

## DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

# MEDIA UPDATE

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### **MAYOR HICKENLOOPER AND OTHER OFFICIALS GET PREVIEW OF DIA'S NEW REGIONAL JET FACILITY**

#### ***United Airlines will begin using the facility April 24***

Mayor John Hickenlooper and congressional and city council officials got a preview Monday of Denver International Airport's new regional jet facility at the east end of Concourse B. United Airlines has leased the facility, and its United Express subsidiaries will begin using it for regional jet operations on April 24.

"This facility represents the long-time partnership between Denver and United Airlines, which predates most of us in this room," Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper said during a tour of the new complex. "Secondly, these new gates represent Denver's role ... as a gateway to the Rocky Mountain West and the western Great Plains."

United Express flights from DIA serve eight Colorado cities, including Steamboat Springs, Durango, Grand Junction and Montrose. And regional flights from DIA connect Denver to about 40 cities in seven surrounding states.

"We are happy to be here today and thank DIA for the cooperative effort in constructing this new facility. This represents another step in our overall strategy to improve our United Express product by providing easier connections, new amenities and an overall improved travel experience for our customers," said Alexandria Marren, Vice President of Operational Services, United Express for United.

The 16-gate facility, which has 13 loading bridges designed to accommodate 50- and 70-seat regional jet aircraft, is a vast improvement over most commuter airline facilities, where passengers have to trek across the tarmac in all kinds of weather and board the plane via portable stairs.

The RJ facility features comfortable hold-room seating for passengers, restrooms, and several concessions that are new to DIA. The new concessions are Connections Newsstand, Heidi's Brooklyn Deli, New Belgium Brewing Co., and Starbucks.

DIA built the RJ facility as part of an agreement under which United will consolidate all of its operations on Concourse B. Five Concourse A gates previously used by United's Ted subsidiary will now be available for expansion of Concourse A airlines.

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