



Frequently asked questions (FAQs) about the New Indianapolis Airport

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Why are you calling this project “The New Indianapolis Airport?”

Isn't this just an expansion project?

From a passenger's perspective, this project really will be a new airport. The terminal will be entirely new and in an entirely new location. The parking lot and garage will be new. Access to the terminal will be new, via a new interchange on I-70 west of I-465.

Why do we need a new terminal?

The existing terminal is old, with parts dating back almost 50 years. The modern requirements for security, parking, baggage handling, communications and other systems are difficult to satisfy in the building. Also, it's in the wrong place. The new terminal's location between the two main runways will reduce noise and pollution and save taxiing time and fuel.

When will the project be completed?

The new passenger terminal complex is scheduled to open in late 2008. Construction of the new terminal began in July 2005.

How much will this cost and who will pay for it?

The entire project has a budget of about \$1.1 billion. Airport revenues will pay most of the cost from the airlines, retailers, parking and the like. The federal government will contribute some funds for aviation purposes, such as the new control tower. The Indianapolis Airport Authority gets no state or local tax dollars for this project.

I have heard that the airport is putting in a third runway south of I-70. Is that true?

There is no new runway construction in the current project. The airport's Master Plan allows for a third main runway sometime in the future, and the I-70 project now under way will lower the highway to permit an eventual taxiway over the interstate, but that runway is not part of the current project.

What will happen to the existing passenger terminal?

That decision has not yet been made. We do know that all passenger flights, including international arrivals, will come to the new terminal.

Will there be more direct flights to and from Indianapolis at the new terminal?

That's a decision that the airlines will make. It is our hope that the new terminal's space, design and location will encourage air travel to Indianapolis and persuade airlines that direct flights to more destinations will pay off for them.

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