



American Airlines Announces Expansion of DFW Airport Terminal C

Description

American Airlines and DFW International Airport inaugurated an extension of Terminal C on Monday, marking a significant upgrade for the airline's largest hub. This 115,000-square-foot expansion is crucial in enhancing operations and customer experience.

The extension includes five renovated gates and four newly constructed ones. American Airlines began using two of these gates, C33 and C34, a few months prior, according to Jim Moses, the airline's senior vice president of hub operations. Early access to these gates allowed staff to acclimatise to the new setting, which features advanced technology and revised operational processes.

The remaining gates will gradually join flight operations, American Airlines confirmed. This extension showcases innovative features, such as dynamic windows that adjust with sunlight, diverse seating options, and power outlets at every seat. The layout also utilises ceiling lighting to distinguish boarding areas from seating zones. Electronic boarding gates, already trialled in Terminal A, are now a prominent part of the new design.

Moses highlighted that the new pier represents the future of Terminal C. With the opening of this extension, it will be possible to close some older gates for renovation. American Airlines accounts for over 80% of operations at DFW, executing nearly 200 daily departures from Terminal C. Notably, if Terminal C were a standalone airport, it would rank fifth largest for American Airlines by departures.

The innovative construction method used for the pier allowed modular sections to be built off-site and transported to the airport, reducing project time by over seven months. Terminal C's extension is the first step in a broader \$12 billion improvement plan, which includes upgrades to Terminal A and the introduction of Terminal F, the first new terminal in over two decades.

Vocabulary List:

1. **inaugurated** //ɪˈnɔːɡjəˌreɪtɪd// (verb): formally open or begin a building or service
2. **extension** //ɪkˈstɛnʃən// (noun): a new part added to something existing
3. **acclimatise** //əˈklaɪməˌtaɪz// (verb): get used to a new place or situation
4. **modular** //ˈmɒdʒələr// (adjective): made of separate parts that join
5. **dynamic** //daɪˈnæmɪk// (adjective): changing often or showing a lot of energy
6. **renovation** //ˌrɛnəˈveɪʃən// (noun): work to repair and improve a building



Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What is the size of the new expansion for Terminal C?
Option: 100,000 square feet
Option: 115,000 square feet
Option: 120,000 square feet
Option: 130,000 square feet
2. How many renovated gates are included in the extension?
Option: Three renovated gates
Option: Four renovated gates
Option: Five renovated gates
Option: Six renovated gates
3. Who is the senior vice president of hub operations for American Airlines?
Option: Jim Moses
Option: John Smith
Option: Emily Davis
Option: Michael Johnson
4. What innovative feature adjusts with sunlight?
Option: Dynamic windows
Option: Electronic boarding gates
Option: Power outlets
Option: Ceiling lighting
5. What percentage of operations at DFW does American Airlines account for?
Option: 70%
Option: 75%
Option: 80%
Option: 85%
6. What is the total budget for the improvement plan?
Option: \$10 billion



- Option: \$12 billion
- Option: \$15 billion
- Option: \$20 billion

True-False

- 7. The extension includes only two newly constructed gates.
- 8. American Airlines executed nearly 250 daily departures from Terminal C.
- 9. The new pier allows for older gates to be closed for renovation.
- 10. Modular sections of the extension were built on-site.
- 11. Terminal F is the first new terminal at DFW in over two decades.
- 12. The extension marks a small upgrade for American Airlines.

Gap-Fill

- 13. The extension of Terminal C is _____ square feet.
- 14. American Airlines will gradually use the remaining gates in the extension, which includes four _____ constructed ones.
- 15. The layout of Terminal C features ceiling lighting to distinguish between boarding areas and _____ zones.
- 16. In the new design, electronic boarding gates have already been trialled in Terminal _____.
- 17. American Airlines accounts for over _____ of the operations at DFW.
- 18. The improvement plan for DFW is budgeted at _____ billion.



Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 115,000 square feet 2. Five renovated gates 3. Jim Moses 4. Dynamic windows 5. 80%
6. \$12 billion

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. True 12. False

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