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Bradley International Airport to Expand Parking Offering

Construction Now Underway to Increase Parking Spaces by 20%

Windsor Locks, CONN – Monday, August 3, 2026 – With a continued focus on improving the passenger journey, the Connecticut Airport Authority is taking steps to add more parking at Bradley International Airport.

Construction to expand Surface Lot 3, which is located on Schoephoester Road, is well underway and approaching its midpoint. When finished, the lot size will increase by approximately 14 acres – an expansion made possible by the recent relocation of rental car services and move of Postal Road. Once complete, the project will add more than 1,500 parking spaces and increase the airport’s overall parking by approximately twenty percent.

The development is a cornerstone of the airport’s ongoing parking strategy for its parking product, BDL sPARK. Other recent key initiatives include a comprehensive brand refresh, new digitized signage, and a multi-million-dollar parking guidance system in the garage. These investments focus on enhancing the passenger experience while maintaining daily rates competitive and lower than at most airports in the region.

“The Connecticut Airport Authority has intentionally prioritized parking strategy for Bradley International Airport, and that investment is making a meaningful impact,” said Michael W. Shea, Executive Director and CEO of the Connecticut Airport Authority. “We are seeing increased demand for our parking product, BDL sPARK. More importantly, the upgrades that have been undertaken improve the passenger journey while the resulting revenue growth helps us keep operating costs low for our airline partners.”

The construction project will be completed in the winter. It includes site demolition, drainage installation, extensive grading, new pavement, relocation of the entrance and exit plaza, addition of LED lighting, and installation of parking equipment.

The parking upgrades build on the airport’s expansion efforts, with a focus on modernizing facilities and enhancing customer experience. Most recently the CAA completed more than \$250 million worth of terminal-wide projects at Bradley International Airport, including a new concourse, two new exit lanes, new passenger meet and greet locations, and an expanded

TSA checkpoint. Passengers can also expect new dining options, including Urban Lodge Brewing Co, which has already opened, and Chick-fil-A, Sergio's Go, and Sparrow Pizza, which will be unveiled in the coming months.

Bradley International Airport's operations are self-funded and the revenue it generates supports ongoing upgrades for the convenience of passengers.

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About Bradley International Airport

Bradley International Airport (BDL) is New England's second-largest airport. Recognized nationally by leading travel publications for its ease of travel, Bradley International Airport is ready to welcome you with new nonstops and expanded services. The award-winning airport is operated by the Connecticut Airport Authority, and its operations are entirely self-funded. The airport contributes nearly \$3.6 billion to the regional economy. For more info, visit www.bradleyairport.com.

About The Connecticut Airport Authority

The CAA was established in 2011 to develop, improve, and operate Bradley International Airport and the state's five general aviation airports (Danielson, Groton-New London, Hartford-Brainard, Waterbury-Oxford, and Windham). The CAA Board consists of 11 members with a broad spectrum of experience in aviation-related and other industries, as well as government. The goal of the CAA is to make Connecticut's airports more attractive to new airlines, bring in new routes, and support Connecticut's overall economic development and growth strategy. For more info, visit www.ctairports.org

