



Media Advisory

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San José Airport to Celebrate “Topping Out” of North Concourse Steel Work

*Norm Mineta comes home to mark the progress for the
first major element of the New Airport for San José*

Event: Former United States Secretary of Transportation Norm Mineta will join the community to celebrate the completion of the 1600-foot long steel framework for the new North Concourse at Mineta San José International on Friday, August 10. The final steel beam for the structure will be hoisted to top out the 380,000-square-foot building.

When: **11:30 a.m., Friday, August 10**

Where: **North Concourse construction site, between Terminal C and International Arrivals Facility, Mineta San José International Airport**

Who: Norm Mineta, former US Secretary of Transportation and former Mayor of San José
Chuck Reed, Mayor of San José, and San José City Councilmembers
Debra Figone, San Jose City Manager
Bill Sherry, San José Director of Aviation
Greg Gilles, Southwest Airlines and Chair, SJC Airport Airlines Advisory Council
Bruce Hoffman, Vice President, Gilbane Building Company

Visuals: Ceremonial signing of the final steel beam and construction crews hoisting the beam into place. Media tours of the site will be available following the event or the day before. Call Airport Media Relations at (408) 501-7700 to arrange.

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Media Parking: Enter the Airport and follow the signs toward Terminal A. Reporters and crews can park in parking area designated for news media south of Terminal A garage. For a map to the media parking area, visit www.sjc.org/newsroom/media_park.pdf.

Background: The North Concourse is the first major component of the Airport’s Terminal Area Improvement Program that will result in a more comfortable, convenient, and competitive airport for San Jose and Silicon Valley when the program is completed in 2010.

The concourse will be part of the new Terminal B that will replace the existing Terminal C in 2010 with a modern facility. It will have nine new commercial aircraft gates and passenger hold rooms, new retail, food and beverage concessions, and state-of-the-art baggage security systems that will enhance traveler experience in San Jose.

Construction on the \$355 million building is scheduled to be completed next year and open for passenger operations in 2009. Gensler designed the facility and Gilbane Building Company is the construction manager.

Phase 1 of the New Airport, projected to cost \$1.3 billion, also includes enhanced customer amenities and operational capability at Terminal A, a new 3400-space garage for rental cars and public parking, and improved Airport roadway circulation.

Over the next several months, Terminal C will be modified as an interim facility with relocation of airline ticket offices within the terminal and a consolidated, more efficient security checkpoint to provide better customer service. In addition this fall, Airport roadways will be altered and short-term parking areas will be relocated and reduced to allow for construction for the new garage, roads, and terminal facilities.

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