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## **Southwest Airlines Invests in Denver with New Maintenance Hangar**

**DENVER – May 15, 2019** – Today, Southwest Airlines Chairman and CEO Gary Kelly announced the airline is furthering its commitment to Denver by investing nearly \$100 million in its first maintenance hangar at Denver International Airport (DEN).

“Southwest Airlines is a vital partner for Denver International Airport and we are proud the airline has decided to make this significant investment in our city,” said Mayor Michael B. Hancock. “DEN is Southwest’s fastest-growing station and the addition of this hangar ensures they will continue to grow and serve the people of Denver.”

The new 130,000 square-foot hangar will allow Southwest Airlines mechanics to service up to three aircraft inside the hanger and provides parking and facilities for eight additional aircraft outside.

Construction on the new facility is expected to begin in the next few months and the hangar is expected to operational in late 2020. The new facility will be home to the airlines’ 75 Denver-based technical operations employees who are responsible for maintaining Southwest’s fleet. Southwest employs 4,200 people in Denver.

With nearly 225 daily departures to 69 destinations, DEN is one of the top five airports in Southwest’s network of more than 100 cities. In addition to the new hangar at DEN, the carrier also has six other hangars located in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Orlando and Phoenix.

Southwest is one of DEN’s top three carriers; United Airlines and Frontier Airlines each have a hangar in Denver. The new Southwest hangar will be located on the north side of the airport.

Renderings of the project are available [here](#). Photos of Mayor Hancock and Southwest CEO Gary Kelly are available [here](#).

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*Denver International Airport is the fifth-busiest airport in the United States. With more than 64.5 million passengers traveling through the airport each year, DEN is one of the busiest airline hubs in the world’s largest aviation market. DEN is the primary economic engine for the state of Colorado, generating more than \$26 billion for the region annually. For more information visit [www.FlyDenver.com](http://www.FlyDenver.com), check us out on [YouTube](#), and [Instagram](#), like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).*

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