

# Work on new terminal addition nears completion at MidAmerica St. Louis Airport

Phase Three of the \$34 million project underway to expand the terminal at MidAmerica St. Louis Airport is heading into the home stretch, with the expected completion on target for summer of 2023. This phase of the project is expanding the existing 53,500-square-foot terminal by an additional 41,000-plus square feet to accommodate continuing passenger growth and provide a host of new amenities that will enhance the experience for those traveling through MidAmerica St. Louis Airport.

The project is creating a new, standard TSA screening area and adding two additional boarding bridges which were recently installed, as well as a service animal relief area, new family restrooms, a nursing room, expanded departure lounge with added room for concessions and other renovations to accommodate people with disabilities.

"We are excited to be nearing completion of the critical infrastructure and safety improvement projects that will enhance overall operations at the airport, which has been seeing significant passenger growth and continues to operate as a joint-use airport with Scott Air Force Base," said St. Clair County Chairman Mark Kern.

The modernized aviation infrastructure is supported by a combined \$31 million in federal and state grant funding through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program.

"We greatly appreciate the FAA, state and local leaders for recognizing the importance of modifying and improving our passenger terminal building to support the



An aerial view of MidAmerica St. Louis Airport in Mascoutah shows the new boarding bridges in service as part of the terminal expansion. (Courtesy MidAmerica St. Louis Airport)

existing and projected increases we expect in passengers traveling through our facility," said Bryan Johnson, airport director for MidAmerica St. Louis Airport. "We look forward to welcoming them to our newly modernized airport this summer."

The new terminal is being delivered through the collaborative efforts of Holland Construction Services and the many subcontractors who are working on the project. Renovation of the existing terminal is underway which will include many of the same upgrades as the terminal expansion. The final improvements will be complete by late 2023.

MidAmerica St. Louis Airport currently serves the following nonstop destinations via Allegiant: Charleston, Destin/Ft. Walton Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, Ft. Myers/Punta Gorda, Jacksonville, Las Vegas, Myrtle Beach, Orlando, Sarasota/Bradenton, Savannah, and Tampa Bay/St. Pete.

The passenger terminal expansion is not the only improvement project happening at MidAmerica St. Louis Airport. A \$37.7 million project to add nearly 3,100 linear feet of new Taxiway Lima pavement and a new Taxiway Bridge over Crooked Creek is under construction. It will serve Boeing's new produc-

tion facility, which is slated for opening in 2024 and has the potential to spark future aviation development. Metro-Link's planned expansion from Scott Air Force Base to MidAmerica St. Louis Airport also is expected to soon be under construction, making the airport even more accessible to potential customers along the light rail alignment and providing a direct connection to St. Louis Lambert International Airport.

To learn more about MidAmerica St. Louis Airport (BLV), visit [www.flymidamerica.com](http://www.flymidamerica.com) or follow us on [www.facebook.com/midamericabl](https://www.facebook.com/midamericabl).

## Final design concept approved for East St. Louis Transit Stop Transformation Project



A finalized design concept has been approved for the "Transit Stop Transformation Project" at the 5th & Missouri Transit Center in East St. Louis, Ill. The project – being completed in conjunction with the St. Clair County Transit District, Citizens for Modern Transit, AARP in St. Louis and Metro Transit – will transform the concrete area between the bus bays and MetroLink entrance into an interactive, playful and engaging space. Construction will commence this spring and be completed in the summer 2023.

After getting input from transit riders, area residents, elected officials and stakeholders through a series of in-person and virtual opportunities, a finalized design concept has been approved for the "Transit Stop Transformation Project" at the 5th & Missouri Transit Center in East St. Louis, Ill. The project – being completed in conjunction with the St. Clair County Transit District, Citizens for Modern Transit, AARP in St. Louis and Metro Transit – will transform the concrete area between the bus bays and MetroLink entrance into an interactive, playful and engaging space.

The finalized design, developed by Trivers, a top architecture firm in St. Louis, boasts a nod to East St. Louis and a "City of Champions" theme. It features one large central shade structure, seating, windscreens with images of influential East St. Louisans throughout history, a significant investment in landscaping and the creation of community gathering space. Construction commences this spring and be completed in the summer 2023.

"The planning process for this project was heavily influenced by the needs and wants of the local community," commented Kimberly Cella, executive director of Citizens for Modern Transit.

"We are excited to see this concept come to life and transform this space into an engaging corridor that residents of all ages can enjoy, while celebrating the champions of East St. Louis."

The "Transit Stop Transformation Project" at the 5th & Missouri Transit Center is the fifth transformation of its kind in the St. Louis region. Transformations were also completed at the North Hanley Transit Center in St. Louis County in October 2022; Belleville Transit Center in Belleville in June 2022; the Emerson Park Transit Center in East St. Louis in August 2021 and at a MetroBus stop in Maplewood in June 2020.

The goal of this and all other "Transit Stop Transformation" projects is to transform places that people typically pass through on their way to their next destination into community amenities that improve safety and security, build ridership and increase engagement around transit. Each project showcases a deep understanding of and commitment to equitable development around transit, the impact and possibility of play, the ability for creative interventions to produce long-term impact in neighborhoods that are accessible for residents of all ages, and the need for collaboration to succeed. To learn more, visit [www.cmt-stl.org](http://www.cmt-stl.org).

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