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NEWS FROM ABOVE

“Flying Gardens” Lands at Terminal A Garage



January 28, 2005 - Two of twelve sculptures in “Flying Gardens” now perched on and around the Terminal A Parking Garage. Photo by Paul Bennett.

‘Flying Gardens,’ a permanent art display by internationally-known artist Dennis Oppenheim of New York was recently installed at Sacramento International Airport. ‘Flying Gardens’ consists of 10 massive steel and Lexan bird sculptures that are mounted, at various heights, on the new parking garage located in front of Terminal A at Sacramento International Airport. Two other bird sculptures are mounted around the garage in the landscaped area.

“Because art is so important to the Sacramento community, Sacramento International Airport is especially proud to be contributing this permanent piece of public art,” said Terry Schutten, Sacramento County Executive. “This display is something that will greet passengers as they arrive in Sacramento, interest and inspire children for generations and become a source of pride for the Sacramento community.”

The largest public artwork in Sacramento County, ‘Flying Gardens’ is the result of coordinated efforts by the County of Sacramento, the Sacramento County Airport System and the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission.

Record Traffic at SMF

The Sacramento County Airport System celebrated another record-breaking year for passenger traffic at Sacramento International Airport. Over 9.5 Million passengers passed through the airport’s doors in 2004, 9 % more than the 8.7 million passengers recorded for 2003.

“We are pleased that passengers throughout Northern California have discovered the ease and convenience of Sacramento International. There are plans under development that will provide even higher levels of customer service and convenience over the years to come.” said G. Hardy Acree, Director of Airports.

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Airport Success Due to New Flights

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The airport's continued success can be attributed to new nonstop routes and added flights. Over the past year, Sacramento International Airport welcomed Jet Blue Airways and its daily nonstop flights to New York City and the Washington, D.C. area. Additionally, United Airlines celebrated the return of nonstop service to the Washington D.C. area and Mexicana Airlines has added new international service to Los Cabos and other Mexico destinations.

Design Firm Chosen for Terminal Modernization

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors voted Tuesday, January 11 to approve the Sacramento County Airport System's selection of Corgan Associates, Inc. to support the design needs of the Terminal Modernization Program at Sacramento International Airport.

The Terminal Modernization Program is part of the Sacramento International Airport Master Plan, approved by the County Board of Supervisors in February 2004, that is designed to accommodate the increasing passenger traffic and prominence of Sacramento International Airport in Northern California. In 2004 Sacramento International Airport served more than 9.5 million passengers, a 9 percent increase over 2003.

Following approval of the Master Plan in February 2004, the Sacramento County Airport System widely distributed a request for Statements of Qualifications (SOQ). Six firms, including partnerships between national and local architects and designers, submitted an SOQ. Because each SOQ represented a highly qualified team, the evaluation committee invited all six firms for initial interviews, with only two firms making the cut for second interviews. The panel members then visited the top two teams at their offices for a second interview and ultimately selected Corgan to recommend to the Board of Supervisors.

The Board's decision to approve Corgan Associates, Inc. authorizes the Sacramento County Airport System to begin negotiating a contract, which will again be submitted to the Board of Supervisors, along with workscope and budget, for approval in approximately 30 days. The Corgan team will present three design alternatives for consideration and evaluation.

Corgan Associates, Inc., headquartered in Dallas, will lead a team of architects and designers that will work cooperatively with the airport, its stakeholders and its customers. The Sacramento County Airport System selected this team because they excelled in demonstrating the desired chemistry necessary between team members; the appropriate approach to an iconic/thematic design; the ability to correctly identify Sacramento's sense-of-place and considerable creativity in using art in architecture – a goal reflected by public artwork displays in Terminal A and the recently constructed parking garage.

TRAVEL TIP

Stop circling the airport when you pick up passengers. Both Hourly Parking Lots at Sacramento International Airport offer 30 minutes of FREE parking.

Flight Numbers		December 2004	December 2003	Last 12 Months 2004	Last 12 Months 2003
<p>Traffic at Sacramento International Airport was up 10.5% for the month of December.</p> <p>Air freight at Mather Airport was up 5.9% in 2004 compared to 2003.</p>	International Airport				
	Passengers	804,781	728,250	9,580,737	8,778,163
	Air Freight (Tons)	5,854	6,352	64,485	66,502
	Aircraft Operations	12,231	12,304	164,211	159,221
	Executive Airport				
	Aircraft Operations	6,410	9,408	128,629	134,234
	Mather Airport				
	Air Freight (Tons)	6,556	7,160	63,658	60,124
	Aircraft Operations	4,856	5,496	80,591	70,706