revenue bonds paid by passenger facility charges and airport revenues.

One of the primary goals of the expansion project is to increase gate capacity in the terminal. Currently the airport only has one leasable gate available, limiting the airport's ability to attract new airlines or add more flights. Another goal is streamlining the passenger screening process. The TSA models of operations have evolved significantly over the last several years. To more efficiently accommodate the traveler, a new, consolidated security checkpoint with more space both pre- and post- security will be created.

FSB, an Oklahoma City-based, nationally recognized architectural-engineering-planning firm, has led the design and engineering process for the project, joined by partner HOK who provided conceptual design services. Along with the final construction documents, FSB presented to the Trust a four-and-a-half-minute animation that gives viewers a real sense of what the improvements will bring for travelers and visitors to the airport.

“The new terminal areas and improvements are critical in meeting the needs of Oklahoma City and the region,” said Mark Kranenburg, Airports Director. “The design combined functionality with the modern aesthetics that will make Will Rogers World Airport unique to other airports across the country.”

“It is an honor to work with the Oklahoma City Airport Trust to help them bring their vision for an expanded and modernized airport to fruition,” Rick Johnson, FSB COO and Project Principal said. “I am proud of the design put forth by our team and look forward to seeing the expansion taking shape and serving travelers for years to come.”

Distinct to the Oklahoma City airport, and harkening back to air travel's golden age, will be the reintroduction of an airfield observation experience. Upper level public circulation will provide views of the airfield and the concourses and be accessible to all, including non-ticketed passengers. The area will feature additional seating space and one-of-a-kind views.

The new design calls for the integration of public art installations and expansive windows and skylights allowing for more natural light. Interior enhancements of some existing spaces are also planned including dedicated public greeter areas and more seating in the baggage claim area. Wayfinding signage will be updated throughout the entire airport.

The expansion is the third and final phase of a long-term planning study conducted in the late 1990's. This project provides construction of an east concourse adding four new airline gates and is designed to accommodate an additional five gates when demand merits.

With advanced design and state-of-the-art improvements, the project will upgrade Will Rogers World Airport to the next level in travel and leisure, attracting worldwide visitors while positioning Oklahoma City as having a world-class, modern airport.

Today's presentation, animation and renderings may be found here: [Download all associated files](#)

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About Will Rogers World Airport

Will Rogers World Airport is the city's commercial airport and accommodates nearly four million travelers each year. The airport serves 30 nonstop airports with an average of 72 daily departures. Will Rogers World Airport is owned by the City of Oklahoma City. The Oklahoma City Airport Trust oversees the management and operation of the airport.

About FSB

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