

# REDEVELOPMENT TIMES

LAGUARDIA AIRPORT

WINTER 2021

## Covid & the Community

**2020 was a year of extraordinary achievements and milestones, but also unprecedented challenges for the LaGuardia Airport Redevelopment Program.**

Despite an unprecedented drop in travel volumes at LaGuardia Airport due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 2020 ended with a series of historic milestones that will help pave the way for a brighter future. Following the opening of the new LaGuardia Redevelopment Community Information Center at the end of 2019, we unveiled a beautiful new Arrivals and Departures Hall at Terminal B and the first phase of another new concourse. More than 50 percent of a Whole New LGA is now open. But we continue to face challenges. The communities around the airport were the epicenter of the coronavirus, and our neighbors suffered from a health and an economic crisis. Despite these daunting hurdles, the LGA Redevelopment team remained committed to advancing the redevelopment program and maintaining its schedule, while also supporting local communities.

## 2020 Accomplishments



### New Terminal B Arrivals and Departures Hall Opening

The most significant redevelopment milestone in 2020 was the opening of the new Terminal B Arrivals & Departures Hall. As the construction continued, the Port Authority, terminal developers, and the building trades unions implemented best-in-class COVID-19 safety protocols to keep the construction workers healthy and safe. We invited local elected officials and community leaders for a tour of the new terminal, and we look forward to welcoming back travelers and the community.



### Virtual Events & Programs

Although the community information center has been closed since March, the outreach team worked hard to shift all its activities and events to a virtual setting.

- 5,000 attendees joined our business development and workforce development webinars
- 2 summer educational programs for the youth



### Food & PPE Distribution

The project team also assisted by providing food for families, essential workers and first responders and distributing PPE to community residents, travelers, and small businesses.

### COVID-19 Test Site

In October, the Port Authority in partnership with NYC Health + Hospitals opened a free on airport COVID-19 testing site in the Terminal B garage, serving roughly 3,000 travelers, airport employees, and local residents every day.

# A WHOLE NEW LAGUARDIA AIRPORT

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey's \$8 billion LaGuardia Redevelopment project, two-thirds of which is funded through private financing and existing passenger fees, broke ground in 2016. The new Terminal B is being built by LaGuardia Gateway Partners and its contractor, Skanska Walsh. The new Terminal C is being built by Delta Air Lines.



## 2020 MILESTONES



Terminal C Arrivals and Departures Hall steel completed July 2020



Terminal B Western Concourse Phase 1 opened August 2020

## TERMINAL B ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES OPENED JUNE 2020



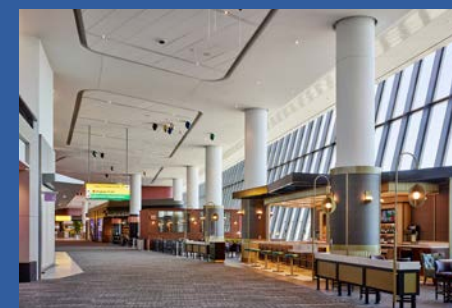
Ribbon Cutting for the Terminal B Arrivals and Departures Hall



Terminal B Departures Level Interior



Art in Terminal B connector bridge to Parking Garage



Terminal B Arrivals and Departures Hall Interior



Spacious seating area in the new Terminal B



Terminal B's one-of-a-kind water feature

# +\$1.5 Billion MWBE Contracts Awarded

In 2020, the LGA Redevelopment team announced a historic achievement - contracts awarded to certified Minority and Women Business Enterprises (MWBE) exceeded \$1.58 billion, the largest for any public-private partnership project in New York State meeting Governor Cuomo's goal of 30% MWBE participation. In addition, more than \$620 million in contracts were awarded to local, Queens businesses.



## AirTrain LaGuardia

Currently under review by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the proposed AirTrain project would provide a convenient, sustainable, and easy-to-use 30-minute rail connection between LaGuardia and Midtown Manhattan that offers travelers and employees reliable, predictable travel times. In 2020 the FAA published the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and hosted two public workshops and three public hearings virtually, during a 60-day public review and comment period.

During the public hearings, 80 percent of those speakers who expressed an opinion supported the project. Supporters include transit experts, labor unions, community and business organizations, citywide civic groups, environmental advocates, the tourism industry, and the M/WBE community. The FAA expects to publish the Final Environmental Impact Statement and issue its Record of Decision later this year.

