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## **Bradley International Airport Enters Final Stages of Roadway Construction on Route 20**

### *New Traffic Patterns Coming, Travelers Should Plan Ahead*

**Windsor Locks, CT** - The Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) is pleased to announce that the roadway construction at Bradley International Airport's Route 20 entrance is approaching its final stages. During these next phases of construction, access to the airport from the Route 20 connector will not be interrupted, however, new traffic patterns will be put in place to allow for the completion of the construction.

"This is an exciting time at Bradley International Airport," said CAA Executive Director Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E. "We're committed to taking the travel experience at the airport to the next level and that starts with the arrival at the airport. The new roadway will completely change the way travelers enter the airport, most importantly it will make access easier and safer. It will also bring us one step closer to the development of the Ground Transportation Center, which will be another major improvement for our travelers."

The CAA began the construction of the new roadway system in June 2017. The project involves the realignment of Schoephoester Road along with a portion of the airport's lower roadway system, as well as the construction of a modern roundabout. Ultimately, when construction is complete, these changes will provide a new entrance to the airport at the Route 20 access point.

The main feature of the new roadway system is the modern roundabout which is an effective tool to reducing vehicle speeds while maintaining high levels of traffic. The new roadway system will also result in the opening of a 19-acre site, which will be used for the future development of the airport's Ground Transportation Center.

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During these next phases of construction, and over the course of the next six months, there will be several changes to the traffic pattern in order to achieve the final roadway configuration. Construction signs and variable message boards will be present along the roadway to alert travelers to these changes. Information about the changes in traffic patterns will be available on the airport's website, [www.flybdl.org](http://www.flybdl.org). Travelers are advised to plan ahead and allow extra time when coming to the airport during this time period.

The construction of the new entrance to the airport is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2018. The total cost of the project is approximately \$11,000,000.

### **About Bradley International Airport**

Bradley International Airport is the second largest airport in New England, with a customer base that covers the entire Northeast. In 2017, Bradley Airport marked its fifth consecutive year of year-over-year passenger growth. In 2017, Bradley International Airport was also rated the 5<sup>th</sup> best airport in the nation by Condé Nast Traveler's 2017 Readers' Choice Awards. Recently, the airport added to its menu of nonstop routes service to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Dublin, Denver, Myrtle Beach and Pittsburgh. Additionally, the airport has successfully implemented a number of terminal enhancements, including the addition of Two Roads Tap Room, Escape Lounge, a Phillips Seafood restaurant, a duty-free shop, and a mother's nursing room.

### **About Connecticut Airport Authority**

The Connecticut Airport Authority was established in July 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 airports). The 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 the CAA's airports more attractive to new routes, new commerce, and new companies who may be considering making Connecticut their home.

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