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Economy Parking Lot Up and Running

The new year ushered in a major change in parking at Kansas City International Airport (KCI). On January 5, 2004, KCI opened the much anticipated Economy Parking Lot as part of ongoing improvements at the airport. Replacing the Satellite Parking Lot built in 1979, the new facility brings numerous improvements to long-term parking at KCI, including 15,000 low-priced spaces, with room to expand.

The Economy Parking Lot is divided into three segments, one for each terminal, with each having its own fast bus route. For example, those departing on airlines located in Terminal A will park in the A segment of the lot, Terminal B passengers will park in segment B, and segment C is for Terminal C users. Essentially, users no longer have to travel through all three terminal areas

when riding a bus. In each segment, passengers have access to numerous heated bus shelters while waiting the few minutes for transportation to the terminals. Kiosks placed next to the shelters assist passengers

with information ranging from ground transportation to interesting facts about Kansas City, and also serve as a unique way to help remember where they parked.

Light poles are another key element incorporated into the lot's design. Certain poles in each segment are color coded and arranged to provide direction to drivers maneuvering in and out of the lot in their vehicles. Also new is the way users access the lot. After driving through the ticket booths, users will enter and exit the lot via roundabouts, which

provide free flowing, non-stop traffic, and have been proven safer than traffic circles. New roads, bridges and directional signs also contribute to the smooth flow of traffic in and out of the airport.





Economy Parking Lot Up and Running (cont.)

Security and safety is increased through the use of surveillance cameras and state-of-the-art lighting. The nearby bus operations building, unveiled last fall, houses Global Positioning System equipment, further enhances customer service by allowing bus dispatchers to track and direct bus movement.

Coming this spring is the introduction of an express parking payment system named "KCI QuickTag." The option gives Economy Parking Lot users a separate nonstop lane to pay their parking fees electronically, decreasing the time spent in traditional paper ticket lanes.

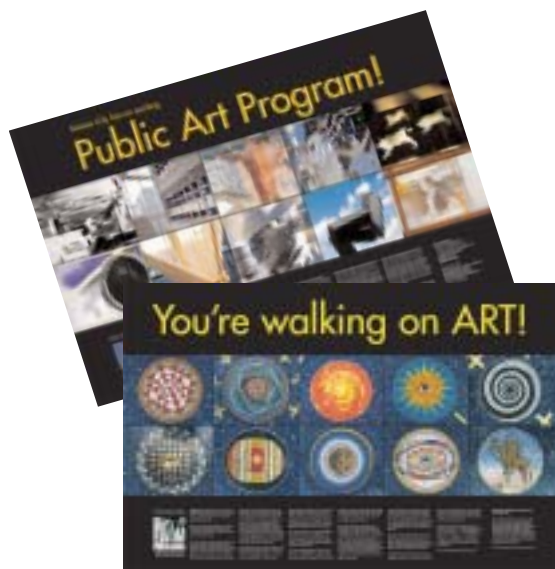
Drivers soon will be able to get more information and register at www.flykci.com. As an additional benefit, customers that already have a Kansas Turnpike Authority "KTAG" pass can eventually opt in for the KCI parking system and use their pass interchangeably. Also arriving soon will be real-time parking availability information which will be posted on the web site and is already on road signs at KCI entrances.

Construction for the Economy Parking Lot began on July 29, 2002. The \$62.8 million project was paid for by a public bond initiative passed by Kansas City, Missouri, voters in 2000.

Commercial Development Team Wins Top Award

Congratulations to the Commercial Development Division at the Kansas City Aviation Department for winning an award in the Airport Revenue News 2004 Best Concessions Poll. The division picked up the top honor for "Best Concession Management Team."

Team members are (back row, left to right) Steve Skorepa, Brett Robinson, Bolivar Bello, Dave Long, (front row, left to right) Arnetta Revels, Judi O'Donnell, Sherri Gaiser, Erin Canseco-Tobias, Kathryn Bell and (not pictured) Zoe Holmes.



Informative Displays Showcase Public Art

Travelers to and from Kansas City International Airport (KCI) can now learn more about the remarkable variety of public art found throughout Kansas City and KCI. Six display cases recently installed in the three terminals at KCI highlight the remarkable city of Kansas City, Missouri art collection and the One-Percent-for-Art Program. Three of the display cases in each terminal feature photographs of selected public artworks in Kansas City along with historical information about the One-Percent-for-Art Program. The other three display cases feature photographs of selected mosaic terminal floor medallions and information about the new terrazzo floor/art project entitled, Polarities, designed by New York artists Kristin Jones and Andrew Ginzel.



Winter Weather Affects KCI

Work continued long after the ice melted from an unusually severe storm in early January. The slick conditions sidelined two aircraft and made taxiways treacherous at KCI for several days. During the storm, employees worked around the clock spreading potassium acetate, more commonly known as E-36, on the runways and some taxiways, and distributed special sand over the remaining taxiways. An ice melt/sand mixture was continually applied to roadways and other paved areas throughout the airport. The extremely cold temperatures, high wind and lack of sunshine kept the ice melting materials from adhering to the ground and working as effectively as they normally do. In the weeks following, Field Maintenance employees spent a considerable amount of time removing sand from the airfield and cleaning residual debris from the in-pavement light fixtures. As usual, an after-storm critique was conducted to explore more efficient ways of handling severe weather situations.

