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BAGGAGE MOVES FASTER AT MIDWAY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT THROUGH NEW INLINE SYSTEM

Behind-the-scenes conveyor system makes travel through Midway faster and more convenient

CHICAGO – The Chicago Department of Aviation today announced the completion of the inline baggage handling system for the south half of the ticketing lobby at Midway International Airport. Now that the final phase of the project is complete, all luggage checked at Midway will be screened with the new system.

“With the entire system now operational, all passengers traveling through Midway will benefit from the convenience and speed this technology provides,” said Aviation Commissioner Nuria I. Fernandez. “Inline systems facilitate more efficient baggage security screening and free up space in the ticketing lobby.”

The inline system moves baggage from the counter through security areas where it is screened for explosives, then placed onto departing aircraft. The new system processes up to 5,000 bags per hour and more than 30,000 bags per day, which is more than twice as fast as stand-alone explosive detection systems (EDS).

The north half of the inline system has been operating since April. In its entirety, the \$42 million project replaced ten EDS machines located in Midway’s ticketing lobby. In addition to freeing up valuable space in the lobby, passengers are no longer required to carry their bags to a separate location when checking luggage.

Inline baggage handling systems are less labor-intensive making more Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officers available for checkpoint duties or training. For more information about the TSA, please contact Lara Uselding, U.S. Department of Homeland Security/TSA at (773) 573-8168.

Inline baggage systems are currently operating at Terminals 1 and 5 at O’Hare International Airport. An additional inline system in Terminal 3 has been completed and will be operational later this month.

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