

New Panama City - Bay County International Airport

Overview:

The new Panama City-Bay County International Airport will be the first new international commercial-service airport built in the U.S. in the last 15 years. The new airport will replace the existing airport, which was built in 1948.

The new airport is being built on a greenfield site with ample room to grow to meet greater demand for the next 50 years. The new airport is part of a larger West Bay Sector Plan.

The Airport Authority has set a target date of May 2010 for the opening of the new airport.

Location:

Northwest Bay County, Florida, north of County Highway 388 approximately five miles west of State Highway 77.

Latitude: 30 degrees 21 min. 28.092 sec. N.

Longitude: 85 degrees 47 min. 56.121 sec. W.

Site Size:

The new airport will be built on approximately 1,300 acres of a 4,000-acre site.

Airport Dimensions – Phase I:

Planned Primary Runway: 10,000 feet x 150 feet

Planned Crosswind Runway: 5,000 feet x 100 feet

Terminal: 120,000 square feet

Gates: Seven

Project Cost:

Approximately \$318 million with funds coming in equal one-third shares from the federal and state governments and airport authority revenues. No local taxes will be used.



The West Bay Sector Plan:

The West Bay Sector Plan is an overarching land use plan for the development and conservation of approximately 75,000 acres (30,000 hectares) in Bay County, Florida. It is one of the largest mixed-use planned communities in Florida. The West Bay Sector Plan's existing entitlements include 4.4 million square feet (408,000 square meters) of industrial, commercial and retail space, more than 6,300 dwelling units and 900 marina slips.

The West Bay Sector Plan conceptual build out contemplates approximately 27,000 residential units and 37 million square feet (3.4 million square meters) of commercial/industrial space.

Green Airport:

The new airport terminal aims to be one of the first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified terminal buildings in the U.S., under standards set by the U.S. Green Building Council. The airport has the potential to become one of the world's first carbon neutral airports.

The adjacent West Bay Preservation Area will move 41,000 acres (16,600 hectares) of environmentally sensitive land, including 33 miles (53 kilometers) of West Bay shoreline and 44 miles (71 kilometers) of creek and tributaries, into preservation.

Security Technologies:

As the first post-9/11 airport development in the U.S., the U.S. Navy has announced that the new airport will serve as a test site for security innovations made by the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Panama City, Florida.

International Airport:

The new Panama City-Bay County International Airport will provide on demand customs and immigrations services 365 days a year. Portions of the new airport site as well as adjacent St. Joe Company land are expected to be designated as a new Foreign Trade Zone.

Development Team:

Owner:	Panama City-Bay County Airport and Industrial District (Airport Authority)
Airport Director:	Randy Curtis Executive Director Panama City-Bay County International Airport
Design Manager:	Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jerrigan (PBS&J)
Project/Construction Manager:	Kellogg, Brown and Root (KBR)

