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NEWS RELEASE

EPIA Upgrading Checked Baggage Inspection System

Temporary Checked Bag Drop-Off Area to Be Set Up During Construction

EL PASO, TEXAS – To better serve travelers, the El Paso International Airport (EPIA) is constructing a new Checked Baggage Inspection Screening System (CBIS).

As part of the two-year construction project, the existing checked baggage inspection system located behind the airline ticket counter will be rebuilt. A temporary checked bag drop off location has been set up in the main lobby of the airport terminal to screen baggage during the construction period.

IMPACT TO TRAVELERS

- Commencing June 6, 2016, Checked Baggage will no longer be dropped off at the airline ticket counter for duration of the project
- Travelers with checked baggage must first check in at airline ticket counter prior to dropping bags off at the Checked Bag Drop location
- After checking in at airline ticket counter, travelers will drop checked bags off at the temporary Checked Bag Drop location in the main lobby of the airport terminal
- Travelers will need to allow for extra time during peak travel times; it is recommended to arrive at least 2 hours prior to flight's departure time.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The \$32 million project will enhance the security and baggage screening capabilities at the airport. It will centralize the checked bag screening process and make it more efficient by speeding up the time it takes to inspect checked baggage before it is loaded onto airplanes. The project is funded by the Passenger Facility Charge, Airport Enterprise funds and the Transportation and Security Administration (TSA).

The CBIS upgrade and expansion will feature:

- An enclosed nearly 32,000 square foot structure to protect screening machines and personnel from the elements
- Capability to screen a higher volume of baggage in a shorter amount of time
- The ability to activate additional curbside conveyor lines for future airline expansion
- Enhanced machine reliability-currently if a machine goes down, baggage must be moved to another machine which can cause delays.

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