



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is The Green Build?**

The Green Build, formerly known as the Terminal Development Program, consists of a series of urgently needed improvements to San Diego International Airport (SDIA).

### **What improvements are included in the program?**

The following improvements are part of The Green Build:

- 10 new jet gates at Terminal 2
- A dual-level roadway at Terminal 2, featuring an arrivals curb on level one and a departures curb on level two to relieve current curbside congestion
- “Smart Curb,” allowing most passengers to check in, print boarding passes and check baggage before entering the terminal at an easy-to-use curbside kiosk
- Expanded concession area providing more dining and shopping options
- Larger, more comfortable passenger waiting areas at the gates
- More and improved security checkpoints
- Additional aircraft parking to eliminate the need for planes to taxi across the runway
- Taxiway improvements to enhance the flow of aircraft traffic

### **Why are these improvements needed?**

The Green Build will help meet current demand at SDIA, as well as make the traveling experience more comfortable and enjoyable for San Diego County residents and visitors. The airlines support these improvements, as they are necessary to accommodate expected passenger growth. Experts estimate that by 2030, 27–33 million passengers will travel through SDIA, compared to 18 million in 2008, an increase that SDIA’s current facilities couldn’t accommodate without The Green Build.

### **Why are you starting construction during an economic downturn?**

An economic downturn is actually a good time to start construction, due to decreased construction costs and increased bargaining power. The Green Build construction also presents an opportunity to provide much-needed jobs for San Diego County residents and small businesses during a time when construction is at a low. In addition, these types of projects take a number of years to plan, design and build, so starting construction now is necessary in order to meet the timeframe for demand.

### **How many jobs will The Green Build create?**

At the peak of construction, the project is expected to create approximately 1,000 construction-related jobs. The design/build contractors, in coordination with the Airport Authority’s Small Business Development Department, are actively outreaching to local businesses to communicate about construction-related business opportunities, and contracts have already been let to local small businesses. Visit [www.san.org/business](http://www.san.org/business) to learn more.

### **How much will this cost?**

The Airport Authority estimates costs for The Green Build at approximately \$1 billion – \$865 million for the project and the remainder in financing costs.



**How are these improvements being funded?**

The Green Build will be funded by user fees, airport revenue bonds, airport cash and FAA grants.

**When will construction begin?**

Construction on The Green Build began with a groundbreaking ceremony in July 2009. Improvements to the apron, additional aircraft parking and construction of a new USO are currently underway. Construction on the terminal and dual-level roadway will begin in March 2010.

**When will construction be complete?**

Construction is expected to be complete in 2013.

**What are the construction milestones?**

2009

- Construction begins on apron improvements and additional aircraft parking
- Construction begins on new USO facilities

2010

- Terminal and dual-level roadway construction begins
- Terminal 2 parking temporarily relocated
- Terminal 2 East and West pedestrian bridges closed

2011-2012

- Terminal and dual-level roadway construction continues

2013

- New gates, facilities and roadway improvements open to the public

**Will parking be impacted by construction?**

In March 2010, some short-term parking in front of Terminal 2 will be temporarily relocated to accommodate construction activity in front of the terminal. In August 2010, all Terminal 2 parking will be relocated. Passengers will be transported directly to the terminal via frequent, complimentary shuttle service. The Airport Authority is implementing a broad outreach effort to inform passengers of the temporary relocation. Parking at other terminals will not be directly impacted, and the airport will continue to provide the same number of parking spots throughout construction.

**Will access to the terminal be impacted by construction?**

Beginning in March 2010, the Terminal 2 pedestrian bridges will be removed and the number of traffic lanes in front of Terminal 2 may be reduced to allow for construction of the dual-level roadway, potentially impacting curbside access. Airport visitors should plan ahead and allow extra time when traveling to the airport to arrive at the terminal, park and check-in for their flights.



**How will construction affect traffic on surface streets surrounding the airport?**

All roadway modifications are limited to on-airport roadways. Throughout construction, on-airport traffic may be impacted and rerouted on surrounding surface streets. However, the Airport Authority will make every effort to minimize potential inconveniences to travelers.

