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### Why D/FW Airport is perfect host for first Aerotropolis conference



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With train service coming, a new and improved DFW Connector highway system nearing completion, renewed demand by businesses to locate on airport property and new international routes, [Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport](#) is well on its way to becoming an aerotropolis, or airport city.

So, it's fitting that D/FW Airport will host Aerotropolis Americas Conference and Exhibition Oct. 29-31 at Hyatt Regency adjacent to Terminal C. The event will focus on how cities can work with airports



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D/FW Airport will host the first Aerotropolis Americas Conference Oct. 29-31.

to implement a master plan for the region. The concept of an aerotropolis is that the airport's influence spreads far beyond its borders with aviation-linked businesses, corporate headquarters and other related development.

People from all over the world will attend the four-day conference, including airport executives, real estate developers, aviation industry suppliers, urban planners, consultants, politicians and economic development agencies.

Many companies, including AT&T, cite the airport as one of the main reasons for locating in North Texas.

The Dallas Area Rapid Transit is extending the Orange Line and building a station at Terminal A that will open in December, 2014.

Meanwhile, The Fort Worth Transportation Authority is planning a new commuter rail called TEX Rail from downtown Fort Worth to Grapevine that will have a station at Terminal B where passengers can catch a flight or switch to DART's system or vice versa. Grapevine alone has paid between \$45 to \$50 million toward the project.

The plan is to have a walkway between the DART and TEX Rail stations.

The DFW Connector highway project to the north will reach substantial completion this month after years of construction.

Development-wise, there's 6 million square feet worth of warehouse buildings ready for lease or under construction on airport property.

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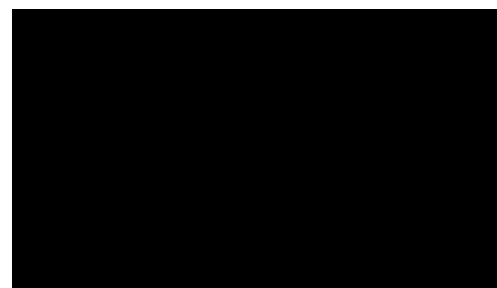
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