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Airports Authority Testing New Airport Train System at Dulles; Completing Stations and New Security Screening Facility

AeroTrain to Begin Passenger Service in 2009

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority has begun testing the AeroTrain, the new people mover system at Washington Dulles International Airport. Along with the new 3-mile on-airport train system, the Airports Authority is completing four underground train stations and an entirely new passenger security screening facility in the Main Terminal. AeroTrain service is scheduled to begin next year.

The Airports Authority hosted a media tour on August 18 to provide a photo opportunity of the new AeroTrain in action and an update of the Airports Authority's ongoing capital development program called D2, Dulles Development. The D2 program has been in progress since 2001 with nearly \$3 billion dollars invested in airport improvements to date.

Said James E. Bennett, President and Chief Executive Officer, "We have made great progress in constructing our new airport train system. Our passengers and employees will benefit in 2009 when they are able to ride this new fast and comfortable addition to the passenger transport system at Dulles.

"The Airports Authority continues to improve both of our airports through investment in our facilities with the majority of the investment to adapt and expand Dulles Airport to keep our region's major international gateway an attractive, functional and modern airport. Our challenge has always been to use this great resource of land on which Dulles sits for its best aviation purposes and to set the correct pace for development of our facilities and airfield."

Today, the Main Terminal building at Dulles has two levels: Departures (for ticket counters and security screening), and Arrivals (for bag claim and exiting to the parking lot in front of the Terminal).

Next year, there will be four levels: Departures, Arrivals, Security Mezzanine and AeroTrain Station. These last two areas are currently under construction below ground, and will open when the AeroTrain begins service.

A key part of the AeroTrain system, the Main Terminal Station will become the transportation center of the Airport where passengers will connect via train to the concourses. The Airports Authority will also take the opportunity to return the upper level of the Main Terminal to its original use as a ticket counter lobby with shops and restaurants accessible to the public.

Passengers who are boarding flights will travel below ground from a new security screening area which connects directly to the Train Station.

Other major construction projects at Dulles include:

- A new 4th runway scheduled to open in November
- Expansion of the International Arrivals Building to accommodate international travelers entering Customs
- A new Airport Fire and Rescue Station

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