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## **Parking Garage Project Remains on Track**

Construction of Sacramento International's new parking garage is proceeding on schedule and is now approximately 25 percent complete.

The pile driving phase of the project is done, and first floor columns are almost complete with just a few remaining to be built on the west side. Deck forms have been used to hold the columns in place as the cement is dried into texture, with five such forms rotated throughout the site to speed up the process.

In addition, parking decks are now being constructed for the second and third levels of the structure, with each deck pour covering approximately 8,000 square feet.

The garage, located across from Terminal A, will ultimately feature six levels and 5,324 parking spaces. The next major phase of construction will be erection of a pedestrian bridge connecting the third level of the garage and the second story of Terminal A, which will allow travelers to walk from parking spaces to the security checkpoint without going outside. The bridge will be hoisted into place on the night of April 19.

"Everything is proceeding very smoothly and we expect the project to be completed on schedule," said Project Manager Thor Grendahl.

John Otto Construction is the contractor for the \$70 million garage, the largest capital improvement project at International since the construction of Terminal A in 1998. The new garage is expected to be ready for use by July 2004. Those interested in the progress of garage construction can watch it live via a web cam located on top of Terminal A. The web

cam's feed can be seen via a link on the "construction" page of the Airport System's web site at [www.sacairports.org](http://www.sacairports.org)

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## **Aloha Initiates Service April 18**

**Aloha Airlines initiated the first-ever direct service between Sacramento and Maui on April 18.**

The new daily flight makes a stop in Burbank (but does not require a change of planes) and will feature extended-range Boeing 737-700 aircraft.

An inaugural ceremony was held beginning at 6 a.m. in Terminal B-2 prior to Aloha's first departure out of Sacramento. Hula dancers performed across from the airline's ticket counter in the lobby, and flower leis were passed out to all travelers.

Brief speeches and a traditional Hawaiian blessing took place at Gate 23 prior to boarding by passengers of the first flight. In addition, a water cannon arch was created above the aircraft as it taxied out to the runway.

Aloha is the fourth new carrier to begin service at International in the past 14 months, joining Frontier, Mexicana and Hawaiian.

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## **International Receives Arbor Day Award**

The National Arbor Day Foundation has named Sacramento International Airport as one of six national recipients of a 2002 Project Award.

Each year the Foundation awards outstanding efforts that promote tree planting, conservation and care. International was recognized for the more than 6,000 trees that have been planted at the airport since 1990.

A total of nearly 10,000 trees—about 3,000 mature—are currently growing on airport grounds, providing a beautiful park-like atmosphere for visitors at the airport. More than 50 different varieties are represented, including Pistachios, Liquid Ambers, Magnolias, and several types of Maples, Pines and Willows.

In addition, during the last decade trees have been planted at the airport in groves, creating a more natural-looking effect. Mulch has been added under the trees to reduce water and maintenance requirements while providing a natural weed barrier and adding nutrients.

It is likely that International has more trees per acre than any other commercial U.S. airport.

Sacramento County Supervisor Illa Collin and Assistant Director of Air-ports Frances Sherertz will travel to Nebraska City on April 26 to accept the award at the annual Arbor Day Foundation Banquet and Ceremony.

“We are gratified that such a prestigious national association has recognized the extraordinary efforts of the Airport System in creating a natural environment that is pleasing to the public,” said Sherertz. “The true recipients of this award are the management and employees of our Airfield Maintenance Division, who work everyday to ensure the health and beauty of this landscape.”

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## Traffic at International Continues to Rise

As airlines and many airports struggle in response to the ongoing war and a sluggish economy, Sacramento International continues to post outstanding passenger growth numbers.

During the first three months of 2003, traffic increased over five per-cent, and International is well on its way to a 13th straight year of passenger growth. Over 8.5 million travelers used the airport in 2002, an increase of nearly six percent versus the previous year.

By contrast, San Francisco International and San Jose International are struggling. The two airports posted passenger declines of 25 percent and 23 percent, respectively, in February 2003 versus the same month last year.

Sacramento International was the sixth busiest airport in California in 2002, trailing only Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Oakland and San Jose .

“Having Southwest Airlines as our dominant carrier certainly contributes to our success,” noted Director of Airports Hardy Acree. “But travelers who can choose between Sacramento and Bay Area airports are increasingly recognizing the outstanding convenience and service available at International.”

## California Airports

### 2002 Passenger Traffic

AIRPORT	PASSENGERS
1. Los Angeles	56,223,843

2. San Francisco 31,457,422
3. San Diego ... 14,931,854
4. Oakland ..... 12,723,777
5. San Jose ..... 11,117,457
- 6. Sacramento .8,510,924**
7. Orange County 7,903,066
8. Ontario ..... 6,517,050
9. Burbank ..... 4,620,683

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### On the Fly

- The Sacramento Hotel Association recently presented its “2002 Supplier of the Year” award to the Sacramento County Airport System. The Association recognized the System for its role in helping to market the Sacramento region as a convention and tourism destination.
  
- A revised promotional video that features highlights of the Sacramento County Airport System is now available in conjunction with the System’s Speakers Bureau. Speakers are available to give presentations on a variety of airport related topics; for more information, contact Kelly Koon at (916) 874-0660.
  
- As part of a consolidation effort, Emery Worldwide recently shifted their cargo flights from Mather Airport to Stockton Airport. The company continues to utilize their facility at Mather to handle sorting operations.

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### Monthly Traffic Report

Passenger traffic at Sacramento International increased 8.5 percent in February 2003 versus the same month last year. At Mather Airport, air freight shipments declined 5.6 percent, while aircraft operations rose 12.7 percent at Executive Airport.

	<u>April</u> <u>2002</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2003</u>	<u>Last 12</u> <u>Months</u> <u>2002-2003</u>	<u>Prior 12</u> <u>Months</u> <u>2001-2002</u>
<b><u>International Airport</u></b>				
Passengers	600,284	553,198	8,613,166	8,031,999
Air Freight (tons)	7,256	5,827	79,339	68,704
Aircraft Operations	11,871	11,449	159,026	152,329
<b><u>Executive Airport</u></b>				
Aircraft Operations	8,688	7,707	109,467	119,441
<b><u>Mather Airport</u></b>				
Air Freight (tons)	4,449	4,711	60,686	105,544
Aircraft Operations	5,898	6,573	88,844	83,180

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