



# ELEVATED ROADWAY AND TERMINAL CURB FRONT OPENS FALL 2019

**C**harlotte Douglas International Airport's (CLT) Elevated Roadway and Terminal Curb Front will open in fall 2019, adding eight lanes on both the upper and lower level roadway to help meet local passenger demand.

Upon its debut, traffic flow will be reconfigured. Commercial vehicles will shift to the three inside lanes near the terminal and personal vehicles will use the five outside lanes near the Hourly Deck. Currently, the \$42 million project is 70 percent complete.

CLT's original roadway, which still exists today, debuted in 1982 with five lanes on each level. At the time, the Airport served 2.8 million flyers – 895,250 were originating passengers. Today, CLT welcomes nearly 46 million passengers a year, approximately 7 million are local passengers who utilize CLT's roadways via personal vehicles, taxis, shuttle buses and ride sharing networks.

"It's going to be a big change for the Airport and our customers," Aviation Director/CEO Brent Cagle said. "The added lanes will provide more space on the upper and lower level roadway, helping to expedite the pickup and drop-off process for our passengers."

The Elevated Roadway and Terminal Curb Front is part of Destination CLT, the Airport's \$2.5 billion capital investment program to renovate the concourses and expand CLT's roadways, curb front, airfield and terminal. Destination CLT is targeted to enhance capacity based on the Airport's growth forecast through 2035 while remaining demand driven.

Concourse A Expansion – Phase I was the first project launched under Destination CLT. The 229,807- square foot addition opened in July 2018. The Elevated Roadway and Terminal Curb Front is the second project scheduled for completion under the development initiative.

Crews are currently wrapping up Phase II of the project. Pre-cast girders to support the upper roadway bridge are being installed and construction of the middle lanes is underway.

Four temporary pedestrian bridges are also being built to allow public access to and from the new roadway and terminal without crossing traffic.



In early 2019, the upper terminal roadway will undergo a traffic shift, signaling a major milestone. Vehicles will reroute from the current roadway to the new roadway, marking the completion of Phase II. Lower level traffic will remain the same.

Crews will then move quickly to Phase III, the final stage of the project. It involves tearing down the existing entrance and exit ramps in order to complete the west and east sides of the roadway by fall 2019.

“We’re more than halfway to the finish line,” Cagle added. “It’s been incredible to watch the roadway’s progress over the past three years. The completed project will be well worth the wait and a momentous occasion in Airport history.”

Once the Elevated Roadway and Curb Front opens, construction of the Terminal Lobby Expansion can begin. The final design plan is scheduled for approval at the end of the year. Construction will take three to four years to complete. The finished project will reveal an architectural masterpiece with high ceilings and glass canopy covering the roadway.

The expansion will create additional space for security lanes, ticketing, baggage claim and passenger circulation in the terminal lobby.

Pedestrian walkways and sky bridges are also a part of the Terminal Lobby Expansion, which will allow passengers to walk to and from the terminal and Hourly Deck bypassing Airport traffic.

“We are excited about the enhancements that lie ahead at the Airport,” Cagle said. “Passengers should experience minimal impacts as construction is underway. Our primary goal is to provide travelers a quality customer experience from their arrival to their departure at CLT.”



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