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MEDIA ADVISORY:

DIA Ground Transportation Level Detours Take Effect Saturday

Level 5 Detours Will Be in Place for Approximately One Year During Bridge Reconstruction

DENVER, CO — May 18, 2012 — Beginning on Saturday, May 19, 2012 Denver International Airport (DIA) passengers who take taxis, RTD buses, the Pikes Peak/Mt. Elbert shuttles or other forms of ground transportation to Jeppesen Terminal will notice a change in their passenger drop-off and pick-up locations. Construction is starting on the bridges adjacent to the south end of the terminal, which will be rebuilt to accommodate the South Terminal Redevelopment Program.

RTD and Pikes Peak/Mt. Elbert shuttle drop-off and pick-up will move to Level 6 East. Taxi, shuttle and limousine passengers will no longer be dropped off curbside. All passengers will be dropped off at designated median locations on the East and West sides of the terminal at the same location where passengers are picked up.

The curbside lane will be used as a through-lane for ground transportation drivers who will loop back, past the terminal, to access the other side of the building. This change in traffic patterns will be in place for about one year and is the first of several detours scheduled for this summer to accommodate terminal construction improvements. In June, closures of the Level 4 and Level 6 bridges on the West side of the terminal will require additional detours for passenger pick-up and drop-off.

To help ease the traffic transition on Level 5, DIA will provide additional staff in and around the ground transportation level to help answer passenger questions and provide assistance to travelers. To stay on top of the latest detour and construction impact information related to the South Terminal Redevelopment Program, visit <u>www.flydenver.com</u>.

- WHAT: Discontinuance of curbside drop-off for Level 5 ground transportation passengers and relocation of RTD bus and Pikes Peak/Mt. Elbert shuttles to Level 6 East
- WHEN: Saturday, May 19 and continuing for about one year
- WHERE: East and West sides of Jeppesen Terminal, Level 5 ground transportation
- WHY: DIA is reconstructing the bridges on the south side of Jeppesen Terminal as part of the South Terminal Redevelopment Program. The Program will complete the original vision of DIA, which includes adding a 500-room Westin hotel and a Public Transit Center to house the RTD East Rail Line station connecting DIA to downtown Denver.

Denver International Airport is the 11th-busiest airport in the world and the fifth-busiest airport in the United States. With more than 50 million passengers traveling through the airport each year, DIA is one of the busiest airline hubs in the world's largest aviation market. DIA is the primary economic engine for the state of Colorado, generating more than \$22 billion for the region annually. For more information, visit <u>www.flydenver.com</u>. Check out the Airport's YouTube channel by visiting <u>http://www.youtube.com/user/DenversAirport</u> and become our fan on www.facebook.com/denverinternationalairport.