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Gary / Chicago International Airport Receives Formal Approvals for New Airport Traffic Control Tower

Federal Aviation Administration Approvals Ensure Modern Tower for Chicago's 3rd Official Airport

(Gary, IN) – The [Gary / Chicago International Airport \(GCIA\)](#) announced the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has formally approved the required siting study allowing for the placement of a new Airport Traffic Control Tower (ATCT). The existing ATCT at GCIA was constructed in 1972, and while still functional, has become increasingly obsolete and inefficient. Plans to replace the existing ATCT began two (2) years ago in conjunction with the FAA, and this process concluded in early September with the formal approval of the Siting Study Report.

“We are thrilled to receive approval for this critical project, and this significant investment in our airport infrastructure will enhance our air traffic management abilities,” **said Dan Vicari, Executive Director of the Gary / Chicago International Airport.** “The new control tower will not only improve operational efficiency but also provide our dedicated air traffic controllers with the tools they need to manage our skies safely.”

The report’s approval allows GCIA to immediately begin designing and engineering the new ATCT. The new tower will be approximately 50’ taller than the existing tower, and will feature state-of-the-art technology, including advanced radar systems and communication tools, to better support our air traffic controllers in managing increasing flight operations. With air travel on the rise, this project is essential to accommodate future growth while maintaining high safety standards.

Construction is anticipated to begin in Fall 2025 and is projected to be completed by Summer 2026. The project will also create jobs and stimulate local economic growth during the construction phase and beyond.

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