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## **US Airports Get Nearly \$1 Billion in Federal Funds for Makeovers.**

- **Biden administration says \$970 million will go to 114 airports**
- **Advocates say \$151 billion investment needed through 2027**

More than 100 US airports will be awarded \$970 million in federal grants, the latest effort to upgrade the nation's infrastructure — a top priority of President Joe Biden.

The new funding, announced Thursday, comes as airports in recent years have raced to modernize terminals and add new amenities, seeking to ride a rebound in air travel after the coronavirus pandemic. The latest round is on top of the nearly \$2 billion granted to airports over the past two years for capital improvement projects that include wider concourses, adding extra gates to accommodate more plane service and ensuring airports meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards.

"America has been thinking a lot about air traffic lately," US Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said on a call with reporters Wednesday. "A flight doesn't begin just when you settle into your seat on board. First, you're in the terminal and your experience depends in many ways on the conditions of that terminal building."

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