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## GFIA to Unveil First Transition of Gateway Transformation Project



(Above): Construction crews work on the front entrance of the Gateway Transformation Project at the consolidated security checkpoint.

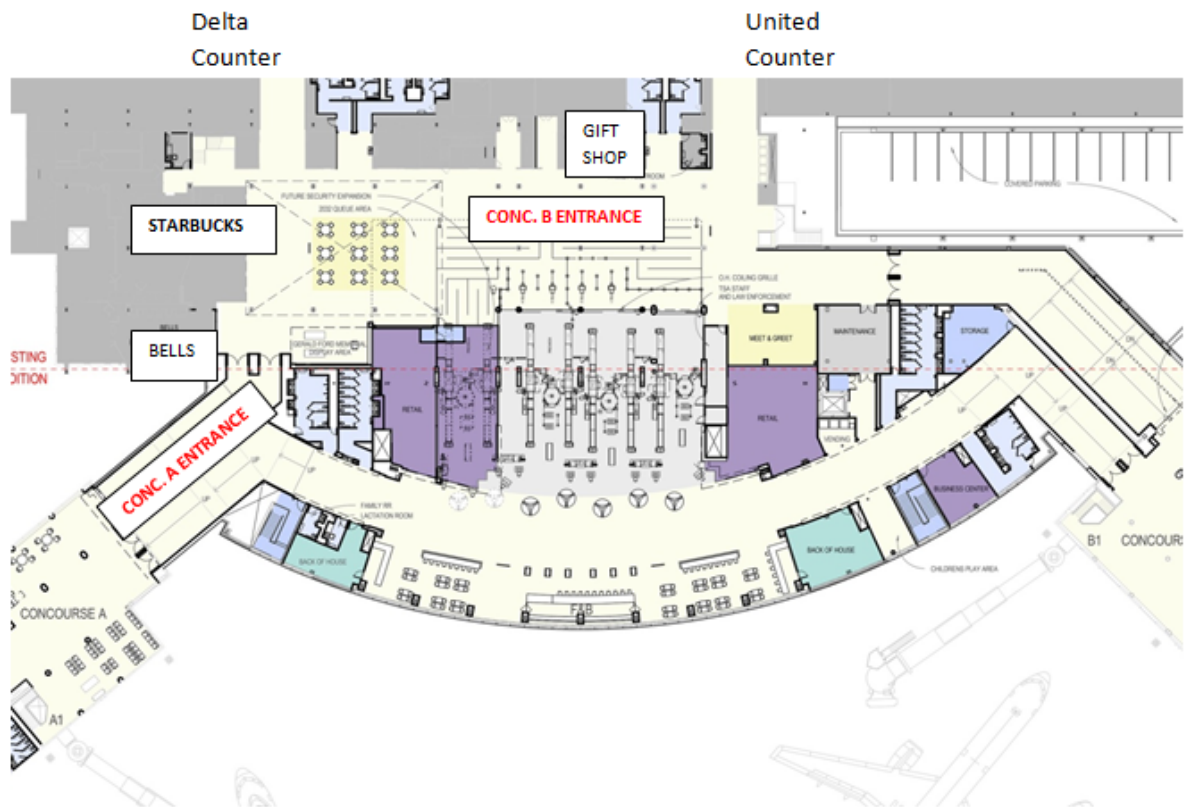
**Grand Rapids, Mich.** –Passengers traveling through the Gerald R. Ford International Airport (GFIA) this weekend will notice a change in security screening as one part of its Gateway Transformation Project transitions.

Beginning on Sunday, June 11 at 4:30 a.m., passengers traveling through Concourse B will be screened in the new consolidated security checkpoint. Concourse B passengers include those flying American Airlines, Southwest Airlines, and United Airlines.

Concourse A passengers that include Delta Air Lines and Allegiant Air, will start to be screened at the new checkpoint on the morning of June 25.

The checkpoint is one part of the Airport's \$45 million Gateway Transformation Project that also includes new terrazzo flooring, lighting fixtures, new restrooms & nursing rooms, family restrooms, pre and post security business centers, new retail and food & beverage space, and much more. Different portions of the construction will open throughout the summer with phase one set to be complete in late August. Construction on the Gateway Transformation Project began in December 2015.

"Safety and security are our first priority and as we unveil one portion of our Gateway Transformation Project, we are working closely with our all of our tenants, contractors, and staff to ensure a smooth transition," said GFIA President & CEO Jim Gill. "Once completed, this project will be a beautiful gateway to West Michigan offering more amenities, technology, and other options for both our business and leisure travelers."



(Above): A rendering of the Gateway Transformation Project where Concourse B passengers will be screened beginning on June 11.

*Touch of Grand Rapids* post-security marketplace is also set to open on Sunday, and renovations are also wrapping up on a pre-security marketplace *Destination Michigan* which is expected to open on Friday, June 9. Both gift shops will include snacks and beverages as well as Michigan made gifts, souvenirs, and clothing.



Because some of the construction will have an impact on passenger operations throughout the terminal building, there will be updates, maps, photos, and other helpful tips listed on our website: [www.grr.org/construction](http://www.grr.org/construction). Signage, maps, and airport ambassadors are also available in the terminal building to assist with any passenger needs or directions. Passengers are encouraged to arrive at the airport at least 90 minutes before their scheduled flight.

For interviews, please contact Tara Hernandez.

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### **About GFIA**

The Gerald R. Ford International Airport (GFIA) is the second busiest airport in Michigan. The airport served over 2.6 million passengers in 2016 and over 7,000 travelers pass through GFIA each day. The Gerald R. Ford International Airport offers nonstop service to 24 major market destinations with more than 120 daily nonstop flights. The Gerald R. Ford International Airport is managed and operated by the Gerald R. Ford International Airport Authority. GFIA generates over \$3.1 billion in annual economic output throughout West Michigan, and employs over 1,500 people. For more information on GFIA visit: [www.flyford.org](http://www.flyford.org) or follow the airport on Twitter: @FlyGRFord