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## **FAA Awards \$5.7 Million to Renovate and Expand Baggage Claim at Palm Springs International Airport**

**Palm Springs, California** – An expanded and renovated baggage claim will soon be coming to Palm Springs International Airport (PSP) thanks to \$5.7 million awarded to the airport from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law yesterday.

Last winter, airport staff applied for grant funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - Airport Terminal Program. Yesterday, the Department of Transportation notified the airport that PSP was awarded \$5.7 million to help fund the design and construction work needed to expand and renovate the airport's baggage claim. The expansion of the baggage claim was originally planned to begin in 2025, but the airport is now able to accelerate the project thanks to this grant.

“As air travel to our valley continues to grow, these funds will help us address the over-capacity issues we’re experiencing in our baggage claim,” said Harry Barrett, Executive Director of Aviation. “The baggage claim project is just one of the many projects we are undertaking to address current issues with the terminal as part of our efforts to create a world-class airport for Palm Springs.”

Highlights of the project will include:

- Expansion of the building footprint to increase passenger circulation areas
- New and larger baggage return systems that will increase system capacity
- Replacement of all flooring
- Infrastructure including electrical, mechanical, and HVAC systems
- Relocation of car rental service desks & some airline Baggage Service Offices
- Updates to the public announcement, Bag Information Display, and security systems



Staff at the Airport is now working with the FAA to understand funding timelines and begin the process of securing a design consultant to assist with planning the baggage claim improvements.

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#### **ABOUT PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

Palm Springs International Airport (PSP) is owned and operated by the City of Palm Springs and is the only commercial service airport in the Coachella Valley. The airport's 12 air carriers provide nonstop service to more than 30 airports in season. US nonstop routes include Atlanta, Austin, Bellingham, Bend/Redmond, Boise, Chicago O'Hare, Dallas Love, Dallas/Fort Worth, Denver, Des Moines, Eugene, Everett, Houston, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New York City-JFK, Oakland, Phoenix, Portland, Reno, Sacramento, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Rosa, and Seattle. Canadian nonstop routes include Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, Vancouver, and Winnipeg. PSP is served by Air Canada, Alaska, Allegiant, Avelo, American, Delta, Flair, JetBlue, Southwest, Sun Country, United, and WestJet. Some airlines and routes operate only on a seasonal basis.

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