

Portland Airport bumps up concessions mix with new shopping and F&B options

Portland International Airport (PDX) in Oregon is expecting to begin lease negotiations for nine new commercial units to arrive at Concourse B and the Concourse E extension.



Following approval from the Port of Portland Commission, confirmed by *TRBusiness*, seven of nine retail and food & beverage units are slated to open in Summer 2020 at the *Concourse E Extension, with the remaining two due in spring 2021 as part of upgrades to Concourse B.

At the Concourse E Extension, travellers will be able to enjoy gifts and accessories from Calliope and discover record label and handmade gifts at a Tender Loving Empire shop, the airport's second.

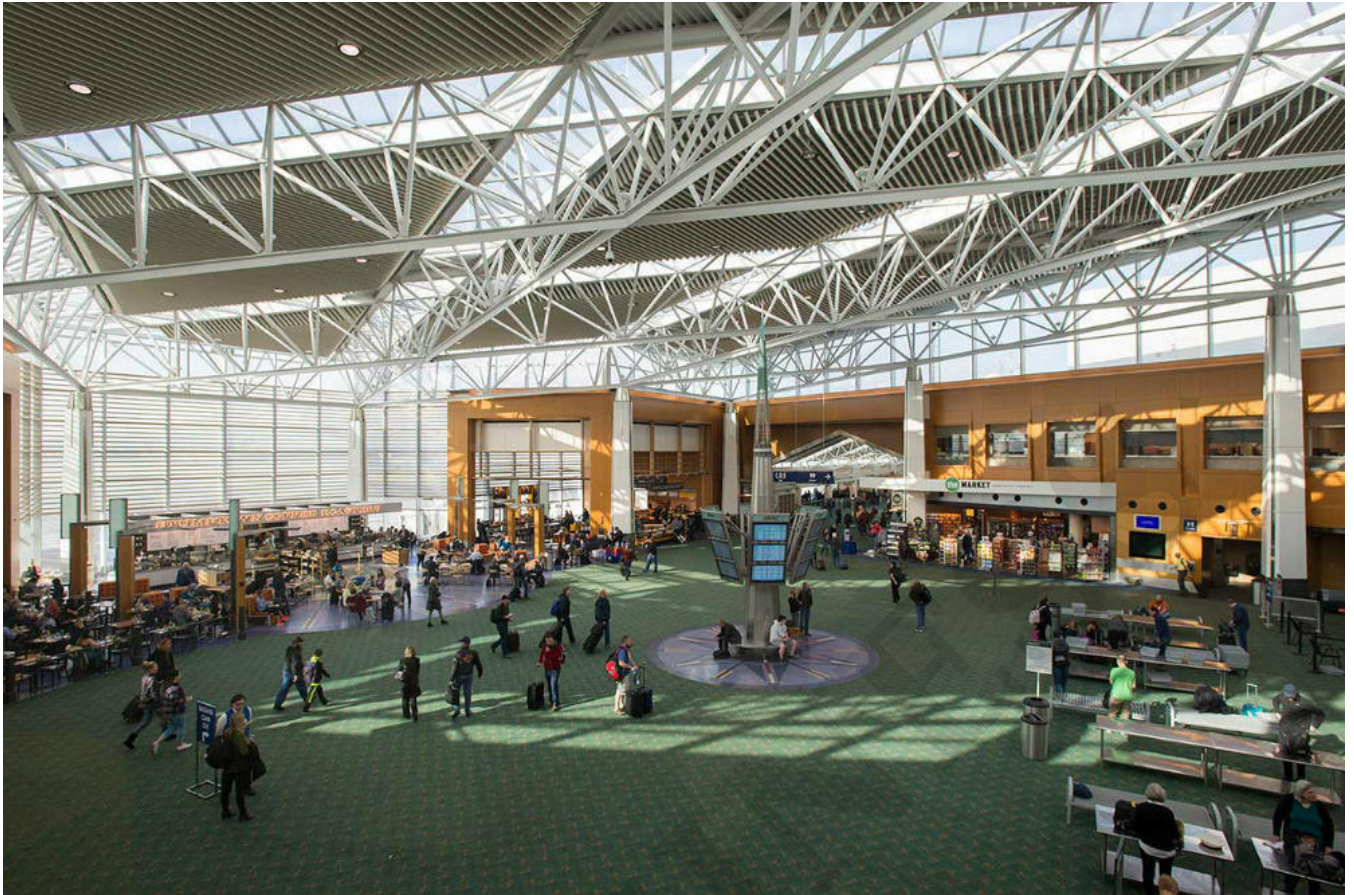
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Food and beverage choices at both concourses include Bambuza Vietnam Kitchen, Evergreens, Good Coffee, Jamba, Juliett, Screen Door and Tillamook.

The additional concessions are designed to fuse much-loved local products and flavours with emerging regional and national brands.

According to the airport, the request for proposals was the most competitive in its history, with 42 received from 30 businesses for the nine locations.

When the concessions open, 26% will be women- and minority-owned businesses.



Travellers to PDX will encounter new stores from Calliope and Tender Loving Empire in summer 2020.

Shane Andreasen, Interim Director of Terminal Business and Properties, PDX said: We are excited about this mix of familiar and new offerings for PDX. We focused on companies that could deliver the best customer experience possible. We also paid close attention to quality employers who appreciate the value each employee brings to the job.

PDX, which according to the Port of Portland served 19.9m passengers in 2018, has 68 shops and restaurants.

**Concourse E Extension is part of PDXNext, an ongoing capital investment programme worth \$2bn consisting of five large construction projects including a new terminal to enhance comfort for travellers and partners.*

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