



## APPLETON AIRPORT

### APPLETON AIRPORT HOLDS GROUNDBREAKING

*Work underway for expansion that will double airport's size*

(Appleton, Wis.) Nov. 29, 2023— Appleton International Airport will more than double its size to better serve the almost one-million passengers that use the facility annually. Today, airport leaders held an official groundbreaking on a \$66 million, 47,000 square-foot expansion of the main concourse that is slated for phased completion starting in late 2025. Funding for the expansion is from a combination of state, federal, and regional grants and budgeted dollars.

The first phase of the terminal expansion will include the following improvements:

- The gate area will be expanded bringing the total number of gates to 10.
- There will be a connector between the existing gates and new gates, plus expanded areas for passenger boarding and a variety of seating options.
- There will be a Biergarten and an additional bar/restaurant in the gate area for ticketed passengers.
- Ramps will be used throughout to ensure easy access for all people regardless of abilities.
- Passenger comfort is a primary goal, so there will be expanded restroom facilities, a sensory support room, a quiet room, and a service animal relief area.

Future construction phases will expand ticketing and baggage claim areas and refresh existing concourse areas in the airport. The renovation will pay special attention to sustainability in future expansion plans.

“This day is the beginning of the future of air travel for Northeast Wisconsin,” said Appleton Airport Director Abe Weber. “We are on pace to serve an anticipated 948,000 arrivals and departures by the end of this year and an expansion such as this will help us easily top the one-million mark.” According to Weber, all upgrades to the airport will support four main areas: connecting communities in Northeast Wisconsin, inspiring innovation in air travel, environmental stewardship, and delivering exceptional customer experiences.

“This investment in our infrastructure will make it even easier for travelers from across Wisconsin to plan vacation or business travel through Appleton,” said Outagamie County Executive Thomas Nelson. “Clearly the Appleton airport is an economic engine that is fueling growth in Northeast Wisconsin.”

The Appleton Airport is served by American, Delta, and United airlines and is the only Wisconsin airport served by Allegiant Airlines. These carriers offer non-stop service to 17 locations including:

- Newark, New Jersey
- Portland, Oregon
- Phoenix/Mesa, Arizona

- Nashville, Tennessee
- Las Vegas, Nevada
- Savannah/Hilton Head, Georgia
- Flights to Florida include Ft. Lauderdale/Miami, Orlando/Daytona Beach, Tampa/St. Petersburg, Sarasota/Bradenton, Ft. Meyers/Punta Gorda
- Atlanta, Georgia
- Charlotte, North Carolina
- Chicago, Illinois
- Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota
- Detroit, Michigan
- Denver, Colorado

According to TSA data, the Appleton airport is the fastest growing airport in Wisconsin. Construction partners on the expansion are Mead & Hunt providing architecture and design and Miron Construction providing construction services.

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#### **About Appleton International Airport**

[Appleton International Airport](#) connects our community to the world through American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, and Allegiant Air. In addition to offering nonstop service to 17 destinations, Appleton Airport connects to ten major international airport hubs from which travelers can fly to almost anywhere in the world. Using Appleton Airport, travelers can safely and more conveniently get to their destination and home again, leaving them more time for what really matters. Appleton International Airport is the third largest airport in Wisconsin according to arrivals and departures. Visit [atwairport.com](http://atwairport.com) to learn more.