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San Diego International Airport Opens Stage 2 of Terminal 1 Parking Plaza

Approximately 2,400 New Parking Spaces Added

SAN DIEGO, CA — June 13, 2025 – Today, the San Diego International Airport (SAN) opened the second stage of the Terminal 1 Parking Plaza, adding approximately 2,400 more airport parking spaces. The Terminal 1 Parking Plaza now offers more than 5,200 parking spaces just steps away from the existing Terminal 1 and the New T1, which is scheduled to open in September 2025.

“We opened the first stage of the Terminal 1 Parking Plaza in August 2024, which more than doubled the number of parking spaces we offered at the previous Terminal 1 parking lot,” said Kimberly Becker, President and CEO, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority. “We have a significant demand for onsite parking at SAN and the opening of stage 2 allows us to better provide that for our customers. We now have nearly 8,500 close-in parking spaces at Terminal 1 and 2 at SAN.”

Vehicles can access the Terminal 1 Parking Plaza, located directly across from Terminal 1 at 3501 North Harbor Drive, by following directional signs along westbound and eastbound North Harbor Drive. The entry and exit lanes have ticket kiosks equipped with an intercom system that connects with the airport’s Parking Management Office.

The Terminal 1 Parking Plaza includes numerous amenities to enhance the customer experience. It is designed with three sections, or cores that each have a unique color and graphic scheme to help customers with wayfinding and includes glass-backed elevators and an open stairwell to help promote safety and security. The cores align with the facility’s open lightwells, which help provide natural light and ventilation.

A no-cost tire-inflation station is near the exit on Level 1, and luggage carts are available on all levels. Parking is available on Level 1 for vehicles up to 9’-6” tall and on Levels 2-5 for vehicles under 8’-4”.

There are 1,023 spots designated for “Clean Vehicles” (carpool, electric/alternative fuel, & fuel-efficient vehicles), 20 for close-in 1-hour spaces (ideal for anyone picking up or dropping off passengers such as older adults, people with disabilities, and unaccompanied minors, who need help getting to or from their gate), and 185 spaces equipped with EV charging ports.

Some of the Parking Plaza’s sustainability features include an advanced parking guidance system which will allow customers to quickly find open stalls, thereby reducing vehicle emissions, and a stormwater capture and reuse system, which will prevent runoff from entering San Diego Bay.

Facility users have several options to gain access and pay parking fees: at the entry kiosks, drivers can pull a ticket which can be inserted at the exit lane kiosks to calculate and pay parking fees; pay-on-foot stations located at every elevator and stair core on Level 1; or insert a credit card (or tap a NFC-enabled device) at the entry kiosk and insert the same credit card (or same NFC-enabled device) at the exit lane

kiosks. Vehicles that enter and exit the Parking Plaza in under 10 minutes will not be charged for parking.

For reservations, visit san.org. For more information on the Terminal 1 Parking Plaza and the New T1 redevelopment project, visit NewT1.com.

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ABOUT SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (SAN)

Owned and operated by San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (Airport Authority), San Diego International Airport (SAN) is one of the busiest single-runway commercial service airports in the world and the third-busiest airport in California. SAN contributes nearly \$12 billion in economic activity for the region by connecting the world to San Diego and San Diego to the world. In November 2021, the Airport Authority began construction on the New T1 which includes the replacement of the current Terminal 1, improvements to the airfield, improved transportation connectivity to the airport, and a new administration building. The New T1's project budget is \$3.8 billion and is estimated to create between 15,000 to 20,000 construction-related jobs. For more information about the New T1 please visit newt1.com. For more information about SAN please visit san.org.

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