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## Indianapolis airport may soon go wireless

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indianapolis International might soon join a growing number of airports around the world with wireless Internet access.

Airport officials were sketching out a plan to offer "Wi-Fi" throughout the passenger terminal, including the gates, food court, ticketing and baggage claim areas.

The eight-member Indianapolis Airport Authority could vote on the proposal by July 22. Officials were working with SBC Communications to provide the service, perhaps by the end of the year. Officials said the cost of the service was not yet determined.

Passengers likely will be charged about \$8 for 24 hours on SBC's FreedomLink service, a typical fee at many airports. SBC spokesman Mike Marker said those who are already FreedomLink members would gain access at no additional charge.

Indianapolis is one of dozens of major airports across the nation to install or consider installing wireless Internet access as the technology and the means to use it, including lighter laptops, have become more widespread.

"Airports are communications-intensive venues," said Joe Beatty, president of Chicago-based Concourse Communications Corp., one of the nation's largest providers of airport Wi-Fi. "People at airports have a need to communicate, and they have time to communicate."

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