DACC DRAFTING HELI-TAXI PLATFORM MASTERPLAN

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Dubai Aviation City Corporation (DACC) is drafting a masterplan for a proposed heli-taxi platform to be centred at the Dubai South aerotropolis which includes Al Maktoum International Airport.

Khalifa Al Zaffin, DACC's Executive Chairman said the masterplan will be ready by the end of the year.

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“It will address the transit and tourism needs of passengers using Al Maktoum International and service the whole of the UAE from Dubai South,” he explained.

Al Zaffin added that Dubai South is also working closely with the UAE’s GCAA, Dubai Civil Aviation Authority and the industry to assist building owners with the certification of their helipads. “We are ready to help them. There is now a requirement for these to be certified, there is a large number that still are not and this will all be part of the process of building a heli-taxi sector which will benefit the whole of the UAE.”

Addressing the Global Airport Leaders’ Forum in Dubai, Al Zaffin said the aviation sector is expected to contribute over 32% Dubai’s GDP by 2020. He said that by the first quarter of 2018 the bulk of Flydubai operations will move to Al Maktoum International which will “give breathing space at Dubai International.”

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