

TBIT Construction News



British Airways A380

Opening of the Bradley West Central Core and South Concourse provided the TBIT airlines with five (5) new Aircraft Design Group (ADG) VI gates which will better serve the A380 operators as well as the entire TBIT community. Bradley West was designed to accommodate the projected increase in ADG VI aircraft which essentially means the new Airbus A380. The 18 September 2013 opening of the new Tom Bradley International Terminal provided the perfect backdrop for the British Airways first A380 operation. On 24 September 2013 British Airways became the sixth airline, joining Air France, China Southern, Korean Airlines, QANTAS and Singapore Airlines, to bring the superjumbo jet to Los Angeles International Airport.

In addition to being a part of the first A380 aircraft to operate between London and Los Angeles, British Airways passengers were welcomed by the LAX fire brigade water cannon salute and arrived in true Hollywood style with red carpet treatment and photo ops with the likes of Frank Sinatra, Marilyn Monroe and Charlie Chaplin.



Opening Day

At long last and with much media attention, the new Bradley West facility opened for operation on 18 September 2013. This opening of the Central Core and South Concourse included five new Aircraft Design Group (ADG) VI gates (Gate 148, 150, 152, 154 & 156) with three passenger boarding bridges to accommodate the Airbus A380.

At each concourse with the Portal displays. Arriving passengers are greeted with a large Welcome Wall display in the expansive 115-foot high light well on their way to baggage claim.

The Duty Free Shops opened along with the Central Core; however, many of the concessions and retail shops remain under construction. There continues to be some minor operational issues that need to be worked out, as well as completing construction of some building elements, but nothing unusual for such a large facility.

As a reminder, the east gates of both the North and South Concourses and the final entrance into the new Central Core from the consolidated TSA Security Screening Check Point will not be complete for another 15-18 months.

New features in Villaraigosa Pavilion include seven Integrated Environmental Media Systems (IEMS). The 72-foot Time Tower, a freestanding elevator with video screens wrapped on all four sides, and the 120-foot long Story Board, an eight screen configuration meant to represent frames used by film, are the IEMS showcase pieces. Flight information is displayed on a large Destination Board and passengers experience interactive me-



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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Four mayors who worked to modernize Los Angeles International Airport turned out for opening of Bradley West Central Core and South Concourse. Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti; former Mayors Richard Riordan, James Hahn, Antonio Villaraigosa; and, the daughters of the late Mayor Tom Bradley after whom the Tom Bradley International Terminal is named were guests of honor at the Bradley West ribbon cutting ceremony on 18 September 2013. City Council members, elected officials, former and current Board of Airport Commissioners, airport and airline representatives joined the mayors on the red carpet at Gate 148 for the festivities.

The first 'ribbon' was cut by the Singapore Airlines Airbus A380. An oversized banner,

LAX GATEWAY TO THE WORLD NEW TOM BRADLEY INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL

was raised and stretched across the Gate 148 ramp and cut by the slowly taxiing arriving aircraft. The second and more traditional ceremonial ribbon was cut on the red carpet with a pair of giant gold scissors by the aforementioned dignitaries inaugurating the new facility.

- "At last our city has an international terminal worthy of its name and worthy of the 15 million Angelenos who call this area home." ~ Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti
- "With this grand opening, Los Angeles now has an international terminal that embodies everything that is great about our city." ~ Los Angeles City Councilmember Mike Bonin



Star Alliance Lounge Opens

The new Star Alliance Lounge officially opened its doors on 25 September, welcoming all First, Business and Star Alliance Gold Card passengers departing on Star Alliance member airlines from the Tom Bradley International Terminal. This new premium customer facility offers space for around 400 passengers, including an exclusive area for First Class passengers.

Guests who need to stay connected will be able to do so from various locations throughout the lounge, which is equipped with high-speed Wi-Fi internet as well as print, fax and copy services on request. In addition to traditional power outlets, lounge customers can also make use of USB power ports to recharge their mobile devices.

AvAirPros managed the lounge project designed by architectural firm Gensler and built by Hensel Phelps. The 21,000 square foot lounge features a unique open air terrace, offering panoramic views of the northern runway towards the Hollywood Hills. This outdoor terrace provides passengers with an unparalleled experience, complete with fire pits and a water wall. The lounge's experience zones are designed to accommodate passenger needs ranging from social gatherings to quiet time away from home. In addition to the outdoor terrace, the lounge offers a bar area for socializing, a library space, media room, den, study and shower rooms.

The design of the lounge is inspired by a contemporary interpretation of modernist L.A. architecture of the 1950s and 1960s. In addition to local design inspiration, Star Alliance also selected locally sourced products and furniture wherever possible.

The Star Alliance Lounge Project Team worked closely with the U.S. Green Building Council to ensure all materials and furniture are sustainable. The lounge project team received the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification.

