



# Neighborhood UPDATE



## Work Begins on Intermodal Facility

Norfolk Southern Corporation and City officials signed a lease agreement in March, a momentous step that kicked off construction of Charlotte's new regional intermodal facility at CLT. Once operational, it is expected to generate \$9 billion in economic impact over the next 20 years.

The facility, which is scheduled to open in 2014, will transfer trailers and containers between trucks and trains. It will replace Norfolk Southern's existing 40-acre intermodal facility along North Davidson and North Brevard streets in uptown. By relocating to the Airport, Norfolk Southern is able to expand to 200 acres and remove trucks off busy city streets.

Land has already been graded for the intermodal facility that will sit along the southern end of CLT's center parallel runway and

40 feet underneath two taxiway bridges. The tracks will extend a mile along the airfield. For passengers landing at CLT, they will likely only see the tops of cranes. Daily operation at CLT will not be impacted once the facility is fully operational.

When completed, the intermodal facility will bring all four modes of transportation together - air, rail, truck and sea (with access to Savannah, Charleston and Jacksonville seaports). The desired outcome for the project is an efficient transportation hub that will attract warehouse distribution centers around the Airport. As the sixth busiest airport in the nation and largest US Airways' hub, CLT is also able to transport goods globally.

The \$90 million facility will be constructed with the assistance of a \$15.7 million in federal funds

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## Construction Updates

### Airport's Entrance Road and Bridge

Construction will begin this spring on CLT's new entrance road and bridge. The \$20 million project will provide a new and direct thoroughfare from Wilkinson Boulevard into the Airport, creating easier access to Interstates 85 and 485 for drivers.

This month, work starts on the new entrance road bridge, located adjacent to the existing Old Dowd Road bridge. Completion is scheduled for the end of this year. Next month, construction of the new entrance road begins. The road is anticipated to open by December 2013.

Construction will cause little interruption to traffic. Widening of Little Rock Road in some areas, however, will require traffic shifts.

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New videos, produced by staff, will be posted to YouTube and [cltairport.com](http://cltairport.com) each month. The channel will also contain entertaining videos submitted by passengers.

The launch of CLT's YouTube channel adds to CLT's social media outreach campaign. On December 20, Charlotte Douglas launched its Facebook and Twitter pages, marking the first time CLT has used social media to communicate with the public.

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## Construction Update

### Terminal Eastside Expansion

Construction of the eastside terminal expansion is approaching its completion. Exterior work is wrapping up quickly, as framing of CLT's \$22 million addition draws to an end. The focus now turns to the interior. Floors, mechanical systems and ceilings are being installed. The project remains on target to open in June. The 60,000 square foot expansion includes a fifth security checkpoint and additional public, office and lobby space. The new area will contain a front glass wall and present an open space for improved traffic flow, complete with terrazzo flooring.

### Hourly Deck

New Hourly deck construction is progressing smoothly. Currently, more than 4,000 steel piles are being driven into the ground to form the deck's foundation.

A quarter of those steel piles will be in place by mid April. Excavation of the back half of the deck's bottom level is nearly complete. This month, storm water pipes for drainage and utilities are being installed. By summer, crews will begin pouring concrete for the Airport's new \$120 million parking structure.

The deck will contain 7 levels and 7,000 parking spaces. The top four floors will house 4,000 public parking spaces. The lower three levels will include a rental car return facility encompassing 3,000 rental car spaces, check-in counters and a service area to wash and refuel the vehicles. CLT's new Hourly deck will replace the two existing parking decks located in front of the terminal, allowing Charlotte Douglas to expand the terminal lobby area for additional ticketing, baggage claim and security checkpoint space. The deck's completion is anticipated for December 2014.

## FAA Studies More Efficient Flight Procedures

Charlotte Douglas is part of a FAA study geared at streamlining flight procedures around the country within the next three years. NextGen, a new FAA satellite-based air traffic system, is revolutionizing air traffic as we know it by allowing planes to fly more direct routes.

Currently, planes fly indirect routes over radar towers, a six decade old method that has been used since the World War II era. NextGen provides pilots with precise locations of other airplanes around them.

Benefits of the new system include fuel savings, shorter flights, less carbon emission, noise reduction and improved air safety. If approved, the FAA reports the new flight routes will help airlines flying to and from Charlotte shave an estimated 2.5 million miles from their flight paths each year. ■

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## Intermodal Facility

and \$74.3 million in private funding. The Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, North Carolina Department of Transportation and the City of Charlotte all provided extensive help in planning the facility. ■

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## Neighborhood Task Force

The 16-member Neighborhood Task Force was established in 1989 shortly after Charlotte City Council approved the Airport's original FAR Part 150 Noise Compatibility Program. This neighborhood group operates as a subcommittee of the Airport Advisory Committee. Members of the task force are all Airport neighbors living near the end of each runway inside the noise contours. They provide a direct communication link between the Airport and its neighbors.

### Next Neighborhood Task Force Meeting

Thursday, November 10, 2011  
7 p.m. ??????????????

### CLT Center

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Charlotte, N.C. 28208