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SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL EXPANSION PROJECT PHASE 2 SET TO START OCTOBER 2024

FORT MYERS, Fla. (Sept. 30, 2024) – The Lee County Port Authority will begin Southwest Florida International Airport’s Terminal Expansion Phase 2 on Oct. 1, 2024, following the Board of Port Commissioners approval for the construction and total budget for the project on Sept. 5, 2024. The more than \$1 billion project will add 14 additional gates on a new concourse to meet the anticipated increase in passengers at RSW, as identified in the Master Plan Update.

“Southwest Florida International Airport is the front door to our community and supports travel, business and tourism in our region,” said Steven C. Hennigan, C.M., A.C.E., executive director and CEO of the Lee County Port Authority. “We appreciate the support from the Board of Port Commissioners and are ready to start this essential project to expand and enhance RSW’s capacity, which will be critical to our ability to meet the air service demands of Southwest Florida for many years to come.”

The scope of work for this project includes expansion of the airport terminal on all three levels to include a new ticketing lobby and Bag Claim area; new Baggage Handling System; a new Concourse E with 14 initial gates and the infrastructure to support 19 gates in the future. Concourse E will include a new Transportation Security Checkpoint and expanded retail and food & beverage concessions; airside improvements; chiller plant building upgrades; and, road and curbside improvements that will reconfigure and expand terminal access roadways.

The project is being funded by airport revenue bonds (GARB), federal grants from the Federal Aviation Administration, Passenger Facility Charges and state grants from the Florida Department of Transportation. No ad valorem (property) taxes are used for airport operations or construction.

Southwest Florida International Airport served more than 10 million passengers in 2023 and is one of the top 50 U.S. airports for passenger traffic. For more information, visit flylcpa.com or facebook.com/flyRSW.