

## **TPA Schedules Airside E Departure**

### **For immediate release**

**Tampa, Fla. (May 22, 2000)** - - The Hillsborough County Aviation Authority (HCAA) is saying goodbye to part of Tampa International Airport's 29-year-old Landside/Airside Terminal Building -- Airside E. Major demolition of the airside starts the week of May 22.

The new Airside E will be a state-of-the-art 247,000 square foot, 14-gate facility that will be served by a new four-car passenger transfer system (two cars per track). Delta Air Lines will move into Airside E when it's completed in December 2002.

The first level (Apron Level) of the airside will include the shuttle maintenance area, HCAA maintenance facilities, airline offices and operations areas, food service support areas, an outbound baggage sorting area, tug circulation drives, main and satellite mechanical and electrical rooms, a loading dock, and a commuter aircraft holdroom.

The second level (Boarding Level) will include holdroom areas, restrooms, food and beverage concession areas, news and gift shop concession areas, concourse circulation, shuttle system arrival/departure lobbies, and the security screening area.

The third level (Mezzanine) will be leased space for airline clubs and/or offices.

Additionally, space has been reserved in Airside E to install the seven WPA Murals owned by the Aviation Authority which are undergoing restoration as a project of the Airport's Public Art Program. Local artist George Snow Hill painted the murals in 1939. The Public Art Committee selected art conservator James Swope, Palm Beach, Florida, to start the restoration process in December 1999. He is currently working on a mural titled, Tony Jannus in Russia, which is due to be completed June 2000.

Total cost for Airside E, demolition, the passenger transfer system, the apron and hydrant fueling system is \$113 million. Total cost has been approved by the airlines and funding will be generated from Aviation Authority revenues, Passenger Facility Charges (PFC), Federal Airport Improvement Programs Grants and Grants from the Florida Department of Transportation.

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