



## Orlando Sanford

# INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

One of Florida's top five busiest airports in number of operations, Orlando Sanford International Airport (SFB) dedicates itself to providing a top-quality experience while continuing to grow and expand its services. Located on 3,000+ acres in Sanford and just 18 miles northeast of Orlando, SFB is convenient to Seminole County as well as the rest of Central Florida.

This location has helped to make Orlando Sanford a busy airport that keeps getting busier. In 2016, the airport saw 2,449,035 domestic passengers, a 9.68% increase over the previous year. Another 303,375 international passengers passed through its gates, which represents an increase of 2.7% over 2015. Overall, almost 2.8 million passengers used SFB in 2016 – nearly 11% percent more than 2015.

The airlines that carry passengers to and from Sanford offer more than 75 non-stop destinations across North



America, and more are being added all the time. In 2017, Allegiant Air expanded their service by offering year-round, non-stop flights to four more cities in the United States. Surinam Airlines, a carrier based in South America, began offering non-stop service to Aruba in April, 2017.

Two new airlines have also joined SFB within the past year: InterJet, which flies to Mexico City, and ViaAir, which has Charlotte, NC and Shenandoah, VA as destinations.

In order to serve these airlines and their passengers, Orlando Sanford is planning a \$53 million terminal expansion project. Plans include adding four new gates and additional ticket counters and baggage carousels.

In order to maximize potential capacity, adjustments will be made to the airport's existing footprint to accommodate centralized screening and redesignation of terminals as Arrivals and Departures rather than International and Domestic. These changes, which include 36,000 square feet of new construction and 100,000 square feet of renovations, will streamline all processes to make SFB a more efficient and user-friendly facility. Orlando Sanford expects to break ground on the expansion project on November 3 and anticipates completion in three phases over three years.

The beginning of the expansion is timed to coincide with the 75th anniversary of the commissioning of Naval Air Station Sanford, the precursor of the modern airport. SFB will be holding a large celebratory event on November 3 to commemorate the occasion.

Another renovation is the rehabilitation and expansion of Taxiway R, which will be widened and strengthened. The construction of these improvements is scheduled to commence in January 2018.