

# NEW OUTBOUND BAGGAGE HANDLING SYSTEM



## Project description

The outbound baggage handling system (BHS) project improves AUS's outbound luggage process, which moves checked luggage from the check-in counter, through security screening and to the aircraft.

The BHS is an interconnected network of moving parts including conveyer belts and equipment, most of which required upgrades to meet modern, industry standards.

The completion of this project allowed AUS to process/screen more bags and improve the flow of outbound luggage. The improvements to the system were intended to meet the future demand of 30 million annual passengers.

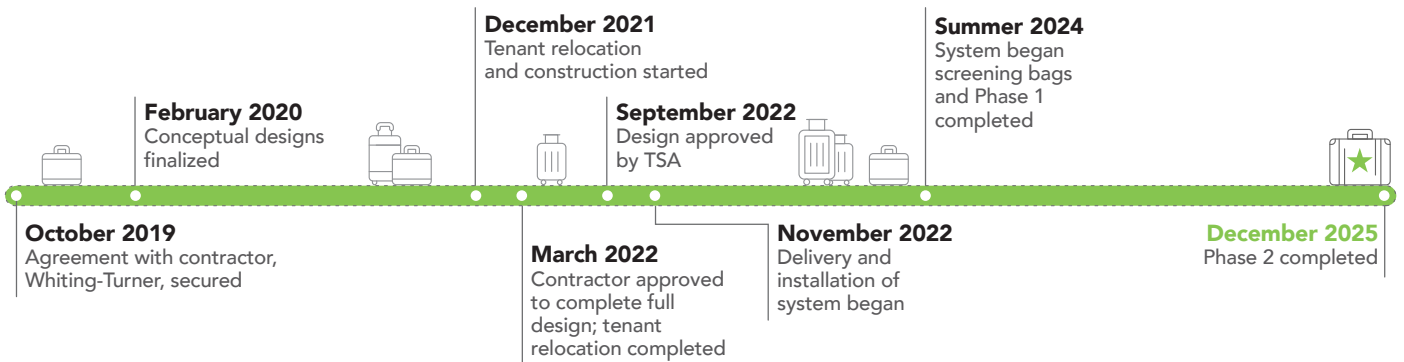
## Benefits to passengers

- Increases system reliability. i.e. bags are less likely to miss their flight.
- Decreases potential flight delays from AUS.
- Meets growing outbound passenger demand.

## Changes for passengers and operations

- No visible construction work in the terminal.
- Construction primarily occurred at night and early in the morning when there were less staff and passengers.
- Temporary construction wall and other measures were put in place to ensure we're meeting safety standards throughout the project.

## Timeline



## Fast facts

- Bags travel on 1.5 miles of conveyor belts with the new system.
- The BHS processes 4,000 bags per hour, 2,400 more bags per hour than the previous system.

## Cost

The total cost for this project was approximately \$241.5 million, which included related projects that increased space and improved services.

## Funding

The funding for this project came from traditional airport development funding sources such as airport cash reserves, current and future airport revenues, future revenue bond proceeds and Federal Aviation Administration grants.

## Project partners

Prime Contractor



Subject Matter Expert



Architect



Original Equipment Manufacturer



Conceptual Designer



Structural Designer



IT, Security



Austin Aviation;  
Austin Capital Delivery Services;  
Capital Procurement Resources; Austin Development Services; Austin Small and Minority Business Resources



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