

SAN ANTONIO FLIGHT PLAN

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SAN ANTONIO CELEBRATED COMPLETION OF THE AIRPORT'S NEW TERMINAL B

The City of San Antonio celebrated the much anticipated completion of the new Terminal B facility at the San Antonio International Airport (SAT). This milestone facility marked the substantial completion of a broad-based capital improvements program that was laid out in the 1998 Master Plan. The Master Plan identified the need to replace the obsolete eight-gate Terminal 2, which was constructed in the 1950s and expanded in the 1960s. Ground was broken on the new \$109 million, 251,000-square-foot terminal in June 2008.

On October 23, 2010, Mayor Julian Castro hosted

electd federal, state and city officials, as well as nearly 1,700 guests and airport employees, to the day-long celebration that began with a ribbon cutting ceremony. This was not your normal ribbon cutting since a "Human Ribbon" made up of more than 100 airport employees lined up in front of Terminal B holding the ribbon that was cut by the Mayor, Congressmen Lamar Smith and Charles Gonzalez, State Senator Jeff Wentworth, San Antonio District 9 Councilwoman Elisa Chan, District 1 Councilwoman Mary Alice Cisneros, District 7 Councilman Justin Rodriguez, City Manager Sheryl Sculley and Aviation Director Frank R. Miller.



From left to right: Cw Mary Alice Cisneros, Aviation Director Frank Miller, Congressman Charlie Gonzalez, City Manager Sheryl Sculley, Mayor Julian Castro, Cw Elisa Chan, Congressman Lamar Smith, State Senator Jeff Wentworth, Cm Justin Rodriguez

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MORE THAN A NEW TERMINAL WAS CELEBRATED

In addition to Terminal B, there were four major projects included in the overall six-year capital improvement program. The other projects included:

- A \$44 million extension of the dual-level roadway system in front of Terminal A to accommodate passenger pick up and drop off at Terminal B and a future Terminal C;
- A \$30 million Consolidated Baggage Handling System (BHS) facility constructed behind the terminal structures to house the TSA checked-baggage screening equipment;
- A new \$13 million Central Utility Plant (CUP) servicing both terminals and the FAA Control Tower; and
- A \$45 million long-term parking garage that was completed in 2008 and doubled the number of spaces to 5,566.

As part of the overall Airport Expansion Program, a new wayfinding system was implemented. All building interior and exterior directional signage and roadway signage directing passengers to the airport terminals and parking facilities underwent a major facelift and now reflect the new Terminal B and the name change of Terminal 1 to Terminal A.

About 12,000 square feet of the new terminal is devoted to retail and concessions. Offerings include four major food establishments. The three food venues are Sbarro's, Charley's Grilled Subs and Alamo Alehouse & Gourmet Burgers, all of which are located in the food court just past the security check point. Green Beans coffee kiosk can also be found in the food court. Rosario's Mexican Café Y Cantina is a fourth restaurant and is located in the concourse gate area. A combined Starbuck's Coffee and R Sala Bebida Botana Bar

can be found at the end of the concourse between Gates 5, 6, 7 and 8. Three specialty retail shops – Bon du Monde, InMotion and Stars of San Antonio – and three news and sundries shops, operated by Host International Inc. under the names of San Antonio Express News and Texas Monthly, round out the shopping experience awaiting Terminal B passengers.

On display in Terminal B is a masterful integration of art and architecture that includes two permanent public art installations. Suspended above the escalators at the east end of the terminal lobby is a massive sculpture titled "Lumen" by Seattle-based artist Ann Gardner. The large sun-like circular band sculpture measures 16 feet in diameter and is comprised of a series of spiraling loops. The surface of the sculpture is a shimmering mosaic of gold-leafed glass tiles. Gardner designed this piece to take advantage of light emanating from the terminal skylights while using imagery of the sun to honor San Antonio's wonderful climate.

A second public artwork in Terminal B features designs created by local artist Rolando Briseño and integrated into the concourse windows and terrazzo floors. Briseño's series of window silk-screened treatments depict historic doorways and architectural portals that can be discovered throughout San Antonio. Briseño's terrazzo floor designs along the center of the eight-gate concourse starts and ends with medallion-like motifs that recall Meso-American illustrations of the "Four Directions," which also are known as the cardinal points. The "Four Directions" motifs are tied together by ribbons in colors of red and yellow-orange. This public art piece evokes the sense that the airport functions as a gateway to San Antonio's historic sites.



CLEARED FOR TAKE OFF: FIRST FLIGHTS BEGAN ON NOVEMBER 9, 2010



The City's Aviation Department worked closely with contractors, airlines and concessionaires to ensure a smooth transition from the old Terminal 2 to the new Terminal B. With a well orchestrated overnight changeover, Terminal B successfully and seamlessly began operations.

First flights departed from the San Antonio International Airport's new eight-gate Terminal B

facility on November 9, 2010. Terminal B was opened for business, and Terminal 1 was then re-named Terminal A. Terminal B is now home to Continental Airlines and American Airlines. The first official flight from the new Terminal B was Continental Airlines' 5:45 a.m. flight # 278 to Houston, followed closely by American Airlines' flight # 1157 to Dallas at 6:00 a.m.

COMING NEXT

While the new Terminal B was completed on time and on budget, there is still work to be done, including demolishing Terminal 2 and removing the TSA baggage screening stations in the Terminal A lobby. Clearing out the Terminal A lobby area is anticipated to occur by June 1, 2011. This action will free up the lobby for improved passenger circulation and provide travelers a more convenient method of checking bags directly with the airline.

Upon completion of the Terminal 2 demolition in 2011, the site will facilitate construction of additional aircraft parking apron and, around 2020 or at such time as passenger growth requires additional gates, will likely be the future home of a new Terminal C. Terminal A is slated to undergo \$25 million in renovations. The process to hire an architect for development of design and engineering documents will be initiated during the first half of 2011, with actual construction work to begin in 2012.



San Antonio Conventions & Events

During the second quarter of 2011, the City of San Antonio will host more than 109 conventions with over 76,900 delegates. Among the visitors to San Antonio will be:

DATES	ORGANIZATIONS	DELEGATES
April 12-14	Texas Retired Teachers Association	1,000
April 13-16	American Association of Endodontists	4,000
April 30-May 5	American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association	1,000
May 5-8	Texas Dental Association	12,335
May 17-20	Voluntary Protection Program Participants' Association	1,500
May 22-25	Government Finance Officers Association	4,043
June 4-8	Society of Nuclear Medicine	10,000
June 18-21	Credit Union National Association	2,000
June 27-30	Association of the US Army	2,200

SAT CALENDAR YEAR-TO-DATE STATS

	Through Sept. '09	Through Sept. '10	Change %
Domestic Boardings	2,862,747	2,941,097	2.7
International Boardings	49,366	54,935	11.3
Charter Boardings	4,758	7,119	49.6
Total Boardings	2,916,871	3,003,151	3.0
Total All Passengers	5,853,970	5,998,855	2.4
Total Freight (lbs)	139,022,218	156,560,699	12.6
Total Mail (lbs)	46,532,095	46,950,159	0.9

