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Denver International Airport Shares Plans to Increase Capacity on the Train to the Gates

DENVER – March 17, 2022 – Denver International Airport (DEN) is quickly recovering from the pandemic and is expected to return to 2019 passenger levels this year with passenger traffic likely reaching 100 million annual passengers in the next 8-10 years. To prepare for the future, DEN is renovating the Great Hall and adding gates to our concourses which will provide more capacity. In order to accommodate this growth, DEN has also been planning to add capacity to the train to the gates.

“We have a well-rounded plan to increase capacity throughout the entire airport and replace aging infrastructure and that includes the train to the gates,” said DEN CEO Phil Washington. “We currently have 31 train cars and 16 of those are 29 years old and have exceeded their useful life with more than 1.4 million miles. By replacing those 16 cars and adding 10 more, we can ensure our train system is in prime condition while increasing capacity today and again in the future when passenger numbers warrant.”

Currently, DEN primarily operates six four-car trains but can increase to up to seven four-car trains during peak times. With the additional 10 cars, the airport will be able to operate up to eight four-car trains, providing increased capacity. Additionally, the design of the new cars will allow DEN to eventually expand to six-car trains in the future.

These new trains cars were ordered in 2018 with expected delivery in May of 2022. Unfortunately, global supply chain delays have pushed back the delivery of the first four new train cars to February 2023. DEN anticipates having all 26 new train cars by October 2023, with four new cars being delivered approximately every six weeks following the first delivery.

In the meantime, DEN continues to maintain the existing old cars, but many of these cars have A/C units that do not always perform at their peak due to their age. As a result, there may be times when the train cars run at warmer temperatures affecting passengers on the short ride to the concourses this summer. Passengers can report issues about the train or other maintenance issues through the See Say Airport App or by texting 720-650-6868.

“This delay was not welcome news. We are aware of the issues that our aging train cars are having and our crews are doing the best they can to keep these cars and associated systems in working condition for the comfort of passengers,” added Washington.

In addition to improving the train to the gates, DEN is also committed to exploring alternative methods for passengers to move between the Jeppesen Terminal and the concourses. In late 2021, at the direction of CEO Washington, DEN issued a Request for Information to seek ideas from the private sector to help find solutions. The submission deadline was Jan. 11 and DEN received proposals from 18 firms. DEN is currently reviewing the proposals to determine which ones were responsive. Once that first step is complete, DEN will review the responsive proposals including a cost/benefit analysis and determine next steps. It will be several months before DEN has any updates on the possible solutions and next steps.

To learn more about improvements going on at DEN [click here](#).

Denver International Airport is the third-busiest airport in the United States and one of the top ten busiest airports in the world. DEN is the primary economic engine for the state of Colorado, generating more than \$33 billion for the region annually. For more information visit www.FlyDenver.com, check us out on [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#), like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).

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