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Akron-Canton Airport celebrates opening of new TSA checkpoint

Green, OH: [Akron-Canton Airport](#) (CAK) is celebrating the grand opening of its Transportation Security Administration (TSA) checkpoint today. The new checkpoint is four times larger, is configured for four screening lanes (expandable to six lanes) and features the newest security screening technology.

The completion of the new checkpoint is part of *CAK 2018* the airport's 10-year, \$110 million capital improvement plan. Construction began on the project in April and ended in early January 2012. The airport's food court was relocated to the other side of the main concourse to make way for the expanded screening checkpoint area.

"2011 was all about enhancing the Customer experience at CAK," said Rick McQueen, President & CEO. "Not only is the screening process more efficient, the improved dining options and a more spacious TSA security checkpoint improve the already relaxing experience our Customers rave about."

"The Akron-Canton Airport continues to provide convenient, low-cost air travel options for Ohioans," said Senator Sherrod Brown. "The Transportation Security Administration's new and improved checkpoint will promote the highest degree of safety for travelers, pilots, and airport staff while providing for a more convenient travel experience. This investment will lead to continued success at Akron-Canton Airport and spells good news for the regional economy."

"This new checkpoint represents tremendous growth throughout the Akron-Canton area and progress in making our airport better for travelers," said Congresswoman Betty Sutton. "I am proud to support this airport and the jobs and families it fuels throughout our area."

To celebrate the opening, the airport and local dignitaries held a grand opening celebration, technology demonstration and ribbon-cutting ceremony in new security screening space. The entire airport renovation cost more than \$2.3 million. Funding sources include federal airport improvement program funds (AIP), passenger facility charges (PFCs) and airport operating revenue.

Total project costs:

Food Court Relocation:	945,439.40
Screening Check Point:	<u>1,397,127.77</u>
Total Project Cost:	\$2,342,567.17

The newest security technology includes two millimeter wave [Advanced Imaging Technology](#) screening units equipped with image-free technology that can detect objects of concern while protecting Customer privacy. TSA funded the technology enhancements.

About Akron-Canton Airport

Akron-Canton Airport kicked off [CAK 2018](#), its 10-year, \$110-million Capital Improvement Plan in 2008. The plan is the most ambitious in the airport's 65-year history. The centerpiece of CAK 2018, the extension and safety upgrade of Runway 5/23 was completed in 2010. Keep up to date on all things CAK including flight reservations, driving instructions, and welcome kit at akroncantonairport.com. Akron-Canton Airport *a better way to go*®.

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