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## **DULUTH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

Runway 9/27 Construction to Begin June 1st

**Duluth, MN** - As part of a multi-year runway reconstruction plan, Duluth International Airport (DLH) will close its primary runway 9/27 for approximately three weeks starting on June 1, 2016, to begin the first phase (1A) of the center part of the runway. Runway 9/27 will be temporarily closed for the partial project which will include reconstruction of approximately 20 percent of the center part of the runway. To accommodate the construction schedule, work may occur 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is expected to maintain approximately over 100 construction jobs for this initial phase. The construction schedule for phase 1A was coordinated with the Federal Aviation Administration, Minnesota Department of Transportation, aviation partners, airlines and contractors.

The reconstruction work on runway 9/27 is not expected to affect airline operations. Cross-wind runway 3/21 will remain open and available during the work on runway 9/27. The only exception would be if weather becomes a factor that causes an impact on operations. During the temporary closure of runway 9/27, local residents may notice a change in airline flight patterns near DLH.

The second phase (1B) of the center portion and phase two which includes the west section of runway 9/27 will be schedule in the summer of 2017. The exact dates and timeframe of the 2017 reconstruction will be coordinated with all aviation partners and contractors. Phase three of the project which will include reconstruction of the East end of runway 9/27 is expected to occur in 2018.

## **About Duluth International Airport**

No matter where your travels take you, departing from the Duluth International Airport guarantees a stress-free start to your journey. With direct flights to major hubs, Duluth is your gateway to a better travel experience. Beginning June 9<sup>th</sup>, United Airlines will offer four daily nonstop flights to Chicago and Delta continues to offer five daily nonstop flights to Minneapolis/St. Paul. Be sure to check out our loyalty rewards program – Thanks Again. www.thanksagain.com/DLH

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