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Columbia Regional Airport Columbia, MO

This project provides Columbia Regional Airport a unique opportunity to build a proud, two-story civic building. The terminal will be intuitive to use and operate, enhance the passenger experience, and be flexible, allowing growth well into the future for the community.

The new terminal design takes its cues from the airport campus surrounding it. On the landside, the façade is primarily composed of regional brick (matching the adjacent buildings). Cantilevered roof edges are clad in cream-colored metal. The two-story curtainwall is protected from the western sun by solar fins, keeping the building cool in the afternoons. A translucent canopy will provide a well-lit protected environment for passengers to disembark. All exterior materials are durable and low maintenance.

The lobby, vertical circulation, and baggage claim hall are in a two-story, light-filled space. Passengers will enjoy expansive views to the pastoral landscape on their journey through the building. The tall space offers multiple unique opportunities for integrating art. The two-story building also offers several site benefits. It will limit the effects of excessive grading required to construct it. Its compact nature will be more energy efficient to heat and cool. The position on the site will allow unimpeded access to the existing terminal during construction.

Boarding aircraft from the second story reduces the length of jet boarding bridges, making them easier to traverse. Ultimately the more compact footprint keeps more of the site undeveloped, allowing for long-term airport flexibility by accommodating future expansion in multiple directions.