



## Press Release

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### **Terminal building immerses as construction continues**

*St. George, UT.*- After 20 years in the making, the dream of an airport that will meet the needs of the future is becoming a reality. The existing airport atop the Black Hill Mesa cannot be expanded and therefore has looming safety problems. It will never be able to accommodate passenger jets and has limited services or potential for expanded economic activity. Moving to a new site solves all of those problems. It places the city in the position to receive jets and the improved service of serving more destinations at greater distances, as well as the comfort and convenience they bring. The city is currently working to attract more air carriers as well.

“The new airport will be a state-of-the art, premier quality facility that will reflect the progressiveness and vibrancy of the community”, said Public Works Director Larry Bulloch. We are making substantial progress right now, with nine contracts going on simultaneously”. Total progress in terms of dollars has reached the \$100 million mark on the \$160 million dollar program. The Replacement Airport program is on schedule and under the current projected budget amount.

Hundreds of photos of the construction are on display on the replacement airport website at [www.sguconstruction.com](http://www.sguconstruction.com) for those interested. Additionally, three webcams at the construction site give Internet users a real time view of the progress being made on a 24/7 basis. From aerial views one can see the outline of the runway and taxiways, and the terminal building budding from the site. As final grading comes to a close, runway

and taxiway lighting projects are set to begin shortly, followed by asphalt paving this spring.

The most exciting part of the work is the \$6.2 million terminal. With the steel framing complete, the image of a structure is emerging. The terminal features an observation deck, a canyon-like corridor, an interior garden and a greeting area that will be very welcoming. By spring the interior walls will be in place and the building will be complete in the fall of 2010.

Construction of the fire station will begin in early 2010 and be complete by late fall 2010. Parking and landscaping improvements around the terminal will be done this summer.

Several contracts are under way for extension of roads and utilities to the site. UDOT is projecting completion of the airport's main access, the \$100 million Southern Parkway, to be open well before startup of airport operations, is slated for early 2010.

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