



## Airport Angst

Is DIA's Great Hall renovation *really* necessary?

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Enter the redevelopment plan, which aims to restore the Great Hall to its original purpose. By moving security to the current ticketing or baggage areas, the hope is to make the Great Hall more accessible to departing fliers or those with a Denver stop-over, which will boost revenue from concessions. For those worried about where to meet-and-greet the in-laws, the plan includes a public plaza above the light-rail platform.

sengers to bypass the Paradise Bakery in Concourse C, board the train for three stops to the Great Hall, purchase snacks and some gum *there*, and reboard the train back to their gates? For those with long layovers: perhaps. “[This project] will create jobs and help DIA be even more competitive in the global market,” says Denver city councilman Charlie Brown. “This is one of the greatest airports in the world. It can’t remain on top by staying the same.”

That may be true. Even so, those bagels better be pretty damn good. —**JULIE DUGDALE**