

# **Maryland Board of Public Works Approves BWI Marshall Airport D/E Connector Construction Contract**

## **Work Will Improve Passenger Convenience and Support Added International Service**

The Maryland Board of Public Works today unanimously approved a construction procurement for Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport that will lead to the major D/E Connector Program. The Board approved a procurement report for the main construction package that will improve passenger services and accommodate growing international air service.

“This construction contract is another great example that Maryland is open for business,” said Governor Larry Hogan. “By investing in BWI, we are creating jobs and growing the State’s economy with a key project that will meet the increasing demands of expanded international and domestic travel for years to come.”

The multi-phase D/E Connector Program will support additional international service at BWI Marshall. The project will: create a new security checkpoint to serve domestic and international travelers, construct a new secure connector between Concourse D and Concourse E, and configure airline gates to support additional international flights. The main construction package for the D/E Connector Program is a \$105 million contract awarded to the Whiting-Turner Contracting Company. International passenger traffic has grown steadily in recent years at BWI Marshall Airport. A number of airlines are working to add international routes in 2015, and international traffic is expected to expand in coming years. Designed in a year, the D/E Connector Program will provide two additional gates for use by international carriers. The international gates are scheduled to be available for arriving passengers in 2016. The entire project is expected to be completed in 2017.

“We are moving quickly to provide excellent customer service and to accommodate increasing international air service,” said Paul J. Wiedefeld, Chief Executive Officer for BWI Marshall. “We thank the Governor, the Comptroller, and the Treasurer for their support.”

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