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## **STOCKTON METROPOLITAN AIRPORT TO HOST OPEN HOUSE FOR TERMINAL EXPANSION PLANS**

(Stockton, CA)—The San Joaquin County Aviation Advisory Committee will unveil plans for an expanded terminal “Holdroom” for the Stockton Metropolitan Airport at an open house, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 15, 2010. The airport is located at 5000 South Airport Way, Stockton, California. Members of the public are invited.

Exhibits at the open house will be shown for public viewing and comment and will describe several Holdroom upgrade alternatives. These alternatives range from a modular and expandable structure that provides some opportunities to incorporate green technology and has a building façade and mast tower design that echoes the iconic tensile structures of the Weber Point Events Center and Stockton Downtown Marina, to a prefabricated modular structure format that offers flexible and economical space.

“When complete, the expanded and upgraded Holdroom will improve the passenger experience,” stated Susan Palmeri, Airport Director. A Holdroom is where passengers wait to board aircraft after screening. Palmeri explained that the present Holdroom will double to at least 3,000 square feet and accommodate about 300 people once the project is completed. Passenger amenities will include an improved public address system, installation of the Airport TV Network with flight information, improved seating, concessions, and restrooms.

Design and construction are primarily funded by a Federal Aviation Administration grant.

Currently, Allegiant Airlines makes five to seven flights a week to Las Vegas. Palmeri said that the new Holdroom will allow Allegiant to add more flights and make the airport attractive to other airlines that may be considering flights to the Central Valley.

Palmeri said, “Meeting the need for an expanded, upgraded Holdroom is just the first challenge.” Future improvements may include a new baggage carousel and other amenities.

The Holdroom expansion is being designed by architect Eric Wohle of LDA Partners, Inc., a local architectural firm. Kjeldsen, Sinnock & Neudeck, Inc., a local civil engineering firm is providing the civil engineering design components. Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. is managing the project.

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**About the Stockton Metropolitan Airport**

Stockton Metropolitan Airport is strategically located in the Central Valley. The airport enjoys two main runways: a 4,458-foot long, 75-foot wide general aviation runway and a 10,650-foot long, 150-foot wide primary ILS runway—one of the longest in the region. The primary runway accommodates larger, heavier aircraft capable of flying long distances. The airport offers convenient low-cost parking and easy access to Highway 99 and Interstate 5, making Stockton Metropolitan Airport an attractive transportation hub. For more information about Stockton Metropolitan Airport, call (209) 468-4700.