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NEWS RELEASE

Airport Opens New Economy Garage

TAMPA, FL (November 7, 2005) -- Just in time for the busy travel holiday season, Tampa International Airport is pleased to open its newest parking structure – a \$71 million, six-level Economy Parking Garage. Phase 1 of the new garage provides 3,300 covered spaces as it opens for customers on Tuesday, November 8, 2005.

“It has always been the goal at Tampa International Airport to anticipate growth and present patrons with convenient options,” stated Louis E. Miller, Executive Director, Tampa International Airport. “Due to increased demand for parking in the parking garages, we can now offer a new option for parking that’s affordable and maintains the highest-level of customer service.”

The Economy Garage offers new features to make parking even easier. As you enter the deck of the garage, a lighted sign tells you how many spaces are available on each level, saving you time searching for a space. A secondary sign on each level reminds you if that level is full or if space remains.

Additionally, checking in and out of the garage is made easy with the new payment options utilizing the “Credit Card In – Out System,” a self-serve credit card payment kiosk or the staffed toll plaza is available 24 hrs/day accepting cash, Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Diners Club.

Shuttle buses operate in a designated lane through the first floor of the center of the Garage, stopping to pick up and drop off patrons. Elevators will transport patrons to an elevator shuttle lobby on the first floor to meet the buses for transportation to the main terminal building. The lobby is climate controlled with buses typically departing every 3 to 7 minutes.

Departing patrons can avoid the terminal area traffic congestion by riding the shuttle buses to the ticket level curbside. And for arriving patrons, buses return to the Economy Garage from all four corners of the baggage claim level.

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Enhancing the elevator lobby are two areas of public art showcasing the wall and floor. The Tampa International Airport Public Arts Committee selected glass and light artist Nancy Gutkin O'Neil from Porter, Maine and sculptor Thomas Sayre from Raleigh, North Carolina. The committee reviewed 70 proposals for four designated areas (two future installations) in response to a national call to artists.

O'Neil's wall art is titled "Blue Skies over Tampa". An illuminated glass collage consisting of seven 4ft-by-4ft wall-mounted stained glass light boxes featuring photographs from the Tampa Bay area and objects including plants, maps and animals.

The light boxes are a combination of hand painting, photo-silkscreening and sandblasting. All pigments are fired and are permanent. Her work celebrates Tampa, Hillsborough County and the West Coast of Florida, with references to the Tampa Bay ecosystem, the rivers and waterways, and detailed renderings of flora and fauna.

Thomas Sayre created a design for the 59-foot-long terrazzo lobby floor titled "Renegade" Vehicles depicting three distinctly different tire treads associated with three different automobiles.

His innovative concept focused on a whimsical floor design to help connect, but also to add delight to the patrons who will be constantly coming and going through the lobby. With multiple points of entrance and exit, bathrooms, as well as several elevators, the space is, in essence, a connecting zone for people to transition from vertical to horizontal circulation. The effect might leave patrons asking, "Why are there cars in the lobby? What are they doing? Where are they going, and what has become of them?"

As with all parking facilities at the Airport, the Economy Parking offers patrons a safe, secure environment with security cameras, patrols by the Airport police and lighted stairwells and driving areas.

Phase II of the Economy Garage, which will provide an additional 2,300 parking spaces, is scheduled for completion in summer 2006.

Air passenger growth at Tampa International Airport continues to grow at twice the national average. TPA processed a record 18.9 million passengers during Fiscal Year 2005, which is an increase of over 11.60 percent compared to 2004. It's no wonder passenger traffic continues to soar with Tampa International Airport boasting the 4th lowest average one-way airfare nationwide at \$131.00. (*U.S. Department of Transportation Report, First Quarter 2005*).

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Did You Know?

Airport Parking Rates effective November 8, 2005

Economy	\$7.00/day
Long Term	\$14.00/day
Short Term	\$18.00/day
Valet	\$24.00/day

Cost Comparison

<u>No. of Days</u>	<u>Long Term Garage</u>	<u>Economy Garage</u>
1 day	\$14.00	\$7.00
2 days	\$28.00	\$7.00
3 days	\$42.00	\$14.00
4 days	\$56.00	\$21.00
5 days	\$70.00	\$28.00
6 days	\$84.00	\$35.00
7 days	\$98.00	\$42.00

Maximum Walking Distances:

<u>Long Term</u>	<u>Economy Garage</u>
585 ft. middle of garage to terminal	285 ft. to elevator or bus stop from farthest space
960 ft. corner of garage to terminal	
300 ft. to any elevator	

Time Comparison

Time to Terminal

<u>Long Term Garage</u>	<u>Economy Garage</u>
5 minutes to walk	3 minutes to walk 5 minutes to wait 5 minutes for bus ride
5-6 minutes via monorail	

Time to Car

From Terminal

5 minutes to walk	1 minute to walk 5 minutes to wait 5 minutes for bus ride
5-6 minutes via monorail	

Garage Fun Facts

Construction started February 18, 2005
Six parking decks - each approximately 5 acres
234 days worked accident free
284,710 construction hours
300 days of construction
61,460 cubic yards of concrete
1,169 columns formed and poured
8,638,525 lbs (4,320 tons) steel rebar

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