



A New Terminal Building for Lee Bird Field

The North Platte Airport Authority intends to construct a new passenger terminal at the North Platte Regional Airport to enhance the customer experience and drive economic development opportunities to western Nebraska. The airport serves a vital role in rural Nebraska's economy as the only primary airport within its 14,000 square mile, 15 county service area. It supports recent, local economic development successes including ongoing construction of a beef processing facility, bringing an estimated 875 jobs to North Platte, and a proposed 300-acre rail park in nearby Hershey, NE. The project is intended to become a source of pride for the North Platte community, creating a modern landmark in western Nebraska.

Constructed in 1952, the existing terminal is dated, space-constrained and unable to provide an acceptable level of service for current and forecasted demand. The addition of jet bridge boarding, modern restrooms, natural light, and food and beverage service post-security will meet today's airport user expectations.



The airport is pursuing a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification for the new terminal, which will have the following modern, energy efficient system features:

- Mass timber structure and cross-laminated timber roofing
- System to capture, store, and re-use stormwater runoff to satisfy non-potable water demand
- Photovoltaic skylight glass to provide renewable energy for building systems
- Ground Source Heat Pump (GSHP) geothermal heating and cooling system
- Multi-modal space for local public transit service, rideshare, and electric vehicle charging stations

Finally, the existing terminal building has several accessibility shortcomings that will be addressed with the new facility. The new terminal will exceed minimum ADA standards and feature a boarding bridge, code compliant restrooms, a mother's room, and accommodations for service animals to provide equitable access for all travelers.

PROJECT BENEFITS



Enhanced customer experience as the “front door” to North Platte & western Nebraska, supporting economic development and business opportunities



Reduced carbon footprint compared to existing facility



Inclusive design addressing accessibility concerns and providing equitable access for all travelers



PROJECT SCHEDULE

The construction schedule is to-be-determined based on availability of federal funds for the project. The Airport Authority is pursuing several competitive federal grant opportunities to support the construction of the new terminal in the next 2-3 years, including programs established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) of 2021. The existing terminal building will remain open and functional until the new terminal building is constructed.

DID YOU KNOW?

The results of the 2019 Nebraska Aviation Counts! Economic Impact Study of the North Platte Regional Airport estimated

1,397

JOBS ENABLED
BY THE AIRPORT

\$155 M

ESTIMATED ANNUAL
ECONOMIC IMPACT

14,385

VISITORS TO THE
REGION EACH YEAR

The North Platte – New Places project intends to elevate the airport’s impact by enhancing the customer experience for business and leisure travelers, supporting local economic development initiatives, and strengthening connectivity by offering modern facilities to our airline partners.

For more information:

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