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# Washington airports to redevelop food and retail offerings

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A food and retail redevelopment program at Reagan National and Dulles International airports, both based near Washington, USA, will bring new choices to airport travelers over the next 30 months.

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority announced the initial phase of the program, which will bring restaurants such as Ben's Chili Bowl and Legal Sea Foods to Reagan National and new French restaurant Bistro Atelier to Dulles International, will be completed by early 2014.

They will join an initial slate of 25 new and redesigned offerings serving travelers at Reagan and Dulles. Future announcements of new airport food and retail options are expected as the redevelopment program rolls out.

"This is the first phase of delivering a world-class food and retail lineup for our passengers," said Steve Baker, vice president for business administration of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

"We will soon begin a transformation that will culminate in the most extensive food and retail makeover in our history. We believe our airport offerings will leave a lasting, positive impression on travellers that make them look forward to their next flight at Reagan or Dulles," Baker added.

As part of the redevelopment, some of Reagan Airport's most popular stores and eateries have been selected to enhance their airport presence. Brooks Brothers will remodel and enhance its location pre-security. Five Guys Burgers and Fries will also redesign and expand its location near gates 35-45. Dulles Airport will add new food and shops to its offering, including an Au Bon Pain restaurant and Tumi travel store.

The new offerings reflect an increasing passenger desire for branded retail and broader, healthier food choices at airports.

The authority's food and retail redevelopment program will occur in five phases over the next 30 months. During that time, 95% of all of the concessions will be converted or reconstructed. Construction will be carefully managed to have the lowest impact on airport passengers.

As more than 150 concepts are constructed, the authority will also add to the number and location of basic passenger services such as electrical outlets and ATMs.

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority manages and operates Washington's Ronald Reagan National and Dulles International airports, which together serve more than 40 million passengers a year.