FedEx to invest \$1 billion in major upgrade and expansion of Memphis SuperHub

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FedEx announced today it will make a **more than \$1 billion capital investment** to modernize its Memphis hub and improve operational efficiency and reliability.

Construction should begin next year after the plan is approved, FedEx said, and the project is projected to be completed by 2025.

FedEx's modernization includes construction of a new large sort facility, installation of state-of-the-art sort systems, construction of a bulk truckload building and a new area to improve handling of the oversized shipments that have increased with the growth in e-commerce.

"Modernization and expansion of the Memphis hub will ensure that we continue to provide outstanding service to our customers around the world and make this an even better place to work for the thousands of team members here who keep our operations running every day and night," FedEx Corp. chairman and CEO Fred Smith said in the announcement on Wednesday, March 14.

The hub project will also include improved cooling and break rooms for its employees.

"As the Memphis area's largest employer, and a major economic driver across the state, this investment reflects FedEx's continued commitment to Tennessee and will benefit current employees and the future workforce for years to come," Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam said.

FedEx's Memphis hub has 11,000 employees and 163 aircraft gates and is the largest sort facility in the FedEx Express global network. It processes 47 percent of total FedEx volume and 69 percent of U.S. domestic volume each business day.

FedEx employs 30,000 people in the Memphis-area.