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## **Construction Resumes on the Great Hall Project *Hensel Phelps to Complete Phase I***

**DENVER – March 10, 2020** – With the Phase I general contractor, Hensel Phelps, officially under contract, Denver International Airport (DEN) will resume construction of the Great Hall Project this week. The primary focus of the project is to enhance safety and security by moving the security screening checkpoints up one level to Level 6 and implementing new screening technology that will make the process more efficient. The project will also consolidate airline ticket counters and make other passenger-focused improvements.

“We are pleased to have Hensel Phelps on our team to help us move the project forward in an efficient manner and with a strong emphasis on safety and operations,” said DEN CEO Kim Day. “As construction resumes, we will continue to focus on the passenger experience and provide transparency into the project through public tours and a project dashboard, both which will be announced in the coming weeks.”

Hensel Phelps is resuming work on Phase I of the project, which will complete the work in the center of the Terminal, including:

- Completing demolition in the center of the Terminal on Level 6
- Constructing new airline ticket counters in the center of Level 6
- Widening the balconies for the future TSA checkpoints on Level 6
- Adding two new restrooms on both the east and west sides
- Upgrades to existing mechanical, electrical and plumbing infrastructure

To kick-off the work, crews will mainly be working in the overnight hours with the delivery of materials and cranes, which may result in minor traffic impacts on Level 4 east side passenger pick-up between doors 407 and 411 nightly from 1 a.m. to 7 a.m. Additionally, passengers will begin seeing higher construction walls on the north and south bridges in order to enhance safety but with view windows in order to see construction progress. New construction walls on the arrival platform for the train to the gates will also be installed. As demolition activities resume, passengers can expect some noise impacts daily from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Noise levels will be monitored to ensure no disruptions to airport operations.

The Hensel Phelps contract is \$195 million for Phase I of the project. It is estimated the first phase will be complete by late 2021. The design and scope of additional phases are still being determined at this time and will be announced later this summer.

Overall, the Great Hall Project will enhance security, improve operational efficiency and increase capacity of the terminal to accommodate 80 million passengers. The terminal was originally designed to accommodate 50 million passengers and in 2019, DEN served nearly 70 million passengers.

### **Tips for traveling through DEN during construction:**

- Allow yourself extra time before your flight
- Check TSA wait times at [FlyDenver.com](http://FlyDenver.com)
- Follow directional floor and updated overhead signage
- Don't be afraid to ask for help! Look for a DEN team member in a purple shirt or one of our friendly Ambassadors in a blue vest

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