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# San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Board of Directors Advances the New T1

*Project requires only one more approval for construction to begin*

**SAN DIEGO** – October 7, 2021 – Today, the San Diego County Regional Airport Board of Directors (Board) unanimously approved the maximum contract price and master project schedule for the design and construction of a new airport terminal to replace the existing Terminal 1 and related improvements.

The Board approved a maximum contract price of $2.6 billion for The New T1 at San Diego International Airport (SAN).

Only one remaining authorization is needed to begin construction: completion of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. It is anticipated that the FAA will complete its NEPA review of the project later in October and, if so, construction could begin as early as November 2021.

"The airport is a major economic driver for the region and the New T1 will make our city more attractive to the millions of people who want to visit and also provide a better travel experience for San Diegans," Board Chair Gil Cabrera said. "This project will provide well-paying jobs and numerous contracting opportunities that will aid in the region's economic recovery. On behalf of the rest of the Board, I want to recognize the efforts of the Airport Authority team to advance the New T1 during this extraordinary time."

"Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Airport Authority has carefully and cautiously continued planning for the replacement of our existing, 54-year-old Terminal 1," said Airport Authority President and CEO Kimberly Becker. "The New T1 will provide the customer experience people expect from San Diego by developing a terminal that is modern, efficient, and built to serve the thousands of passengers expected over the next several years. I want to acknowledge the incredible work done by the Airport Authority team and congratulate them on reaching this milestone."

As the airport's only terminal when it was built in 1967, it served 2.5 million passengers in its first year. In 2019, the same Terminal 1 served more than 12 million passengers.

The Airport Authority is committed to improving passenger access to SAN and continues to work with community stakeholders and partner agencies to help implement the most favorable transportation solutions for customers and the region. The Airport Authority has set aside space between the terminals for a transit station that could connect to a transit project chosen by regional transportation planning agencies.

Additionally, the Airport Authority plans in late November to launch an all-electric shuttle fleet that will carry transit riders from the Old Town Transit Center to the airport and back.

The New T1 will be delivered by the Turner-Flatiron joint venture.

The new terminal will offer a total of 30 gates, a refreshed collection of food and beverage, news, gifts, and retail concessions, as well as more security checkpoint lanes. It also includes improvements to the airport's roadways system, making it easier for all vehicular, bus, bike, and pedestrian traffic to enter and exit the airport and a parking plaza which will handle several ground transportation services.

If all goes as planned, the first 19 gates are expected to be operational in July 2025 and then the construction of the remaining 11 gates will begin that same month. The project is expected to be completed in June 2028.

The New T1 project is estimated to create between 15,000 to 20,000 jobs for local workers. Through the Airport Authority's Small Business Development program, 25 percent of the awarded contract value will go to small business enterprises, 80 percent will go to local businesses, and 3 percent to veteran-owned small businesses.

For future updates and information, the community is encouraged to sign up for SAN's monthly email newsletter, GO in the Know, by visiting san.org and adding their email address at the bottom of the page.

## Conceptual renderings are available for download here.

**ABOUT SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (SAN)**
San Diego International Airport (SAN) is the busiest single-runway commercial service airport in the U.S. and the third busiest airport in California. In 2019, SAN welcomed 25-million passengers and offered nonstop flights to destinations worldwide. The airport is an economic driver for the region, contributing nearly $12 billion in economic activity in 2019 and supports nearly 116,600 jobs. With anticipated passenger growth in the future, the Airport Authority is continuing progress with the New T1 program that will replace Terminal 1 with a larger, more efficient facility and other improvements that enhance the airport experience. The airport is managed and operated by the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority. For more information, please visit san.org.

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