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## **CITY OF WACO HOLDS RECEPTION TO UNVEIL COMPLETED TERMINAL MODERNIZATION**

**WACO, TEXAS (December 11, 2023)** — Please join the City of Waco at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 15 at the Waco Regional Airport, 7999 Karl May Drive, to celebrate the completion of the airport terminal modernization project. The goal of the renovation was to create a clean and beautiful terminal that best represents the culture and values of our community. The \$9 million terminal renovation project was made possible with \$8.3 million in Federal Aviation Administration funds.

The multi-phase project includes a complete overhaul from floor to ceiling with new terrazzo flooring, vaulted ceilings, lighting, restrooms, furniture, charging stations, and more. In addition to the interior renovations, the airport also features infrastructure improvements to ensure the longevity of the facility for years to come, including a new HVAC system, fire alarm, roof system, and fire suppression systems.

### **New Artwork**

A captivating addition to the transformative airport renovation project includes the completion of new art installations. The City of Waco collaborated with Creative Waco to commission four art pieces that welcome both local residents and travelers through a journey of Waco's rich history and vibrant culture.

"Ice Age Migrants" by Manca Ahlin intricately laces together a tribute to the Waco Mammoth National Monument, while "Waco, Texas—Past, Present and Future" by Mike Tabor artfully features the iconic Waco Suspension Bridge in both its 1870 brick-faced and 1914 stucco-faced facades.

"Welcome to Waco" by Eirini Linardaki bursts with color, featuring landmarks like the ALICO building and the Suspension Bridge, adorned with illustrations contributed by local residents in their native languages. Bryant Stanton's "Silent Wings, Taking Flight" tells the local flight story with metallic scissor-tailed flycatchers on an aluminum spiral honoring the Women Army Service Pilots and their pivotal role during World War II.

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Lastly, "Wichita Grass Houses" by Camargo Copeland Architecture merges tradition with technology, presenting a computer-engineered panel that showcases the construction of Wichita Grass Houses, a testament to the indigenous heritage of this region.

### **New Logo**

The City of Waco is also excited to launch a rebranding of the Waco Regional Airport alongside the renovation unveiling.

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