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Grand Forks International Airport

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Tour the new terminal before it opens!

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BYRON L. DORGAN TERMINAL

O P E N H O U S E

Thursday, August 11th • 2:00 - 7:00 pm

Your Grand Forks International Airport has a new airline passenger terminal!

The Grand Forks Regional Airport Authority is extremely proud and excited that the time has come for the door to open to the next generation of travelers. The Byron L. Dorgan Terminal is brand new, beautiful, spacious, and so spectacular that we're inviting everyone in the region to come out to enjoy it with us! Each and every passenger that has used GFK deserves to have the comfort and convenience this facility will provide. We are grateful for your past support and are sincerely hopeful that all of your future flights will start here, with us, in this bright new terminal.

You'll love our new window seats!

Our public open house will be held Thursday, August 11, 2011 from 2-7 p.m. We're giving tours of the building before it opens so you can see our airside "window seats" and "behind the scenes" areas. The new terminal has double the space, abundant natural lighting, a top quality new concept restaurant, state-of-the-art digital dis-

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plays, and energy efficient heating and cooling. Designed by JLG Architects, this extraordinary airline terminal is in a league of its own – a must see! The terminal is scheduled to open for business on August 30th.

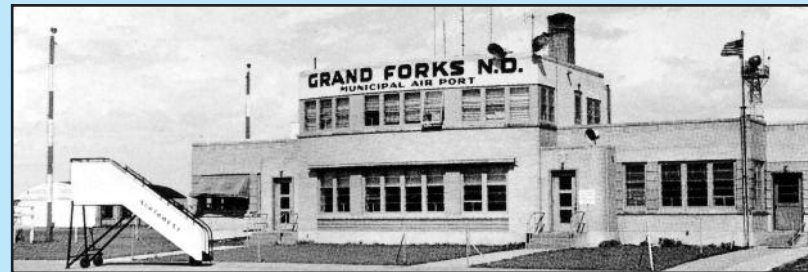
The History of the Grand Forks Airport goes back to before WWII.

Located on the west edge of Grand Forks, the first terminal building was built in 1941 and is now home to Brekke Tours & Travel. According to Norman Midboe, the airport's Assistant

Manager and Airport Business Manager from 1941 to 1984, the early days of the airport consisted mainly of flight instruction, crop spraying and charters. Commercial air service in Grand Forks accelerated after the war leading to significant passenger growth and the addition of larger aircraft servicing the airport.



The first airport was located on the west edge of Grand Forks just east of the current Interstate 29 and south of Gateway Dr.



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A Northwest Airlines Martin 202. Circa 1950.

On January 16, 1961, the Grand Forks City Council voted to relocate the airport to its current location five miles west of Grand Forks. The decision to move the airport was made due to a major upcoming construction project during which Highway 2 was upgraded to four lanes, Interstate 29 was planned, and a bridge was

built on Skidmore Avenue (now Gateway Drive). In addition, the airport was becoming too small for the growing business, and the runways were beginning to deteriorate.



This is the new airport under construction in 1963. Because of the rapid deterioration of the old airport's runways, Northwest began using the new airport in November 1963, operating out of a trailer. The terminal opened February 1, 1964.

The new \$3 million airport was opened for all aircraft on February 1, 1964. The first commercial 727 fan-jet landed on May 23, 1965, and in 1968, the large 150'x100' round top hangar was moved from the old airport to the new site. In 1971, the FAA constructed the first control tower. In addition to these significant achievements many more advancements would occur over the next 47 years-- heavy duty taxi-ways and runways, the UND John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences complex, cargo facilities, a flight service station, weather services, pilot services and several additions to the air passenger terminal. Also, hangars were built, maintenance equipment was purchased, and additional land was acquired to mitigate wetlands. In the 1980s, the airport was named after Senator Mark Andrews, who was instrumental in acquiring funding for many of the airport projects.



