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DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT UNVEILS REVISED DESIGN CONCEPT FOR SOUTH TERMINAL REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

DENVER, CO — January 18, 2012 — Today Denver International Airport (DIA) unveiled a revised design concept for the South Terminal Redevelopment Program. The Program is made up of independent yet physically integrated projects, which include the construction of a planned 500-room Westin hotel and conference center, an RTD FasTracks commuter rail station and improvements to the existing concourse baggage and train systems. In addition, the program includes an open-air plaza, complete with new concessions and leasable space, which connects the development to the existing Jeppesen Terminal.

The new design is very similar to the concept that was revealed in July 2010. DIA's architectural design team – led by Gensler Architects, along with AndersonMasonDale Architects - maintained all of the critical Program elements and refined the original Santiago Calatrava rendering, removing signature elements that were unique to his vision. Design changes include:

- A reduction in the overall square footage of the Program;
- A reduction in the size of the train station and the amount of structural steel planned for that project;
- The train station platform canopy has been extended and its shape and look-and-feel have been revised;
- The hotel will be one floor shorter than the original and has a more efficient design;
- The current design will be built to meet a \$500 million budget, rather than the original estimated cost of \$650 million.

“This design affords us a number of efficiencies and cost savings and is still visually stunning,” said Aviation Manager Kim Day. “We are still on track to turn the train station over to RTD for testing at the start of 2014, and open our new hotel in 2015.”

Construction on the South Terminal Redevelopment Program has already begun. Crews began crucial utility and access work in the fall of 2011. The South Terminal Redevelopment Program is expected to create nearly 1,000 jobs, including 600 - 700 construction and design jobs and 250 permanent hotel jobs, and will generate approximately \$2 million in annual tax revenues for the City and County of Denver's General Fund.

To download a PDF of the revised design concept, go to: <http://business.flydenver.com/southterminal>.

Denver International Airport is the 10th-busiest airport in the world and the fifth-busiest airport in the United States. With more than 50 million passengers traveling through the airport each year, DIA is one of the busiest airline hubs in the world's largest aviation market. DIA is the primary economic engine for the state of Colorado, generating more than \$22 billion for the region annually. For more information, visit www.flydenver.com. Check out the Airport's YouTube channel by visiting <http://www.youtube.com/user/DenversAirport> and become our fan on www.facebook.com/denverinternationalairport.

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