DEN Gets the Green Light to Move Forward with Phase 2

Earlier this month, Denver City Council approved the contract amendment that will allow Denver International Airport (DEN) to move forward with Phase 2 of the Great Hall Project. Phases 1 and 2 combined will stay within the $770M budget and will be complete in mid 2024, as we promised last year.

Although the project will look different than the original design, we will still be able to accomplish the primary goals of the project, which include improved safety and security, greater operational efficiency, more capacity (to match the capacity of the currently being expanded gates) and a better passenger experience. Phase 2 of the project was designed in collaboration with DEN’s airline partners and key stakeholders. The amendment increases Hensel Phelps’ contract for construction by $170 million for a total contract capacity of $365 million. It will expire on April 15, 2024.

While Phase 1 creates new modern ticketing pods for United and Southwest Airlines, Phase 2 focuses primarily on enhancing security and includes these key elements:

- Relocation of the south security checkpoint from Level 5 to the northwest corner of Level 6 (overlooking the north security checkpoint).
- Five security lanes, with more efficient technology added to the new checkpoint.
- The north security on Level 5 will remain but will be fortified with taller surrounding balcony railings to decrease vulnerability.
- The existing A-bridge passenger security checkpoint will remain.
- Relocating the south security checkpoint creates the opportunity to activate the space on Level 5 with new concessions and improved amenities for meeters and greeters, helping us create an inclusive gathering space that celebrates Denver’s rich multicultural heritage as well as that of the passengers we welcome from around the world.
With the recent approval from Denver City Council, we hope to have the contract for Phase 2 executed in early January 2021. Design will begin immediately and construction will start in summer 2021. The overlap with Phase 1 will generate efficiencies. Phase 1 will be complete by the end of 2021 and Phase 2 is scheduled to be complete by mid-2024.

For an inside look at Phase 1 construction on the project, check out our virtual tour. To continue tracking the Great Hall Project progress, check out the dashboard and other updates on the Great Hall page on flydenver.com.

Rendering of New Enclosed Level 6 Checkpoint

Spotlight on Advanced Professional Security

Galen Morrow always had a passion for technology and security. After graduating from Purdue University, Galen worked as a manufacturing engineer at General Motors designing process controls for vehicle security initiatives, back when keyless entry was just introduced to the auto industry. In this role, Galen developed a love for security and technology.

So, when Galen found himself moving back to Colorado, where he was born and raised, he wanted to do something utilizing the skills he had developed.

In 2008, Galen started Advanced Professional Security (APS), a professional security firm incorporating the things that he loved, technology, security and helping his community.

APS has come a long way in 13 years. They have over 140 employees in Denver and are setting up a second location in Arizona with over 15 employees. APS handles everything from vehicle patrols, security personnel, fire watch, risk management and security systems integration.

Galen believes the event that ultimately catapulted APS to success occurred in 2012 when they were selected to be the prime security firm by FEMA under the Presidential Disaster Declaration, for areas in Colorado affected by flooding and natural disaster damages. They deployed over 120 guards stationed in 22 counties throughout Colorado. They received “exceptional” and “very good”
ratings for this work and Galen believes that set his company up for his future work with state and local municipalities.

The Great Hall Project is APS’s first assignment at Denver International Airport, but they have been on the project since day one with the previous builders. APS was able to continue on the project when it was taken over by Hensel Phelps earlier this year. On any given day, APS has 50-60 people working on the Great Hall Project. If you have traveled in the last couple of months, you might have spoken with one of their agents, as they are located throughout the airport, helping passengers navigate around the construction in the terminal. They are also performing fire watch duties on the project.

Galen and APS are certified as a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Small Business Enterprise (SBE), and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and are proud of the work they are doing in the community, “I was born and raised in Colorado and I am so appreciative to be able to work here and help in my hometown. I appreciate the opportunities DEN has provided to us.”

For more information about Advanced Professional Security, visit HERE.

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**DEN and Hensel Phelps Launches Local Business Resource Page**

As construction of the Great Hall Project progresses, DEN remains committed to developing strong partnerships with women- and minority-owned businesses (MWBE). Working collaboratively with the general contractor (Hensel Phelps) to reach and hopefully exceed their 18% MWBE participation goal, DEN has launched a dedicated section on the Great Hall page on flydenver.com to post MWBE opportunities and resources. The page also contains information about Hensel Phelp’s workforce partnership.

Visit Great Hall’s Opportunities page that includes information on:

- Bid opportunities
- Upcoming outreach events
- Business resources including assistance with certification and training opportunities
- Workforce and professional development
- Currently awarded contracts
Hensel Phelps understands the various workforce challenges facing our industry today and is committed to providing opportunities to increase outreach, training, transportation stability and job opportunities for the employment of qualified construction workers.

As Hensel Phelps continues on the project into Phase 2, their need for more certified firms will grow. They continue to host outreach and pre-bid meetings (many virtual since March) to provide opportunities for companies to partner with them at DEN.

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**QR Codes Will Get You Going in the Right Direction**

Travel looks different this year at DEN with new COVID-19 protocols and more construction. To help passengers navigate the Jeppesen Terminal with less contact via their smartphones, DEN has placed QR codes throughout the Terminal.

Passengers can now use the QR codes found on wall maps, ticket counter displays, and yellow directional signage for customized directions around the airport. Scanning the code will take users to the [interactive map](https://flydenver.com) of the entire airport on flydenver.com. From there, travelers can type in their desired location at DEN and the map will use passengers’ current locations to provide step-by-step directions right on their phones.

Over the Thanksgiving holiday, the QR codes were scanned over 600 times, helping passengers get where they needed to go without having face-to-face interactions. DEN is always looking for ways to keep passengers and employees safer during these unprecedented times, and the QR codes are one small way the Great Hall team is doing their part.

Next time you are traveling at DEN, try scanning in a QR code yourself to find the nearest ATM, baggage claim or quickest route to security!