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## New Modular Gate 2 Now Open at Charles M. Schulz — Sonoma County Airport

Santa Rosa, Calif. (October 28, 2020) — Early in the morning on October 22, local representatives held a small, sociallydistanced ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony for the recently completed Gate 2 modular tent extension at <u>Charles M. Schulz — Sonoma County Airport</u> (STS). In attendance, were: Johannes Hoevertsz, Director of Transportation and Public Works; Jon Stout, Airport Manager; Duane Boreham, Vice President – Aviation Group Q&D Construction LLC; Robert Casagrande, Department Manager, Aviation Mead & Hunt; Cory Hazlewood, Vice President C&S Companies; William Scott, Vice President Security Screening Operations Trinity Technology Group.

The modular tent extension will accommodate passenger screening and security during construction of permanent terminal improvements scheduled to begin by November. This Gate 2 extension includes an additional 4,000-square-feet of space with an automatic fire suppression system and brick and mortar restrooms featuring characters created by the Airport's namesake, Charles M. Schulz. The new restrooms replace the prior portable restrooms and include many touchless features. New Ground Support Equipment (GSE) electrical enhancements allow Airlines to move luggage in more environmentally friendly ways. The TSA security check point has also been relocated through the careful coordination of many Airport partners. A kiosk offering grab-and-go food and beverages is expected to be added early next year. Once the terminal improvement project is completed in 2022, security and screening will move into the new terminal location and this modular tent will continue to provide gate area for STS passengers.

Airline passengers whose essential travel brings them through Sonoma County Airport are expected to have a smooth, seamless experience in the new space. Travelers may also notice the comprehensive health and safety enhancements the Airport has put in place in response to COVID-19. From partitions to hand sanitizer stations and a hospital-grade air filtration system, health and safety is a priority throughout.

A concrete slab, utility work, as well as improved exterior ramps were also components of the modular project completed by Reno-based <u>Q&D Construction's Aviation Group</u>, the project's general contractor. Additional contributors include:

- <u>C&S Companies</u>, Construction Management Services
- Mead & Hunt Architectural and Engineering Services

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## About Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County Airport (STS)

Located in the heart of Northern California's world-renowned Wine Country, STS is the only airport that offers scheduled air service into the North Bay region. As of this press release, daily nonstop flights include: Alaska® Airlines to Los Angeles, Orange County, San Diego, Portland, and Seattle; and American Airlines to Dallas and Phoenix Sky Harbor. All Airlines offer a wide-range of connecting flights to destinations in the continental U.S., Mexico, and beyond.

Offering a hassle-free experience with shorter lines and an easier commute for North Bay residents, the Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County Airport also features convenient ground transportation, easy and affordable parking with 2-hours free and electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, Alaska Airlines' *Wine Flies Free* program, the on-site Sky Lounge Steakhouse & Sushi Bar, and Costeaux on the Go.

For additional airport information, follow Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County Airport on Facebook and Twitter.