



PhxMesa **Gateway** Airport

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Gateway Airport receives \$9.75 million from FAA

Funds to be used for additional expansion of new terminal

MESA, Ariz. — Airport Authority Executive Director Lynn Kusy announced today that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has awarded the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority \$9.75 million to construct Phase II of the Airport's Charles L. Williams passenger terminal. The grant is the second awarded for terminal expansion in as many years.

The FAA had awarded \$8.9 million for Phase I expansion in September 2009, adding two gates and 25,000 square-feet. Phase I construction was recognized by AZRE Magazine as 2010's "Best Redevelopment Project of the Year" for efforts in reusing public space for new development.

Phase II construction will add an additional two gates to the existing six, increase restroom facilities, and add an additional 30,475 square-feet.

"The importance of Gateway Airport is recognized both locally and nationally," said Phoenix Vice Mayor and Airport Authority Board Chair Thelda Williams. "Allegiant Air's success at Gateway drives the need for additional terminal expansion and with the Airport's annual economic impact close to \$700 million, this funding will allow the Airport to further expand the terminal and enhance our efforts."

"Aerospace is a vital industry for Mesa and the East Valley," Mesa Mayor Scott Smith said. "Gateway airport plays a significant role in two pillars of our economic development by providing a foundation for aerospace companies and by bringing thousands of tourists to Arizona on Allegiant Air. We are grateful for the FAA's continuing commitment to Gateway."

The announcement was made this morning at the Airport Authority's Board Meeting and attended by numerous elected officials including Gilbert Mayor John Lewis, Queen Creek Mayor Gail Barney, Mesa Councilwoman Dina Higgins, Gila River Indian Community Lt. Governor Joseph Manuel, and Airport staff members.

About Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport

The Airport was established in 1994 and is owned and operated by the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority, which consists of the Gila River Indian Community, Gilbert, Mesa, Phoenix, and Queen Creek. Gateway Airport offers nonstop passenger service via Allegiant Air with flights to over 25 cities nationwide. For more information, visit www.phxmesagateway.org.

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