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The New Indianapolis Airport will treat international passengers like they're coming home

INDIANAPOLIS – One of the great improvements travelers will experience at the New Indianapolis Airport when it opens in October is that international flights will now arrive at the main passenger terminal, allowing the passengers and their associates to enjoy the full range of airport amenities.

At present, international flights landing at Indianapolis International Airport that need to go through Customs and Border Patrol come to the International Arrivals Building, a small separate terminal located northwest of the main passenger terminal. The inside of the International Arrivals Building is not accessible by those meeting incoming passengers. They must wait outside in the parking lot or at the main terminal, where arriving passengers can be taken by bus.

The new terminal will have two of its 40 gates equipped for international arrivals. These gates are at the west end of Concourse A.

While IND has not had a great deal of international arrivals in the recent past, the airport management hopes that the inclusion of international arrival gates in the new terminal will attract more charters and scheduled flights. In 2007, IND had about 30,000 international arrival passengers out of 4.1 million total deplaning passengers. Flights now come to IND from Cancun and Toronto, although Canadian flights are pre-cleared in Canada.

Indianapolis has a prominent position as a convention and sports center. Many international companies have plants and offices in the area. For those reasons, planners believed upgrading international flight facilities would be important to the development of the new Indianapolis International Airport.

Passengers arriving at these gates will, upon leaving the passenger loading bridge, go down steps, an escalator or an elevator to the lower level of the terminal. They will enter an isolated international arrivals area about 24,250 square feet in size. There, they will go through federal inspections. Similarly, their baggage will be routed to that areas and handled separately from domestic baggage.

The federal inspection facilities have been designed to process 400 incoming passengers an hour – essentially, one Boeing 747 an hour. The Border Patrol will review passport documentation there and process baggage through Customs.

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The facilities also will include isolation rooms for the Centers for Disease Control. Staffing is expected to be 17 for Customs and Border Patrol, with one agent for Fish and Wildlife on an as-needed basis. The Centers for Disease Control areas will be staffed only when conditions require it.

From the lower-level arrivals area, passengers will exit to the southeast corner of the domestic baggage claim area. The area in baggage claim where they will exit will be equipped with monitors specifically for international traffic.

The New Indianapolis Airport is a \$1.1 billion project that includes a new passenger terminal located between the two main runways at Indianapolis International Airport, a new parking structure, new surface parking, a new air traffic control tower, new highway access and other new facilities. The new airport is scheduled to open on October 28, 2008.

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