

The Future of LAX Airport

The Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) is the third busiest airport in the United States and is the largest airport in California. With five direct airlines flying into LAX from Australia and 3 via the Pacific islands– it is not surprising it is the most popular and convenient gateway to North America.

Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) is in the midst of a multi-billion-dollar modernisation program at LAX. Here's what Aussie agents and travellers can expect as part of the upgrade:

1) Automated People Mover System



The Automated People Mover (APM) will be an above ground airport transport system connecting LAX passengers with - the airline terminals, a new centralised rental car facility, new pickup and drop-off locations (with airport parking facilities), and the Metro's regional transit system. The APM features include:

- An above ground system approximately 3.5 kilometres in length
- Six APM stations connecting passengers to key LAX locations, including three in the Central Terminal Area (CTA)
- Free, convenient and reliable 24-hour access to the CTA

2) Consolidated Rent-A-Car Centre

Currently, the rental car agencies are located in 23 different properties in the vicinity of LAX. The Consolidated Rent-A-Car Centre (CONRAC) would be designed to accommodate rental car agencies at one conveniently centralised location.

3) Metro Transit Connection



The APM will allow for a seamless connection to the Metro’s regional rail and bus system, including the proposed Airport Metro Connector transit station, to be located at 96th Street/Aviation Boulevard.

New terminals

In 2017, a newly renovated **Terminal 7** will open for the public, featuring an expanded ticketing lobby, improved security screening checkpoints and enhanced waiting areas with comfortable seating and more charging areas.

By 2018, work will wrap up on the new **Terminal 1**, with Westfield already unveiling part of its Terminal 1 redesign in March 2016. Further upgrades to the Southwest Airlines terminal is expected to be completed in the next two years.

MIDFIELD SATELITE TERMINAL



The new \$1.6 billion concourse addition to the Tom Bradley International Terminal (TBIT) will feature 12 aircraft gates, including two for new large Group VI aircraft, such as the Airbus A380 or the Boeing 747-8. The remaining 10 gates will be capable of handling Group V aircraft, such as the Boeing 777 and 787, and the Airbus A330. The new concourse is designed as an addition to TBIT, connected by a pedestrian tunnel and utility tunnel.

