



New Runways

Customer Benefits:

The additional runways will provide needed airfield capacity and help to avoid aircraft delays at the Airport.

Project Description:

When Dulles Airport was built in the 1960's, the three-runway configuration allowed for smooth aircraft operations for the volume of traffic at that time. However, land was available for an additional fourth runway and, in recent years, land was acquired for a fifth runway to meet increased demand. With more than 509,000 aircraft operations at Dulles in 2005, expanding the current three-runway system became a necessity.



This project adds a fourth runway to the airfield at Dulles Airport.

The fourth runway is a north-south runway, approximately 9,400 feet long and 150 feet wide, while the future fifth runway will be an east-west runway approximately 10,500 feet long and 150 feet wide and both will include high-speed exit taxiways and will be equipped with an instrument landing system and associated lighting systems.

The fourth runway was designated "Runway 1 Left/19 Right" in advance of its opening. The original 1L/19R runway was re-designated "1 Center/19 Center" at that time. When the fourth runway opens Dulles will be capable of handling three parallel, simultaneous aircraft landings or takeoffs.

Contractors for Fourth Runway:

- Design:** Carter and Burgess
- Construction:** Lane Construction Co.

Operational Date: November 2008

Fifth Runway: Not Currently Scheduled

