

The new entrance to the Naples International Airport from Viale Umberto Maddalena has been officially opened. The road leads directly into a one thousand-space parking area.

The inauguration ceremony, held today, took place in the presence of local authorities, the press and leading members of the business community.

The new road has doubled the entry ways into the Naples Airport rendering the facility accessible from both Viale Fulco Ruffo di Calabria and Viale Umberto Maddalena. The infrastructure work was carried out in conjunction with the expansion of the P1 parking area by an additional 433 spaces

The new, one-way entryway leads into a 978-space parking area in which 607 spaces are dedicated to pay parking, 25 are free, 281 are reserved for rental cars and 65 for taxis. Shuttle service to and from the main terminal is available. Viale Fulco Ruffo di Calabria will continue to serve as a two-way entry and exit for the Airport.

The work, co-financed by Gesac and the Ministry of Transport, was carried out in an area which formerly belonged to CTP (*Consorzio Trasporti Pubblici*) and the overall cost was 14.5 billion Lire, 10 billion of which was borne by the Ministry of Transport.

The entire project covers an area of almost 19,450 m² area and, in addition to the 366 meter road and the 16,800 m² car park, there are also two buildings, respectively covering areas of 1,023 m² and 283 m², which have been designated as office space.

The redevelopment of the entire area adjacent to the military airport is only part of the Naples Airport twenty-year Masterplan, drawn up by Gesac and BAA in 1995, which is scheduled for completion in 2015.

The investments made from 1995 to date are focused on three principal areas: the passenger terminal, the airfield and infrastructure. In particular, the work includes the restructuring of Terminal 2 for charter flight passengers, and increases in the number of parking spaces (from 195 to 1,485), stands (from 8 to 16) and check-in counters (from 13 to 29). Improvements have also been made in terminal services which now include new shops, VIP lounges and foreign currency exchange bureaux. Currently, work is underway involving further expansion of the arrival and departure areas, the construction of a new cargo terminal and two new snack and refreshment areas.

Naples International Airport closed the year 2000 with over 4 million passengers (a 13% increase over 1999) and, from January until 31 March, has recorded 759,000 passengers which is 5% over the figures for the preceding year. Currently scheduled flights from Naples Airport serve 11 domestic destinations, 11 international destinations, including the major European capitals (Amsterdam, Barcelona, London and Paris), and over 50 charter destinations.