

Okaloosa County News Release



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Ribbon Cutting on Northwest Florida Regional Airport Rental Car Facility

The Northwest Florida Regional Airport will cut the ribbon on the new East Side Development Project, which consists of three developments:

The first is a new, improved **Rental Car Service** facility, which includes a consolidated maintenance and administration building. Travelers utilizing the new facility will access rental car pick up and drop off at the ready/return lot on the **east side** of the terminal, as opposed to current location at the west end. This will decrease walking distance for rental car users and provide a more convenient passenger drop off at curbside, and rental car pick up from the counters inside the terminal.

Additionally, a new entrance to the Northwest Florida Regional Airport was constructed off highway 85 to the east, which will segregate airport terminal deliveries, cargo and fuel trucks from travelers. This more consolidated, modern facility even has an automated carwash that recycles 80 percent of the water used. Lastly, additional parking for rental car overflow and storage is provided, clearing the way for more parking for terminal users on the west side.

A new, above ground **Fuel Farm** consists of 80,000 gallons of gasoline for the rental cars, replacing three dated underground tanks. The new fuel farm provides a safer separation between fuel storage and the terminal and airline gates.

Okaloosa County will manage fuel distribution to the rental car companies by underground piping to the new vehicular fuel dispensers. Also the fuel farm has 50,000 gallons of Jet A fuel capacity for the airlines. The old fuel tanks will be dismantled and removed.

A 275'x275' **Remote Overnight Apron** (ramp) built south of the project provides an aircraft loading area and access to the terminal ramp and taxiways. This ramp, in addition to serving cargo operations, can also be used for aircraft that may overnight at the airport, or for aircraft temporary staging for maintenance. For more information, please contact the Northwest Florida Regional Airport, 850-651-7160, extension 4.

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