

Will Rogers World Airport

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Arrival Roadway Officially Opens to Traveling Public

OKLAHOMA CITY – Will Rogers World Airport has reached another milestone in its terminal expansion project. The arrival roadway, located on the lower level and next to the terminal, officially opens for public use today. This long-awaited opening will once again return the convenience of picking up passengers right in front of the building.



Both the upper and lower roadways were closed for nearly two years to facilitate the expansion of the front of the terminal building and curbside area. Much of the old roadway had to be demolished and new lanes rebuilt to accommodate the expansion. The upper, or departure roadway, opened last October.

Security regulations will still prohibit visitors from parking or leaving their vehicles unattended in this area.

Now that all private vehicular traffic is operating in the permanent locations, the transportation plaza, where pick up and drop off traffic was temporarily routed, will revert to its original function. All public transportation including taxis, shuttles vans, hotel courtesy vehicles, limousines and busses will use the plaza.

The roadway opening is just one of several events that citizens can look forward to in the coming weeks. In the next month, the airport will see the opening of the new Southwest Airlines gates, the new American Airlines ticket counter and baggage claim, the opening of Schlotsky's, Sbarro, Sonic and The Big 12 Shop. The dedication of the bronze statue of Will Rogers is scheduled for May 5, 2005.

In addition, Delta Airlines will move their ticket counter, gates and baggage claim to temporary locations in the new sections of the building.

Of course, as new areas open and others close for their scheduled renovations, several new routes for pedestrians will be put in place. It is important that visitors to the airport look for signs to help direct them and allow enough time to navigate through construction.

The opening of the roadway is part of the Oklahoma City Airport Trust's \$110 million expansion/renovation project. The project expands the terminal building in all four directions and totally renovates the areas that remain. The bulk of the project is slated for completion in December 2005.

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