

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q: What is the purpose of the expansion project?**

**A:** In February 2021, RFD announced a Phase I \$50 million expansion project, which will include the construction of a new international cargo center designed to accommodate daily multiple aircraft landings and departures containing international destination freight. The estimated total construction budget for Phase I is \$50 million dollars and includes the construction of two buildings, a new ramp for airplane parking, and a new road.

The expansion is significant for the region. It is estimated that this expansion will create hundreds of construction jobs, generate up to 600 permanent new jobs at the airport, and facilitate continued growth of the region's strength in worldwide international cargo operations.

The project is 65% complete.

**Q: What was the process the airport had to go through to be allowed to start construction for the expansion project?**

**A:** Over the course of several years, the airport went through multiple regulatory steps to receive full approval to begin construction. Those steps included a FAA environmental assessment, which found "No Significant Finding of Impact" (NSFI), and has followed guidelines set by the FAA, Federal, state and local government.

**Q: Can the planned cargo expansion be moved/altered?**

**A:** No, it cannot be moved.

- The cargo expansion project, which was thoroughly and appropriately vetted through environmental procedures including public meetings and public notices in and the FAA Environmental Assessment received a "Finding of No Significant Impact" (FONSI).
- Additionally, this Phase I cargo expansion project is already 65% complete and this Airport-owned property is critically necessary to this particular project and projected future expansion of facilities and runways to facilitate continued growth of the region's strength in worldwide international cargo and passenger service operations.

**Q: Can individuals, including media, access the area of the \$50 million cargo expansion project?**

**A:** No - In consultation with the FAA, RFD is restricting any outside access to the area to both preserve the land and ensure safety on airport grounds.

**Q: Do you have a contract or signed agreement with the Natural Land Institute?**

**A:** No.