The terminal in July of 1967, three years after it was opened. A Northwest Boeing 727 fanjet airliner is parked on the apron.



150'x100' aircraft storage hangar being relocated from the old airport to the new airport on March 13, 1968.



Twenty businesses now encompass the Grand Forks International Airport, employing over 700 people.

Black and white pictures were donated to the airport by Norman Midboe.

Now 47 years old, the terminal building has undergone four separate construction projects. The total area of the main floor of the existing terminal is about 25,000 square feet and has many deficiencies. The parking lot has been expanded twice, and an additional lot was created in 2008 due to significant passenger growth.

In April of 2001, the Grand Forks Regional Airport Authority authorized a terminal study to be completed by Ulteig Engineers and JLG Architects. The results of the facility study and operational assessment clearly suggested that the existing terminal was not sufficient to maintain current and future use. In early 2005, the Authority authorized the design of a new terminal to be located between the general aviation area and the air cargo facility with new surface parking. The original estimate was \$29 million but was reduced to \$22 million as the ground breaking date approached. After the July 2009 ground breaking, it became apparent that Airport Drive would need to be moved to accommodate for sufficient parking which increased the project total to \$23.8 million.

The ground breaking ceremony was held on the afternoon of July 2, 2009 and the building was officially named after U.S. Senator Byron L. Dorgan on September 23, 2010. Senator Dorgan was extremely instrumental in the allocation of the federal funds needed to make this new terminal project possible. Senator Dorgan, along with Senator Kent Conrad and Congressman Earl Pomeroy understood the many deficiencies of the existing terminal and that a new, safer, larger and more energy efficient facility would be necessary in order for Grand Forks to continue to grow commercial air service into the future. Our Senators and Congressman worked



The \$23.8 million project included a new apron, terminal building, parking

very hard on behalf of all of us, and ultimately acquired \$17.3 million from the FAA to fund the construction of the new terminal.

Other funding for the construction was received from the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission, tax contingent bond sales, local funding, and passenger facility charges (PFC). PFCs are collected in increments of \$4.50 for each passenger that purchases an airline ticket to our airport and are utilized to make improvements to air service at the Grand Forks Airport.

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The public open house on August 11th (2-7pm) will include guided tours to acquaint people with the layout of the new facility by acclimating passengers to the new ticket area, security checkpoint lanes and second floor boarding area. After viewing the restaurant and administration areas, guests will be led back down to the main lobby to the car rental counters, baggage claim, and receive a 'behind the scenes' tour of the airports secure areas. Representatives from the Airport Authority, Delta Air Lines, TSA, and Avis, Hertz and National car rentals will be available to answer questions. Unfortunately, the Red River Valley Grill and Market will not be finished that day, but when they do open, you'll love their fresh new menu and coffee selection featuring Seattle's Best (owned by Starbucks) and their unique gift shop. The restaurant is also very unique in that it will serve both the secured gate area and the non-secured greeter's lobby.

FREE tickets and airplane rides at the Open House!

We're very excited that Allegiant and Delta Air Lines will each be giving away a pair of round trip tickets* and Delta will also give away eight pair of \$50 Delta Air Lines gift cards at our open house on Thursday. In addition, GFK Flight Support will draw one name every half hour for FREE airplane rides, weather permitting. The person drawn must be present to win and may take a companion(s) to ride along immediately after the drawing. UND Aerospace, the Civil Air Patrol, FedEx and US Customs and Border Protection will have their aircraft on display and the Authority will be handing out children's gift bags. The Authority is very excited to show off the new terminal and hopes everyone in the community will come and celebrate this big day with them.

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Lot and relocation of Airport Drive.

The new airline terminal is a major step in building the future of air service in Grand Forks as our airport recently broke its all time passenger enplanement record by boarding 117,855 passengers in 2010.

The Airport Authority appreciates each and every one of its passengers and would not have this new facility without their support. The Authority is confident that passengers will find the new terminal comfortable and convenient for years to come. The new terminal will be open for its inaugural flight on Tuesday, August 30th.