Do you have comments, questions or story ideas for the newsletter?

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Travel Tips

When checking in at the airport, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) offers passengers three simple tips – summarized as IN, OUT and OFF – for approaching the checkpoint:

- IN: Place all metal items IN a carry-on bag while waiting in line.
- OUT: Take laptops OUT of their cases.
- OFF: Take coats OFF.

Call it “Three for Three” – three tips that can help passengers avoid secondary screening that, on average, takes three minutes per person. The cumulative effect can be substantial, especially for a family.

TSA recently expanded its carry-on luggage policy to allow a bag exclusively used for photographic equipment. That bag will be in addition to another carry-on bag and a personal item such as a laptop, purse or small backpack. The equipment used to screen checked baggage will damage undeveloped film, so passengers should always put film in carry-on baggage. However, high-speed and specialty film should not be put through checkpoint x-ray machines, and passengers may ask screeners to physically inspect their film.

When traveling with children, parents may want to talk to them about going through airport security. At the checkpoint, children will need to temporarily part with such things as stuffed animals and blankets, and older children need to know that TSA screeners take seriously any comment that suggests a threat to an aircraft or its passengers.

Go to the TSA web site (www.TSATravelTips.us) for helpful advice on how to pack smart.



Construction Update

Southwest Airlines is the last airline to move as part of the KCI Terminal Improvement Project (TIP) construction. In mid-February, Southwest will be relocated to a temporary place in Terminal B so that construction can begin on its old area. Once that phase is complete, Southwest will move back and TIP will be entirely finished. Meanwhile, the final phases of construction in Terminals A and C should be finished this spring. At that time, Midwest Airlines will move to its new permanent location in Terminal A, American Airlines will move to its new inbound baggage claim area and permanent Baggage Service Office, and TIP construction in those terminals will be complete.

The overhead electronic directional signs that span International Circle were recently repositioned at KCI. Workers constructed new foundations to re-mount the signs, and electricians conducted some renovations of the signs while they were on the ground. The change means the signs have greatly improved visibility for drivers entering the airport.



Department Profiles



Stan Barrett has transferred to the Aviation Department and is now an assistant to the director. In his new role, Barrett assists in the planning and direction of the business operations of the department. He will also be involved with special projects as assigned. Barrett started work with the City of Kansas City, Missouri, 22 years ago as a staff accountant and most recently served as director of the housing and community development department. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from North Carolina Central University.



The Aviation Department has promoted Susan Ferrell to senior engineering technician. Ferrell came to the department four years ago as an engineering technician III. Her new responsibilities include developing project work and control schedules and supervising engineering technicians. Ferrell also directs and participates in the preparation of plans, specifications, cost estimates, ordinances, studies, utility relocation determinations and other activities related to right-of-way matters. Before coming to the department, Ferrell spent 15 years in the private sector working for several large engineering firms on projects such as power plants, bridges and airports.



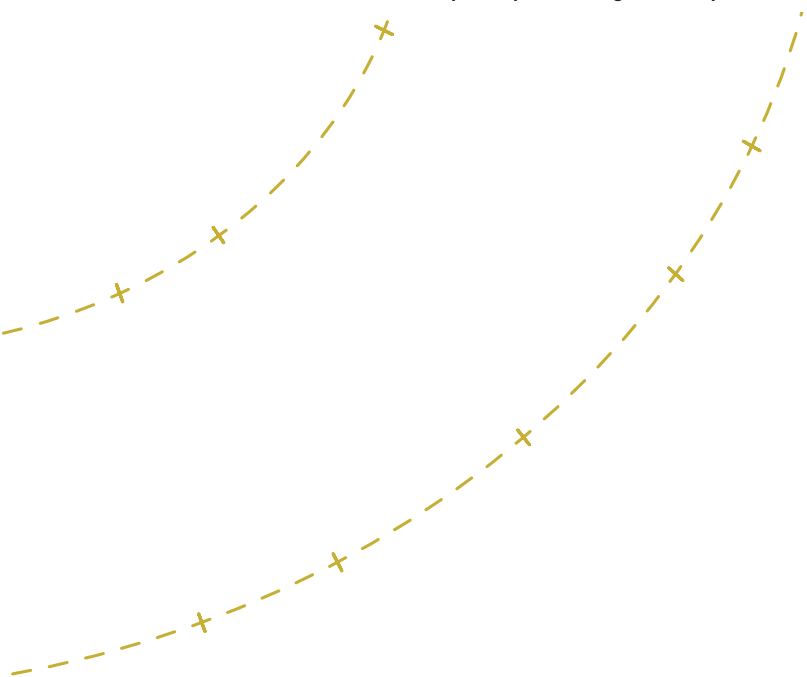
Trivia

Why do airline bag tags at KCI read "MCI"?

Visit www.flykci.com to find the answer and receive a food coupon redeemable at any restaurant in the KCI terminals.

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