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Silicon Valley's Airport to Expand Public Parking for Rapidly-Growing Passenger Traffic

-- Minimum of 900 spaces to be added to long-term public parking by 2021 --

San Jose, Calif.— On Oct. 22, 2019, [Mineta San Jose International Airport \(SJC\)](#) was approved by the San Jose City Council to expand its public parking infrastructure. This approval allows SJC to add a minimum of 900 parking spaces to Economy Lot 1, also known as “long-term” parking, located in the northeast area of the Airport. With a record number of passengers traveling through SJC every day, parking is at a premium as spaces continue to fill on a regular basis. This year, the Economy Lot 1 has reached 100 percent capacity 36 times over a three-month period, including the closure of all parking lots for seven consecutive hours over the Columbus Day weekend.

“Our priority is the ease and convenience for our travelers. Adding more public parking to SJC’s inventory will assist in meeting the increased demand for parking onsite while making it more convenient for passengers to get to their flights on time,” said SJC’s Assistant Director Judy Ross.

SJC has been one of the fastest-growing airports in the U.S. over the past four-year period. The Airport has experienced passenger growth of 9.4 percent year-over-year for the 12-month period ending Sept. 30, 2019. Furthermore, passenger traffic is forecasted to continue to break records, with more than 15 million passengers served by year-end, compared to 14.3 million passengers served in calendar year 2018. This achievement is due to the growth in airlines, flights and nonstop destinations in response to Silicon Valley travelers’ demands.

[Hensel Phelps](#) was awarded the not-to-exceed \$42 million design-build contract to add a multi-story garage to Economy Lot 1, which is currently a surface lot. Construction will begin after this year’s Thanksgiving holiday travel period and is estimated to be completed by early-2021.

Approximately 770 spaces in Economy Lot 1 will be impacted and unavailable for parking during construction. To offset this temporary loss of parking, the Airport will provide an additional 900 parking spaces in Lot 2/Terminal A Garage starting November 20, 2019. This will be made possible by relocating SJC partners' employees to the Airport's west side parking lot. This is another example of the Airport's continuous focus on enhancing the passenger experience and their overall convenience.

As the busiest travel season of the year fast approaches, including Veterans Day weekend, travelers are asked to have a parking plan before arriving to SJC. Airport parking lots will likely reach capacity over Veterans Day weekend and during the Thanksgiving holiday. Travelers can check parking availability and rates before heading to SJC in one of two ways:

- Real-time parking status is online at <https://www.flysanjose.com/parking>, or
- Call SJC's parking services team at **408-441-5570** — anytime, any day.

Need more information before traveling through SJC? Contact SJC at info@sjc.org or **408-392-3600**.

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Mineta San Jose International Airport (SJC) is Silicon Valley's airport, a self-supporting enterprise owned and operated by the City of San Jose. The airport, now in its 70th year, serves more than 15 million passengers annually, with 450 peak daily departures and arrivals on 14 international and domestic carriers to 50+ nonstop destinations. SJC was America's fastest-growing major airport in 2018, based on percentage increase in passengers served. For more airport information, [visit FlySJC.com](http://www.flysjc.com).