

The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) is implementing a nearly \$400 million capital improvement program over the next three years at Midway International Airport that will significantly upgrade the travel experience for years to come. The Midway Modernization Program (MMP) will bring new and expanded concessions, a larger security checkpoint area, and an enhanced terminal parking garage.

The CDA will oversee a phased approach to construction on MMP projects to minimize traffic impacts to the surrounding community and to maintain seamless operations at Midway to keep employees and travelers moving through the airport.

## Security Checkpoint Expansion

- ✈ Construction on the expanded TSA checkpoint over Cicero Avenue continues with work on roof installation.
- ✈ South baggage claim area remains partitioned off with lower level door #1 still open.
- ✈ Concrete barriers to be set up in baggage makeup to allow for safe construction of elevator and escalator pits – expected to start mid-March.
  - All conveyors/carousels will remain in operation.
- ✈ South mezzanine concrete pour expected in early April. Most of work will occur overnight and will affect some travel lanes and doors, specifically:
  - Two taxi lanes closed for up to 12 hours.
  - Lower level doors #1 and #2 closed for up to 12 hours.



Center bridge taking shape

## Terminal Parking Garage Enhancements

- ✈ Work on new Parking Access Revenue Control Systems (PARCS) at garage entrances is in progress and will include adding new ticket dispensers, arm gates, etc.
  - Some temporary and partial closures to entrances/exits during installation will be necessary.
  - Efforts will be made to maintain access where possible during the work.
  - Work expected to last through end of summer.
- ✈ All airport parking lots will be getting new PARCS equipment, including: terminal garage, economy garage, daily lot, cell phone lot, and various employee lots.
- ✈ Elevator upgrades continue in terminal garage lobbies, with work in progress on blue and red passenger elevators and yellow service elevator.
- ✈ Ongoing activities include improvements to parking spaces, lighting, painting, and safety features.
- ✈ Landscaping and drainage improvements to the CTA Kiss & Ride lot are on ongoing as part of the restoration and should be complete by end of summer.

*We recognize the disruption construction can cause and thank you for your patience as we make much needed improvements. We hope you will join in our excitement as we watch a Modern Midway rise up around us!*

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The Concessions Redevelopment Program will reflect Chicago's diversity and showcase the best of local options and brands through a \$75 million private partnership investment. With more than 70 offerings planned, the effort will double concessions jobs from 700 to 1,400.

## Concessions Redevelopment Program

- ✦ Midway is excited to share the first openings in the Central Market later in March.
  - **Gene's Bistro**
  - **Tallboy Taco**
  - **Big Bowl**
- ✦ Sarah's Candies (Gate B2 - currently Sweet Indulgences) is set to begin construction mid-month with an opening planned for May.
- ✦ Garrett's Popcorn (Gate B1- currently Spectacles) is set to begin construction mid-month with an opening planned for July.
- ✦ Garrett's Popcorn (Gate B14 - currently Dunkin Express) is set to begin construction mid-month with an opening planned for July.
- ✦ Barricade walls will be built later this month/early next month around the following Central Market locations:
  - **Café Espresso**
  - **Chicago Market**
  - **Life is Good**
  - **White Sox**
  - **Kids Works**
  - **Discover Chicago**
- ✦ Temporary food and retail offerings will be provided in the Central Market to maintain services levels.
- ✦ New Central Market offerings in the works include: **Hudson News, ChicaGO, Brookstone, and MAC.**



A look at new openings this month in the Central Market – Gene's Bistro (above), Tallboy Taco and Big Bowl (below)

## Building System Improvements Continue

Ongoing improvements to Midway's building systems, including heating and cooling, continues in the terminal and concourses. Travelers and employees may notice brief, intermittent closures in different areas for HVAC and lighting upgrades. There will also be temporary closures at gates/waiting areas (two at a time) in Concourse B through May. Extra seating will be in place. System improvements will last through this summer, but should not affect overall operations or travelers.

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