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**GAINESVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT HOLDS RIBBON-CUTTING
CEREMONY TO COMMEMORATE THE PHASE 1 OPENING OF ITS
AIRLINE PASSENGER TERMINAL RENOVATION**

Completed Passenger Boarding Bridges Are One of Many Airport Enhancement Projects

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – The Gainesville Regional Airport commemorated its Phase 1 opening of the Airline Passenger Terminal renovation by cutting the ribbon on Delta Connection’s boarding bridge, one of three covered walkways that connect the terminal building to the aircraft, during a ceremony today.

Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority Chair Jim Stringfellow joined Representative Ed Jennings, Jr. and CEO Rick Crider to officially open the renovated facilities.

“This is an exciting day for North Central Florida. The installation of the passenger boarding bridges and the renovation of the gate area marks the beginning of a new era for this gateway to the Heart of Florida,” Stringfellow said.

Construction of terminal renovations and new vestibules needed to support the passenger boarding bridges began in January of 2005 as Phase I of the Terminal Renovation project. The design of Phase 2 of the Terminal Renovation project has been commissioned and will go out for bids later this year. Construction is expected to begin in the Spring of 2006.

Phase 2 of the renovation includes re-constructing the passenger screening area and the meeter-greeter areas. In addition, a new concessions area will be constructed. Construction of the project is expected to last approximately 18 months.

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“New passenger boarding bridges are just the beginning of the improvements coming to Gainesville Regional Airport.” Stringfellow said. “Phase 2 renovations will further modernize the terminal and provide a more aesthetically-pleasing Airport for the community. The new terminal look will be more reflective of the charm and character of our region,” he added.

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