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PLANE TALK NEWS

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****YATES ANNOUNCES PROJECTED COMPLETION JULY 2007****

Yates Construction has projected the Terminal Expansion to be completed by July 2007. Although this date is only tentative, new sections are soon to open, such as two new gates with an expanded waiting area and a new baggage claim area with rental car service booths. These areas should be open by the end of March.

On December 13, 2006, the new security checkpoint opened with a second lane that helped to better manage the increased number of Holiday Travelers in one-quarter of the time it used to take. The expanded security checkpoint area is conveniently located on the second level and Hudson News is now located on the secure side with a beautiful new look. Passengers can buy souvenirs, reading material, and refreshments after passing through security and while waiting to board their flight. [More Details...](#)



AIR SERVICE UPDATE

Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport ended 2006 with 797,845 total passengers. This amount is a 3.5% increase from 2005. There were over 82,000 more seats available in 2006 compared to 2005 with a total load factor greater than 72%. Airport officials are pleased with the growth after Hurricane Katrina and are expecting even greater numbers for 2007. "The Airport Authority was delighted with the progress made in 2006. An increase in passengers during a major terminal expansion is quite an accomplishment," said Richard Matheny, Chairman of the Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport Authority. For more detailed statistics, [click here](#).



GPT WELCOMES NEW OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR



Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport Authority is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Operations Supervisor, Tim O'Fallon. Tim was born in Great Lakes, Illinois, but has lived in numerous cities around the country growing up in a military family. He graduated with a degree in Aviation Management from Auburn University in May of 2006. Prior to coming to Gulfport-Biloxi, Tim completed an internship at the Port of Huntsville in Huntsville, Alabama. "Tim is a great addition to the Operations Staff and we look forward to watching him succeed at Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport," said Don Shepley, Director of Operations.

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