



## News Release

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### **NEW PERMANENT GATES OPENING AT DULLES AIRPORT**

#### **East Z-Gates to serve US Airways passengers**

(Dulles, VA) – A new, convenient set of airline gates—attached directly to the Main Terminal at Washington Dulles International Airport—will open to passengers on August 1<sup>st</sup>. The new “Z-Gates,” located just beyond the main security checkpoints, will be the new Dulles home of flights by US Airways. These gates are configured to accommodate up to four US Airways A320 jet aircraft, and a Subway sandwich shop will open in this area at the end of August.

Concourse Z is designed to replace the temporary “T-gates” which previously operated at this site. Giuliani Associates Architects, PC drew the plans for this \$18.6 million, 20,800-square-foot structure, and Facchina Construction Company completed the build-out. The overall program cost for the East Z-Gates is \$26.4 million. Phase 2 of the East Z-Gates will build additional gates to the east of the new facility to accommodate up to three narrowbody jets or five commuter aircraft.

“We are pleased to make travel more convenient for our customers at Washington Dulles,” said Jim Bennett, President/CEO of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. “Travelers who took flights from the old T-Gates will surely appreciate the improvements brought to life by the new Z-gates.”

The facility is composed of a steel frame structure supported by a concrete base. The palette of exterior materials was chosen to complement the Main Terminal, including bush-hammered concrete, “Dulles” gray metal trim and structural elements, and gray-tinted glass set into simple framing. The architectural interior finishes are comparable to those in the Main Terminal and include: terrazzo flooring for public corridors; carpet for departure lounges and perforated metal ceiling panels with gypsum board reveals. The height profile of the concourse was strategically built to preserve the view of the adjacent Main Terminal complex.

This new concourse is part of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority’s Dulles Development Program (d2), a \$3.4 billion construction program to enhance the airport’s facilities into the future. Other d2 construction currently underway includes an underground Airport Train System, a 12-gate extension to Concourse B, roadway improvements, and a new Airport Traffic Control Tower.

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PHOTOS:



Z-gates interior view, Photo credit: Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority



Z-gates typical jetbridge, with Dulles Airport Traffic Control Tower in background. Photo credit: Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority