NORTH SATELLITE MODERNIZATION

Bigger, Bolder, and Brighter North Satellite is Now Open

The North Satellite, home of the N gates, is fully open—and just in time for summer travel this week! Originally expected to open in the Q3 2021, the airport and its partners opened the renovated building ahead of schedule on June 29 with 10 more passenger gates, new restrooms, landmark public art installations,
and the Marketplace at N with a stage for live performances and open seating with airfield views.

If you're not flying anytime soon, experience the new North Satellite with a tour from Project Leader Ken Warren in the video above.

**What's Next:** Later this summer, more dining and retail options like Tundra Taqueria, SEA Roast Coffee House, Pike & Pine, and Filson open! And that's a big deal while airport businesses are recovering from the pandemic.

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**Hidden Sustainability Features of the New North Satellite**

At Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA), you may have noticed our favorite color is green. With the expansion and renovation of the North Satellite, green features can be found behind the scenes – from harvesting rainwater to heating the facility with renewable natural gas.

In fact, when you add up all the sustainability strategies and green building improvements at the new facility, the [North Satellite Modernization project](#) is on track to achieve a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. [Keep reading →](#)
What 2.1 Million Labor Hours Looks Like

Since work began in June 2016, 2.1 million labor hours have shaped the North Satellite you see today. This project has meant more local jobs and workforce training during a challenging time for many and spurred economic opportunity to support regional recovery.

Over 25 percent of the work on this project was performed by people of color and 20 percent by apprentices. And, more than $100 million of construction dollars were spent utilizing small business enterprises, of which $16.5 million went to minority- or women-owned businesses.

To celebrate the completion and an early opening of the North Satellite Modernization project, relive some of the big moments in construction over the last four years. Keep reading→

INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS FACILITY

Smart Systems Come Online at New International Arrivals Facility
To keep travelers informed, connected, and safe, the International Arrival Facility (IAF) will feature the latest technologies and special systems that improve the passenger experience and maintain critical airport-wide communications and security.

For example, half of the 300 doors at the IAF are equipped with proprietary hardware, software, and cameras to protect access to secure areas. There are 170 displays in the IAF alone to keep travelers updated on flight, gate, and baggage information on SEA's largest display screens. And, there’s more info at your fingertips with upgraded WIFI. Improved coverage and better infrastructure supports the newest generation wireless access points (WAPs) offering greater bandwidth and faster data transfer rates.

Before the end of the year, an advanced aircraft docking technology (Safedock) will be implemented at every passenger gate for faster airline turn times, less fuel consumption, and increased safety. Safedock uses lasers and safety apron management hardware and software to direct the pilot crew into a correct docking position at their gate.

What’s Next: New spaces like the Grand Hall and International Corridor require several activities to prepare both staff and facilities for a successful opening. SEA's Operational Readiness, Activation, and Transition (ORAT) team will oversee IAF operational trials to validate new systems, equipment, and processes with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, airline partners, and other stakeholders before opening later this year.
Signals to Improve Cell Lot

Construction is underway at the cell phone lot, just north of SEA's Main Terminal. Using a segment of the old Airport Expressway, the project will construct a direct access route to the cell phone lot that separates traffic from congestion on S. 170th Street. An improved traffic signal, cell phone lot reconfiguration, and roadway and traffic safety improvements along S. 170th Street and Air Cargo Road are also planned. Learn more→

Are Underway

With over 12,000 stalls across eight floors in the SEA parking garage, it can still be a challenge to find an open spot quickly. An Automated Parking Guidance System (APGS) is being installed and will mark every single stall with a colored light sensor to help you find available parking quickly. The project will nearly double the number of EV charging stations and increase charging capacity to 240 volts. Learn more→

Pro Tips on Running a Business in the Ups and Downs

Many openings were delayed due to COVID-19 impacts like construction slowdowns and low passenger volumes that impacted the bottom lines of SEA dining and retail tenants. Many families and businesses have had to adapt to the pandemic's new challenges. Donata Russell Ross, CEO of Concessions

Plan Ahead with SEA's Summer Travel Guide 2021

The pandemic paused leisure travel for the last year. And rightly so. While you were away, the operations and facilities at SEA airport evolved to keep you safe. Things like masks are mandatory regardless of vaccination status and breathe easier knowing an air filtration system at SEA
International, shares sage business advice from her experiences over the last year.

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Bid Opportunities

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Learn About Upcoming Projects

Interested in doing business at SEA Airport? Join a PortGen workshop for small, women- and minority-owned, and disadvantaged businesses. Hear from Port staff, learn about new projects, and network with other businesses. Check out what’s coming up or catch up on past presentations.

- **June** – PortGen: Industry Day
- **July** – Planes, Trains, and Automobiles – Session 2
- **August** – PortGen: Capital Projects

Did you know?
The North Satellite hosts the first integrated pet relief area at SEA, featuring restroom-grade ventilation, a sink to wash hands, and a tap to fill water bowls.

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