

Will Rogers World Airport

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Terminal Expansion Schematic Designs Reviewed

OKLAHOMA CITY - A gateway to the city of Oklahoma City. That's how airport officials and designers describe the new Will Rogers World Airport terminal.

Schematic concepts for the expansion and modification of the Will Rogers World Airport terminal were reviewed today by the Oklahoma City airport trust.

The designs were presented to the trust by the terminal expansion team and depict a terminal that will be more spacious, more efficient and showcase the city and state to the traveling public.

"The concepts are impressive," airport director, Luther Trent said. "This team has done a tremendous amount of work evaluating the needs of the airport, the airlines, the community, and most importantly, the air traveler. The result is a design that maximizes passenger-visitor convenience and captures the character and images of the city and state."

Lance Benham, of The Benham Group made the presentations to the Trust. The basic concept "straightens out" the terminal by adding to the front and rear of the existing building, adding two new concourses to the east and west, and removing the existing concourses.

"We wanted to accomplish several things with our design," says principal-in-charge Lance Benham. "We

wanted to maintain the positive aspects of the existing terminal, like its quick-in, quick-out character. We wanted to open things up, giving a feeling of openness and light. And we wanted to create a modern, timeless building. I think we've managed to do all of those things.”

Final construction documents on the terminal project are expected to be completed and put out to bid late next summer. Actual construction on the terminal will begin once a contract is awarded to a successful bidder. Construction is expected to last three to five years.

“I'm very enthusiastic with what I see” Trent said. “The new Will Rogers terminal will be a great asset not only to travelers, but to the community of Oklahoma City.”