## AirTrain: 30 minutes or less from Midtown Manhattan to LGA



# Workforce & Business Development

+120 webinars  
+5500 attendees

## Webinars included:

- Resume Building
- Access to Capital for Businesses
- Interview Skills
- MWBE Certification
- Social Media Profile
- PPP Info Session
- Construction 101
- Microsoft Office Certification

**CONSTRUCTION 101**  
TIPS ON LANDING A JOB IN CONSTRUCTION

Are you interested in a career in construction? Do you know what the qualifications are?

Please join the JFK and LGA Redevelopment Teams for a Construction Info Session. This webinar will provide general information on what you need to successfully break into a career in construction.

Please register: [www.lga.com/ps088MMX](http://www.lga.com/ps088MMX)

**WED. SEP 30 AT 12PM-2PM**



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**Steps To Successful Interviews**

So, you've landed an interview for a wonderful job... now what? It takes practice to perfect your interviewing skills. Join the LGA and JFK Redevelopment Teams, along with CAO and The Queens Public Library Job and Business Academy in their Steps to a Successful Interview Webinar. The JBA team will show you how to prepare for different interview formats, successfully deal with difficult questions, and how to follow up properly afterward.

**JUNE 30**  
12PM - 1PM

Please register at: [tinyurl.com/ybhadrj](http://tinyurl.com/ybhadrj)



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Join us for a *fireside chat*  
For Women in Business with

**Francilia Wilkins**  
CEO of R.F. Wilkins Consultants

We will discuss an insider perspective on how to grow and maintain a business during a crisis, along with tips and advice on how to have a successful work-life balance. Attendees will walk away from this fireside chat feeling inspired to push forward in their entrepreneurial journey. Opportunities for Q & A will be available throughout the event.

**TUESDAY DEC 8**  
1PM-2PM

TO REGISTER: [RFWILKINS.EVENTBRITE.COM](http://RFWILKINS.EVENTBRITE.COM)



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THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ, DELTA AIRLINES, LAGUARDIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE PTAC PRESENT

**PROCUREMENT**

Join us for a Procurement webinar that offers an introduction to procuring with the Port Authority of NY/NJ and Delta Air Lines and prepares businesses to find solicitation opportunities in their area of expertise. Come and learn how your business can pursue contracts at the Port Authority.

**WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:**

- Understanding construction procurements
- How to find solicitation opportunities
- How to register to become a Port Authority Vendor and become M/W/S/DBE Certified
- And more!

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3eYxBV7>

**THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020**  
2:00PM - 3:30PM



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**Microsoft Certification Info-Session Webinar**

**FRI. AUG. 28** IN SPANISH 12PM - 2PM

Would you like to build on your resume?  
Would you like to receive a certification in Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook, or Access?

Join the LGA and JFK Redevelopment Teams along with the Elmcro SUNY Attain Lab for an information session on how to receive certifications in all Microsoft Office program and Academic / TASC Preparation classes (formally GED)

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## STEM Camp

Sponsored by the Port Authority, LaGuardia Gateway Partners and Delta Air Lines in partnership with Langston Hughes Library and Cultural Center and facilitated by the Cradle of Aviation Museum, the second annual STEM program was conducted remotely due to COVID-19 safety concerns. Over the course of 3 weeks 77 students learned about planes, kites, rockets, weather and satellites, climate change, sustainable energy, and more. Each lesson included a hands-on, interactive, educational activity and the completion of the program included a graduation ceremony culminated with keynote speaker, Queens native and former NASA astronaut, Ellen Baker.

## Sustainability Mini Camp

In collaboration with the JFK Redevelopment and the Port Authority Office of Environmental & Energy Programs we hosted 32 campers in a week long mini camp to learn about climate change and transportation, airport sustainability, renewable energy, the Jamaica Bay Wetland Ecology and environmental careers.

## LaGuardia Redevelopment Opportunity Scholarship

In 2019, the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey partnered with Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology to launch a four year scholarship program for students in Queens. Along with the scholarship students receive paid internships at the Port Authority during the summers of their enrollment at Vaughn and are eligible for a position with the Port Authority upon graduation. This past summer the first round of scholarship recipients interned with the Port Authority and this past September the second round of students entered their freshman year at Vaughn. To date, eleven scholarships have been awarded to students from communities around LaGuardia Airport.

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