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### **GSP's Short-Term Parking Lot Permanently Closed**

*Trees in short-term parking lot will be harvested, repurposed in WINGSPAN construction*

**GREER, S.C.** – Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport's short-term parking lot permanently closed Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> as construction is set to begin on the North Wing of the terminal.

The short-term parking lot closed for new business on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Fencing is being erected around the lot and construction is set to begin soon.

As part of WINGSPAN, the GSP terminal improvement program, the North Wing will expand into what is now the short-term lot, and when finished will temporarily house airline ticket counters and offices. In addition to eventually housing the airport's administration offices, the North Wing will also serve as the first phase build-out of the future second baggage claim area.

“Our hope is that passengers will see this as an exciting start to a new phase of WINGSPAN,” said Airport District President/CEO Dave Edwards. “We have a variety of parking options around the GSP campus to serve all of our passengers’ parking needs, including parking garages, the daily and the economy lots.”

Passengers are reminded that Reserved Parking is also available and reservations can be made online at [gspairport.com](http://gspairport.com) for a fee of \$5 per reservation.

In keeping with the Airport District's long standing commitment to being a good steward of the environment, it was announced today that the trees harvested from the short-term parking lot will be repurposed and used as part of WINGSPAN.

Tidewater Lumber and Mouldings, Inc. of Greer, S.C. will be responsible for project oversight. Timbertech located in Greenville, S.C, will harvest the 26 trees over a period of four-days. Beal Lumber Company of Little Mountain, S.C. will process the trees to lumber. The final drying process, handled by Tidewater Lumber and Mouldings includes both air-drying the stacked lumber and drying the lumber in a dehumidification kiln. Tidewater will also handle the production of the architectural woodwork.



“It’s important to us as well as to our passengers, the public and the community that we serve, to make sure these beautiful trees are preserved and remain a part of the airport’s history,” said Airport Chair Minor Shaw. “The atmosphere at GSP has always been enhanced by the attractive landscaping and so the reuse of these trees would have made our late Chairman Roger Milliken very proud.”

### **About WINGSPAN**

Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport launched WINGSPAN, a four-year terminal improvement program in May that will modernize the main terminal building, improve passenger flow and upgrade the facility. Skanska Moss, a joint venture between Skanska USA Building and local contractor Moss & Associates, is serving as construction manager at-risk, Jacobs Engineering is serving as program manager and RS&H is serving as lead architect and engineer. GSP will seek as many local subcontractors as possible to participate, continuing its commitment to economic development throughout the Upstate. The terminal will remain operational throughout the entire process.

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