Reagan National Airport Preps for $1B Capital Improvement Plan

- The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority has revealed the details of two projects at Ronald Reagan National Airport in Arlington, VA, that are part of a $1 billion capital improvement plan there, according to the Washington Business Journal.
- A new security checkpoint at the airport's existing retail area will cost more than $245 million, and the price tag for a new concourse is expected to be a little more than $408 million. AIR Alliance, including AECOM and PGAL, was brought on to design the projects in 2015.
- The bond-financed projects should be complete between 2020 and 2021, with a new parking garage, landside and airside infrastructure improvements, and baggage handling renovations to follow at some point in the future.

Airport improvements are never cheap, but they're needed to keep pace with the industry's ever-changing security and technological requirements. A report from the Airports Council International—North America released earlier this month found that it would take approximately $100 billion to execute the necessary infrastructure upgrades at the nation's airports, a 32% increase from the organization's 2015 projections.

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