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Replanting Project Brings New Life to the “Living Wall” at Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport

BIRMINGHAM, AL (April 26, 2024) – Travelers who enjoy the “Living Wall” at the Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport (BHM) can now enjoy a replanted exhibit that recreates the artistic design and restores the wall to its’ original glory.

The original exhibit, called “Earth, Wind, and Water: The Landscape of Alabama,” was installed 10 years ago during the terminal modernization project. Since that time, it’s become a popular stopping point for travelers who often marvel at the many plants and the overall aesthetic of the wall. Over the years, the plants continued to grow, giving the exhibit a look of being overgrown. “Our maintenance crews have devoted a lot of time and expertise to trimming and caring for the plants,” said Matthew Nelson, Vice-President of Facilities for the Birmingham Airport Authority. “We quickly learned that a well-designed watering system and a flood of natural light in the area made for perfect growing conditions, but also made it hard to control the size and configuration of the plants,” said Nelson. “We came to the conclusion that the best way to recapture the artistic design and balance was to remove the original plants and use the same canvas to create a new exhibit.”

The wall was designed by Canadian Company, Green Over Grey, and in collaboration with artist Murray Johnston of Birmingham. The wall is 105 feet long, 12 feet high and consists of more than 8,000 individual plants. The plants were installed by Foliage Design, the same company that will work to maintain the wall.

The “Living Wall” is a good example of some of the unique amenities available for travelers to enjoy at BHM. It’s helped to create a soothing environment in the passenger walkway between concourse B and C. The space includes southern-style rocking chairs and tables and offers travelers a comfortable place to rest, enjoy some Alabama native plants, and do some airplane watching.

Members of the media who would like to take photos or video of the “Living Wall” can contact Kim Hunt.

About Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport

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