

NU Travel eNews: November 2023

Airline News

Southwest Airlines Incentive

Southwest is offering a 90-day free trial of A-List Preferred status to all University of Nebraska employees who register October 2 – November 2, 2023. For more information and how to register, click [here](#).

Updates to the 2024 Delta SkyMiles® Program

Delta Airlines is adding new, and enhanced benefits to ensure University travelers are rewarded for their loyalty.

Enhancements include:

- Adjusting the number of Medallion Qualification Dollars (MQDs) required to achieve 2025 Medallion® Status.
- Delta SkyMiles® Platinum, Platinum Business, Reserve, and Reserve Business American Express Card Members will receive a \$2,500 MQD Headstart annually toward achieving Medallion Status.
- Upgrading annual complimentary Status earned via the Million Miler™ Program.

Read more [here](#).

United Boarding Economy Window Seats First

United Airlines says that it will start boarding passengers with window seats in economy class, a move expected to speed up boarding times for flights.

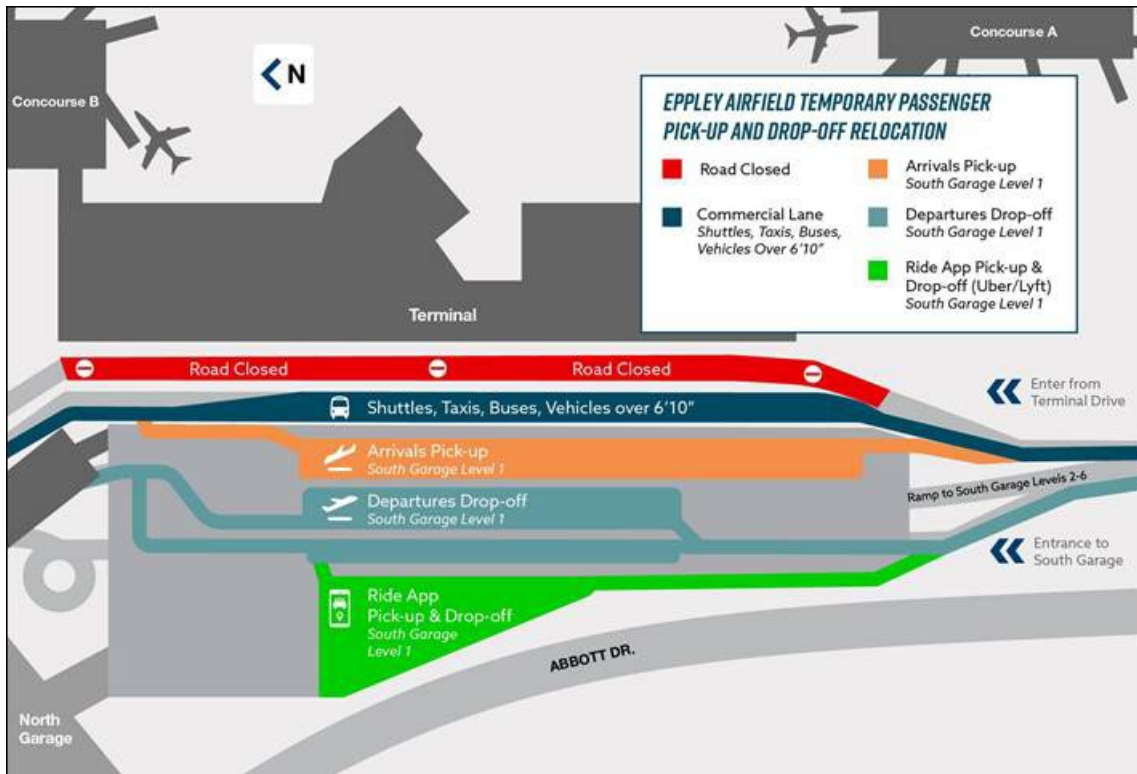
The airline said it will implement the plan, known as WILMA, which is meant to stand for window, middle, and aisle. The change will begin with passengers in boarding Group 4. Those with window seats will board first, followed by those with middle seats and then those with aisle seats. United said that multiple customers on the same economy reservation, such as families, will be allowed to board their flight together.

The plan will be implemented on domestic flights and some international flights.

There are not any changes for the pre-boarding group that includes travelers with disabilities, unaccompanied minors, active-duty military, and families traveling with children that are 2 years old or younger.

Eppley Airfield

Build OMA construction continues, and the next phase will require a temporary relocation of the passenger drop-off and pick-up areas. Beginning on Friday, October 27, all passenger vehicles dropping off or picking up passengers will enter specific traffic lanes on Level 1 of the South Garage. Until Spring 2025, drivers will see signage directing them to the correct lane of the South Garage where they will temporarily drop off or pick-up passengers.



Vehicle Rental News

UNL Enterprise and National Vehicle Rentals

Effective October 15, 2023, all UNL vehicle rentals reserved via Concur will be directly billed to a UNL cost object. Travelers are no longer required to provide a personal credit card. UNL travelers should refrain from contacting Fleet Management for Enterprise and National car rentals.

Auto Insurance on Vehicle Rentals: What Coverage to Purchase

When reserving Enterprise or National vehicles for business travel, travelers should decline all insurance offerings, including LDW and CDW coverage. For detailed information, visit the [Lodging and Transportation](#) page on the NU Travel website.

National and Enterprise Contracted Rates

To obtain the University contracted rates with National and Enterprise, reservations need to be made via Concur or by contacting the University's designated travel agency after the Concur pre-trip request is fully approved. Review the [Enterprise car rental program summary](#) for the University of Nebraska. *Note: this document is in SAPPHERE, which is only accessible through single sign-on with the URL above or from within Firefly.

University Fleet Management Vehicle Rentals

When University business related ground travel begins and ends in Lincoln, employees should use University Fleet Management to rent a car. Rates start at \$23/day and rentals can be picked up/dropped off 24/7/365. **Note:** those who do not have an NUID or have non-authorized passengers (such as family members) traveling with them, would need to book with Enterprise via Concur.

Duty of Care

Once a Concur international pre-trip request is fully approved, travelers are encouraged to double-check the status of the country they are visiting by going to the [State Department's travel advisories website](#). Travelers should also be aware of University of Nebraska [Executive Memorandum No. 25](#).

Travel Training Schedule

The training schedule has been posted on the [NU travel website](#).



Unused tickets

Fox World Travel will be taking the value of any unused airline ticket(s) in a traveler's Concur profile due to expire within the next 60 days and exchanging it for another traveler's airline ticket. The University currently has over \$500k in unused tickets, when these tickets expire the ticket value is lost to the funding department. With this initiative, the original ticket owner will retain most of the value of the unused ticket minus a transaction fee.

Please contact the [NU Travel Office](#) with questions regarding this initiative.

Employees may sign up for the university's travel listserv to receive up-to-date travel information [here](#).
