

Maryland Board of Public Works Approves Expedited Procurement for Plan to Improve BWI Marshall Airport

D/E Connector Program Will Support Further International Service and Enhance Passenger Convenience

The Maryland Board of Public Works today approved an expedited procurement request for a major construction program at Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport. The contract approved today will support the main package of construction for the D/E Connector and Security Checkpoint program, a multi-phase development at BWI Marshall that will support further international growth and offer improved services for passengers.

“We thank the Governor, the Treasurer, and the Comptroller for approving this expedited procurement procedure,” said Paul J. Wiedefeld, Chief Executive Officer for BWI Marshall. “The construction schedule is very aggressive to ensure we can accommodate further airline growth at BWI Marshall. This contract will enhance the convenience for our passengers while providing additional opportunities for airline service.”

The D/E Connector and Security Checkpoint program will: construct a new secure connector between Concourse D and Concourse E, create a new security checkpoint to serve domestic and international travelers, and configure airline gates to support additional international flights. Design work on the D/E Connector program will be complete in the near-term, with construction scheduled to begin later this year. Design and construction for the program is expected to cost about \$125 million.

International passenger traffic has grown steadily in recent years at BWI Marshall. International passengers have increased by about 20 percent in each of the past two years. The number of international passengers using BWI Marshall has nearly doubled over the past five years. Further international growth is expected in coming years.

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