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Terminal F Has a Brand New Look at Philadelphia International Airport
Renovated Hub features new concessions, additional space and dramatic artwork

PHILADELPHIA – Travelers passing through Terminal F, one of the busiest terminals at Philadelphia International Airport (PHL), are in for an upgraded experience in the newly revamped and expanded Hub. The center of the bustling facility, which has housed US Airways Express operations since opening in 2001, has undergone a complete makeover.

Airport and City officials as well as senior executives from US Airways and Marketplace Development celebrated the Hub’s grand opening today. During the day’s festivities, travelers took in the chic new surroundings while enjoying live entertainment and munching on a variety of tasty foods offered by Airport eateries.

“It’s another great day at Philadelphia International Airport as we celebrate another milestone in our continuing quest to provide first-class facilities and amenities to the 30 million travelers who fly through Philadelphia every year,” said Mayor Michael A. Nutter. “US Airways has been our partner in providing air service to the greater Philadelphia region for decades and we are proud to present this new and enhanced facility to travelers. I want to thank US Airways for their longstanding commitment to Philadelphia and I want to thank Airport CEO Mark Gale and his staff for their dedication and hard work in providing an outstanding air transportation facility to the traveling public.”

The original Hub, the intersection of Terminal F’s three concourses, has doubled in square footage to 60,000 square feet and features 4 times as many food, beverage and retail offerings and a food court seating area that has grown by 400% to 300 seats.

The 5.3 million passengers – about 18 percent of the Airport’s passenger traffic -- who use Terminal F every year can now enjoy an upscale dining experience in Local Tavern, where celebrity chef Jose Garces trained the staff and consulted on the restaurant’s menu. While they’re waiting for their meal, customers can use the iPads at every table.

Re: Vive Bar is another popular dining option and customers can also savor tasty offerings from local favorite Tony Luke’s, Chipotle Mexican Grill, Smashburger, Red Mango, Sbarro, Au Bon Pain, Le Bus Cafe, and Far East. They can grab a fast meal at Good 2 Go and local signature treats at the Philly Pretzel Factory. They can shop for quality merchandise at Fire & Ice, Solstice and Soundbalance and apothecary goods at Kiehl’s, or pick up reading materials, souvenirs and snacks at Hudson News and Stellar News.

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At XpresSpa, a new service in Terminal F, passengers can get a shave and take a shower.

High above the newly renovated and expanded Hub is *You Are Here*, a dramatic 1,440 square-foot art glass installation spanning the wall above the shuttle bus doors. Commissioned by the Office of Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy's Percent for Art Program, *You Are Here* is the handiwork of artists Ellen Harvey and Jan Baracz. The sparkling blue glass features a panoramic satellite vista of Philadelphia with an arrow swooping down to pinpoint the Airport's location.

The Hub's mezzanine level has also been expanded and renovated with new break rooms for US Airways employees and a refreshed US Airways Club for customers, nearly tripling the square footage to 22,140 square feet.

"The new look and feel of Terminal F is amazing, and our customers are going to love it," Gale said. "When Terminal F opened in 2001, it revolutionized the Airport experience for travelers using US Airways Express by providing those customers with a state-of-the-art terminal. Over the years, Terminal F has become busier as US Airways Express operations have increased. In response to that shift in demand, the Airport has partnered with US Airways on a major capital program to greatly enhance the traveler experience. We are excited to offer this new facility and upgraded experience to the thousands of passengers who use Terminal F every day and look forward to continuing our work to serve the traveling public."

Robert Isom, US Airways Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, added: "We're excited to enhance the travel experience for our Express customers in Philadelphia. This initial and largest phase of the Terminal F expansion, which includes a completely renovated US Airways Club, helps us offer a seamless experience and high level of service for all of our customers."

As part of the grand opening festivities, the Airport recognized the Pennsylvania Ballet, which is celebrating its 50th year in 2013. The Airport's acclaimed Exhibitions Program is featuring an exhibit, the *Pennsylvania Ballet at 50*, in Terminal F to pay homage to one of Philadelphia's iconic cultural institutions. Roy Kaiser, the Ballet's artistic director since 1995, was recognized along with several members of the Ballet.

The Hub is a major component of \$127 million project to refurbish and expand Terminal F. The project also consists of a new baggage claim facility on the Arrivals Road, additional security screening lanes, a new taxi stand on the Arrivals Road, and a corridor linking Terminal F with the rest of the Airport on the secured side. The project is scheduled for completion in 2016.

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US Airways Express Fleet Service Agent Gebreegziabh Biadgo and Flight Attendant Monica Graham officiate the ribbon cutting along with Airport Advisory Board President Jon Saler, Mayor Michael A Nutter, US Airways COO Robert Isom, Airport CEO Mark Gale, US Airways executive VP Suzanne Boda, Marketplace Corporation president Paul McGinn, US Airways vice president PHL hub operations Bob Ciminelli and Piedmont Airlines hub director Frank Morales.

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