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Transformation of JFK International Airport

Grimshaw welcomes the announcement of the transformation of JFK International Airport

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New York, NY — Grimshaw has welcomed Governor Andrew Cuomo’s announcement of a \$13 billion plan to transform JFK International Airport into a world-class 21st century airport including \$12 billion of private investment.

On October 4, Governor Cuomo said, “This historic investment to modernize JFK Airport and the surrounding transportation network will not only ease travel through this major hub, but it will ensure JFK joins the ranks as one of the finest airports in the world.”

The governor’s office noted that in September 2017 a master planning team for the redevelopment of the airport had been selected, led by Mott MacDonald and Grimshaw Architects. The team’s previous master planning and redevelopment projects have included airports in London, Singapore, Hong Kong, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands, Canada, and Australia.

Mark Husser, Managing Partner of Grimshaw said, “We are delighted to have contributed to the Governor and the Port Authority’s initiative to create a world class airport experience at JFK. This redevelopment is critical to the future of New York City and is the first significant step in restoring JFK and New York City to its rightful place on the map as leaders in American and global aviation.”

The \$13 billion announced on October 4 for the revitalization plan includes the following:

- A new terminal complex on south side of the airport, including the replacement of Terminals 1 and 2 with a new 2.9-million-square-foot terminal served by 23 international gates.
- A new terminal complex on north side of airport, including a new 1.2-million-square-foot terminal connected to the existing Terminal 5. The new terminal will offer 12 international gates, all of them able to serve larger wide-body aircraft.
- A request for proposals for Kennedy Central, a new commercial development at the heart of the airport
- Two “ring roads,” a north loop and a south loop, allowing easier access to the airport and the two new terminal complexes.
- Highway improvements designed to ease bottlenecks and reduce travel time from midtown Manhattan.
- A 50% capacity increase for JFK’s AirTrain system, and increased frequency of service.

The first new gates are expected to go into operation in 2023, with the completion of the project in 2025.

JFK Airport supports roughly 300,000 jobs that pay \$16.2 billion in wages each year, while generating \$45.7 billion in yearly sales. The new terminals will create an estimated 9,600 direct jobs, including construction jobs, and more than 15,000 total jobs over the life of the project.

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