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DEN Begins Construction on Two New Solar Projects

Projects Support DEN's Commitment to Sustainability

DENVER – Oct. 4, 2021 – Denver International Airport (DEN) is expanding its industry-leading renewable energy portfolio. Two new solar projects will be built near 114th Avenue and Trussville Street on the airport property with a generating capacity of 18.5 megawatts. The arrays will generate approximately 36 million kilowatt-hours of electricity each year, which is the equivalent to the electricity consumption of almost 6,000 typical Denver residences.

“Sustainability is one of the guiding principles in our Vision 100 plan which will help prepare the airport for 100 million passengers in approximately 10 years,” said DEN CEO Phil Washington. “These additional solar projects will help us improve the sustainability of our energy supply while helping us reach our goal of becoming one of the greenest airports in the world.”

Construction on the first solar array is underway, with the project slated to enter commercial operation in the first quarter of 2022. The second solar array will start construction in the first quarter of 2022, with the project set to reach commercial operation in the third quarter of 2022.

“DEN has long been at the forefront of developing on-airport solar projects, having installed its first solar array in 2008, said Senior Vice President of Sustainability Scott Morrissey. “After the two new systems are energized, the airport will have solar panels spread across over 140 acres of land, making DEN one of the largest hosts of solar energy at any airport in the world. Additionally, DEN will increase its total solar energy generation capacity to 34 megawatts and will more than double the amount of solar energy hosted at DEN.”

Through a partnership with Greenbacker Renewable Energy Company (GREC), the airport will purchase the electricity via long-term power purchase agreements that are expected to save the airport more than \$3 million over 25 years.

“We’re thrilled that these two projects will add solar capacity and contribute to DEN’s clean energy future,” said Charles Wheeler, CEO of GREC, a leading owner and operator of sustainable infrastructure and energy efficiency projects. “Our collaboration with one of the busiest airports in the world, where we currently operate several solar assets, is a shining example of the financial and environmental benefits of expanding sustainable infrastructure.”

DEN is committed to a variety of sustainability initiatives to reduce its environmental impacts as it continues to expand, and these solar projects are an example of that pledge to power the airport’s growth with energy that is low-carbon, cost-effective, reliable, and resilient. [Read more](#) about DEN’s commitment to sustainability.

To learn more about Vision 100, visit www.flydenver.com/vision100.

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](#).
