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SMITH FIELD AIRPORT

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Fort Wayne International Airport Awarded \$13.8 Million FAA Grant for East Terminal Expansion Project

Fort Wayne, Ind. – Fort Wayne International Airport (FWA) has been awarded a \$13.8 million grant through the Department of Transportation (DOT) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) – Airport Terminals Program. The grant will be used for the airport’s upcoming \$60 million East Terminal Expansion Project, which is planned to begin in March 2023.

FWA’s East Terminal Expansion will come on the heels of the current, ongoing West Terminal Expansion and Rehabilitation Project which broke ground in June 2021. Among the upgrades currently being worked on with the West Expansion are; expanded airline ticketing areas, new baggage handling system, two brand new gates, new jet bridges, new children’s play area, new multi-sensory room, modernized front façade and interior, mother’s room, and more. The East Expansion will move our focus to the East portion of the terminal building which is not included in present construction.

“We are excited to be a recipient of the FAA and DOT Bipartisan Infrastructure Law grant.” Said Scott Hinderman, Executive Director of Airports. “As we continue construction on the West Terminal Expansion Project, being able to immediately enter work on the East Terminal Expansion Project will allow for us to continue creating a brand new FWA, and the best front door for our growing community.”

The East Terminal Expansion Project will focus on the Eastern portion of the terminal building beginning at the upper concourse prior to Gate 5

Key Highlights

- Fort Wayne International Airport (FWA) has been awarded a \$13.8 million FAA grant
- This grant is part of the DOT and FAA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law – Airport Terminals Program
- FWA will begin the East Terminal Expansion Project in March 2023 and is a part of Project Gateway
- The East Expansion Project will follow the current West Terminal Expansion and Rehabilitation Project

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and including both airside and landside expansion and enhancements. Among the items in the scope of work are; relocating all aircraft gates and passenger boarding bridges to the second floor, relocating and expanding the TSA security checkpoint, additional restrooms and mother's rooms, additional service animal relief area, expanded accessibility features, new meeter and greeter space, upgraded building systems, creation of a frequent flyer lounge, and more. This project will also improve safety and operations by increasing aircraft taxiway separation from the terminal building.

FWA is one of only two Indiana airports to receive funding from the competitive Airport Terminals Program within the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This is largely in part to the efforts of Representative Jim Banks, Senator Mike Braun, and Senator Todd Young, who have worked alongside Fort Wayne-Allen County Airport Authority staff to secure funding. The Airport Authority thanks them for their continued support and partnership.

The East Terminal Expansion Project will be a part of Project Gateway, which has included the West Terminal Expansion and Rehabilitation Project, Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project, Rental Car Return Lot Canopy Expansion and Renewable Solar Energy Project, and the East and West Terminal Apron Improvement Project. More information and updates can be found at [Project Gateway | Fort Wayne Airport Authority \(fwairport.com\)](https://www.fwairport.com/project-gateway)

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About Fort Wayne-Allen County Airport Authority

The Fort Wayne-Allen County Airport Authority (FWACAA) was created in 1985 and is responsible for managing the Fort Wayne International Airport and Smith Field Airport. The airport authority is governed by a six-member board appointed by the Mayor of Fort Wayne and the Allen County Commissioners. Serving northeast Indiana and the surrounding region, FWA offers nonstop service to 14 cities on four airlines. In 2019, FWA served 791,810 passengers –the tenth year of consecutive growth. As a result of FWACAA's commitment to customer service, Fort Wayne International Airport was recognized by USA Today as one of the friendliest airports in the nation. For more information about the Fort Wayne-Allen County Airport Authority, visit www.FWAairport.com.