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HENSEL PHELPS SELECTED TO BUILD MRY'S REPLACEMENT TERMINAL

The Next Phase in the MRY Metamorphosis to
Transform and Elevate the Traveler Experience

MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA, February 24, 2025 – Monterey Peninsula Airport District, operator of Monterey Regional Airport (MRY), announced today its Board of Directors selected Hensel Phelps Construction Company to build the airport's replacement passenger terminal, the next development in the MRY Metamorphosis Safety Enhancement Program.

Hensel Phelps will construct MRY's approximately 62,000-square-foot replacement terminal building to include five passenger boarding bridges. This next phase of the MRY Metamorphosis, which includes multiple safety enhancement projects required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), will continue to transform the airport.

"Our MRY Metamorphosis is taking shape, and with the approval of Hensel Phelps as the contractor to build the replacement terminal, our travelers, employees, and community will soon see progress as we break ground and begin constructing the new, modern, and efficient terminal building," said MRY Executive Director Michael La Pier.

The replacement passenger terminal, which was designed by the architectural firm HOK, incorporates passenger and public feedback received at visioning workshops held in 2023. The facility will be traveler-friendly, accessible for all, and reflect the essence and diversity of the Monterey region. From the roadway to the boarding bridges, improved efficiencies will make the terminal easy to navigate, with ample room for seating, queuing, and dining. [View MRY's replacement terminal fly-through experience here.](#)

The Board of Directors authorized La Pier to execute a contract for Hensel Phelps to deliver pre-construction services, including soliciting trade partners to obtain guaranteed maximum pricing (GMPs). At a future board meeting, once all GMPs have been completed, airport staff will deliver a contract amendment for the board to consider, which will include the total terminal construction project cost.

“Airport staff is pleased to recommend Hensel Phelps as the contractor to build our replacement terminal, a facility that our passengers, employees, and community will be proud to travel through, work in, and visit,” said MRY Deputy Executive Director Chris Morello. “It was a highly competitive selection process, with a total of four companies responding to the Request for Proposals and participating in the interviews. We thank the respondents for their time and interest in our terminal project, which will soon transform the Monterey Regional Airport.”

Pre-construction services also include the opportunity for Hensel Phelps to review the HOK terminal design in detail and consider value engineering options to incorporate project savings, as well as determine a construction, procurement, and building delivery schedule.

“We thank the Monterey Peninsula Airport District Board of Directors and airport staff for their confidence in our team and warmly welcoming us to build a replacement terminal that will be transformative for the Monterey Regional Airport,” said Hensel Phelps Regional Vice President Shannon Gustine. “We are honored to be a part of the MRY Metamorphosis, and a key partner to build a terminal that reflects the beauty and charm of the Monterey region.”

Terminal groundbreaking is anticipated to occur in May 2025.

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About Monterey Regional Airport

Monterey Regional Airport (MRY) is Monterey County’s only commercial service airport and accommodates over 600,000 passengers each year. The airport services nine nonstop markets with an average of 17 daily departures. MRY is committed to providing our customers with superior services in a safe, secure, and professional environment. Be sure to visit www.montereyairport.com or follow @montereyairport on Facebook, Instagram, and X.