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The new Byron L. Dorgan Terminal, designed by JLG Architects, is a state-of-the-art design that will be Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) registered with sustainable green energy features such as geo-thermal heating and natural light. The spacious 50,000 square foot building has two levels connected by escalators and elevators. Outside, the new apron and boarding bridges will be capable of boarding aircraft as large as a Boeing 757. The Authority's goal was to create a comfortable, convenient traveling environment in a showpiece of pride for the city, region and state. We designed the building with the traveler in mind.

New features include:

- Increased passenger waiting area
- Enhanced passenger flow indoors and outdoors
- Streamlined security processing
- Separate levels for ticketing, boarding
- Top quality restaurant that serves both secured and non-secured sides with gift shop and bar
- State-of-the-art technology including digital advertising opportunities for local businesses
- Natural lighting

We're also proud to have designed our new terminal using the latest eco-friendly elements such as:

- Energy efficient construction
- Geo-thermal heating
- 40% reduction in water use
- Recycled building materials



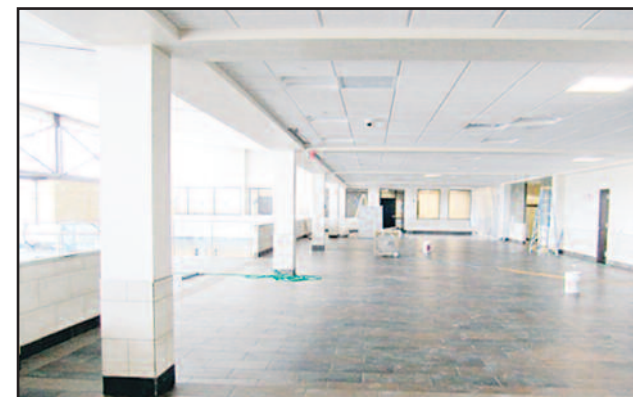
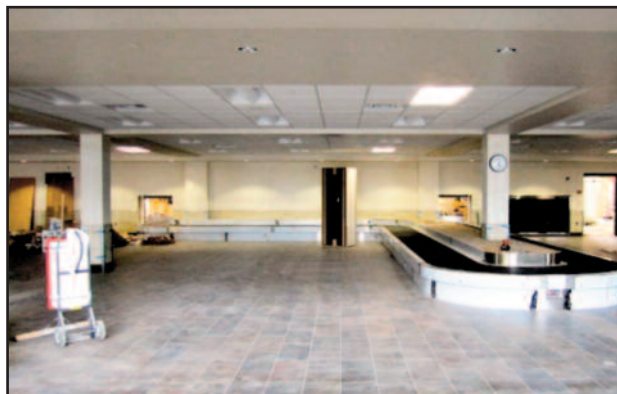
U.S. Senator Byron L. Dorgan

U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan served Grand Forks, North Dakota, and our nation in the U.S. Congress for thirty years. He served in the U.S. Senate Leadership for 16 of those years; he was chairman of key committees and subcommittees working on agriculture, aviation, energy, technology and many other issues.

Senator Dorgan has been a tireless advocate and builder, building our economy and creating new jobs in our region. He's been especially important in the area of aviation. He created the Center for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles at the University of North Dakota. He, along with his colleagues, helped save the Grand Forks Air Force Base during the base closing rounds. He got the funding for the helicopter training program at UND. He also helped get the funding for airport improvements including the new terminal in Grand Forks.



View the photos and videos of our construction progress at www.gfkairport.com/authority/history.



The construction of the new terminal project began on July 2, 2009 and will be open for its inaugural flight on August 30, 2011. These photos were taken in early August. The signs "GFK" and "Byron L. Dorgan Terminal" will be installed above the canopy in mid-August. The Airport Authority opted to show the building to the public (on August 11th) before it opened in order to avoid security and congestion issues.

