

Columbus Airport Bridges

Columbus, OH

Type: **Post-tensioned cast-in-place frame**

Services: **Conceptual, preliminary, and final design**
Aesthetic lighting design

Cost: **\$10.5 million**

Client: **Columbus Regional Airport Authority**
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Columbus, OH 43217

The John Glenn Columbus International Airport in Columbus, Ohio, needed a crossover taxiway so that aircraft could travel from the terminal building to the outer runways. The bridge is designed to carry a 747-400 aircraft weighing 894,900 pounds. A post-tensioned cast-in-place concrete structural system with integral abutments was selected. A hydronic deicing system consisting of tubes containing glycol from a pump and heater was embedded into the deck to keep it from icing during Ohio winters. Two additional narrower service bridges were also built following the same architectural language. A system of striking blue linear lights was integrated into the underside of the bridge and inclined abutments. The clear, elegant spans create a gateway into the airport with understated architecture and visual consistency.