Customer service is one of our top priorities and we are committed to minimizing impacts and to keeping the public informed about changes in traffic patterns and possible delays. For up-to-the-minute construction alerts, visit [www.san.org](http://www.san.org) to sign up for e-alerts, follow SDIA on Twitter [@SanDiegoAirport] or become a fan of San Diego International Airport on Facebook.

**How will construction activity affect traffic at the airport itself?**

Additional traffic at the airport will be minimal, with only a small increase in traffic due to construction-related vehicles. The majority of construction vehicles will be routed down McCain Road, at the west end of airport property.

**How will the public be notified about construction, road closures, etc.?**

The Airport Authority will be notifying the public about potential construction-related impacts using a variety of communications, including construction e-alerts, the SDIA Web site [[www.san.org](http://www.san.org)], Facebook, Twitter and the Ambassablog [<http://ambassablog.com>]. The Airport Authority will make every effort to keep the public up to date on The Green Build construction. We encourage the public to visit [www.san.org](http://www.san.org) and sign up for updates using their preferred means of communication.

**Will construction affect flights?**

Flights will not be impacted by construction.

**Is a parking garage part of The Green Build?**

The previously proposed parking garage has been separated from The Green Build. After additional environmental review, the Airport Authority Board will again review requirements for short-term parking.

**What environmental mitigation measures are you taking?**

The Airport Authority outlined in-depth, comprehensive environmental mitigation measures as part of its Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for this project. These measures include constructing additional travel lanes on certain high-volume roadways, utilizing construction methods and taking precautionary measures that minimize impact on Least Tern habitat and minimizing air emissions through the use of construction employee shuttles and low- and zero-emitting construction equipment whenever possible. The Airport Authority is committed to protecting the environment. To view the EIR, visit [http://sanplan.com/review\\_env\\_docs.asp](http://sanplan.com/review_env_docs.asp).



**Will the construction incorporate green building methods?**

Yes. Sustainability and environmental sensitivity are hallmarks of The Green Build. The project will incorporate sustainable design principles with the goal of meeting Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. For instance, construction material waste from the project, such as concrete, is being recycled and reused on site. Some of the opportunities for incorporating sustainable design include:

- Decreased water usage
- Reduced energy consumption
- Use of alternative energy sources

**What improvements has the NTC Landfill contributed to The Green Build?**

The Airport Authority navigated numerous hurdles to perform an innovative clean closure—under budget and on schedule—of a closed municipal solid waste disposal site on the airport property. The site was part of the Naval Training Center (NTC) San Diego and used as a municipal waste landfill from 1950–1971. The Airport Authority spent \$45 million to clean up the NTC Landfill with minimal impact to anyone from beginning to end. This now-clean site will become additional parking for remain-over-night aircraft to eliminate the need for aircraft to taxi across the runway. This was Phase One of The Green Build.

**Will the public have an opportunity to weigh in on the improvements?**

Prior to approving the EIR for The Green Build, the Airport Authority went through a comprehensive public process that afforded members of the public and stakeholders an opportunity to comment on the improvements. Moving forward, Airport Authority Board meetings will provide additional opportunities for public comment.

**How is this different from Destination Lindbergh?**

The Green Build is the precursor to Destination Lindbergh. The Green Build addresses urgently needed immediate improvements at SDIA, while Destination Lindbergh looks ahead to long-term planning for optimizing SDIA, improving access to SDIA and enhancing the regional transportation network. Phase One of Destination Lindbergh is moving forward, which consists of a consolidated rental car facility and Intermodal Transit Center on the north side of SDIA.

**What if I have specific questions about construction activity?**

Please e-mail [greenbuild@san.org](mailto:greenbuild@san.org), call our construction hotline at (619) 400-2288 or visit [www.san.org](http://www.san.org). A member of the Airport Authority team will respond within one business day.

**Where can I find more information?**

For more information about The Green Build, visit [www.san.org](http://www.san.org). The Airport Authority will continue to keep the public well-informed about changes at the airport.