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NEWS FROM ABOVE

Sacramento International Airport Serves 10 Million Passengers

For the first time ever in a 12-month period, Sacramento International Airport (SMF) reports passenger numbers surpassing 10 million people. This figure represents the number of people who have chosen Sacramento International Airport as their airport of choice in the 12-month period from September 2004 through August 2005.

"It's encouraging," said Director of Airports Hardy Acree, Sacramento County Airport System (SCAS), "that Sacramento International Airport continues to experience unprecedented growth in passenger

traffic. And we have responded by adding new retailers and restaurants and opening a new parking garage at Terminal A."

Acree adds, "Sacramento International Airport is prepared for this level of traffic and expects this passenger growth to continue in the coming years." VIA Magazine's annual airport survey, which studies passenger traffic and preferences at the four Northern California commercial service airports (San Francisco International, Oakland International, San Jose Mineta International and Sacramento

International) concluded that 1 in 4 airline passengers who had flown in the last six months of 2004 had not only used Sacramento International Airport, but that the same amount prefers SMF over the bay area airports.

In addition to the improvements that Acree outlines, the reason for Sacramento International Airport's increasing popularity can be distilled into one word: convenience. There are no bridges, no bay area traffic jams, no tolls, no parking hassles and an abundance of non-stop, direct or connecting flights to virtually anywhere a traveler could want to go for business or pleasure.

Air Curtains Installed at SMF

According to recent news reports, the fly population in the Sacramento area is larger than usual this year. Sacramento County Airport System is responding to the growing problem. The airport is installing air curtains at all entrances in Terminals A and B at Sacramento International Airport. Air curtains prevent flies and other insects from entering the buildings by shooting a stream of air downward any time a door opens. Installation of the new devices is expected to be complete by the end of October.



October 17, 2005 - One of the new air curtains at SMF. Photo by Paul Bennett.

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New Roadway Signs at SMF

Navigating the roads at Sacramento International Airport is getting easier. Sacramento County Airport System is installing a series of new signs designed to help drivers find their way from the terminals to the parking lots and other areas. These signs are an addition to the signage program installed in conjunction with the parking garage last fall.

To avoid circling the roadways, the airport recommends parking in the hourly lots when picking up passengers. The first 30 minutes are free.



October 19, 2005 - One of several new roadway signs being installed at Sacramento International Airport.

Fly SMF For Winter Travel

Northern Californians seeking a break from the winter blues need look no further than Sacramento International Airport (SMF). With more than thirty flights a week to tropical and desert vacation locales, SMF is the perfect place to start a winter getaway.

Mexicana Airlines has offered nonstop service from Sacramento to Guadalajara, Mexico since July 2002. More recently, Mexicana added nonstop flights from Sacramento to Los Cabos and Morelia/Leon, for a total of 12 flights per week.

Travelers headed for Hawaii can fly nonstop daily to Honolulu on Hawaiian Airlines, or Maui on Aloha Airlines.

Sacramento International Airport also offers flights to balmy climates within the continental United States, including nonstop service to Las Vegas, Palm Springs, Phoenix and San Diego. Passengers can also fly direct, with only one stop, from Sacramento to Ft. Lauderdale, Orlando and Tampa.

To plan a getaway with Sacramento International Airport, visit www.sacairports.org and click on "Flight Info." The Web site offers both an interactive flight search engine and a printable flight schedule.

HOLIDAY SERVICES AT SACRAMENTO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Sacramento International Airport is offering the following services to help take the stress out of holiday travel.

Discount Parking

Visit www.sacairports.org for details on costs and dates.

Holiday Entertainment

Look for the schedule in upcoming newsletters and coming soon on our Web site at www.sacairports.org.

FREE Chair Massage

Look for the details in upcoming newsletters and coming soon on our Web site.

Flight Numbers		August 2005	August 2004	Last 12 Months 2005	Last 12 Months 2004
<p>Passenger traffic at Sacramento International Airport was up 4.3% in August 2005 compared to August 2004.</p> <p>Aircraft operations at Executive Airport were up 25.4% in August 2005 compared to August 2004.</p>	International Airport				
	Passengers	932,588	893,985	10,027,321	9,256,821
	Air Freight (Tons)	5,795	5,479	66,391	64,910
	Aircraft Operations	16,405	15,659	163,496	164,448
	Executive Airport				
	Aircraft Operations	13,206	10,527	114,372	136,493
	Mather Airport				
	Air Freight (Tons)	5,960	5,448	63,099	64,161
	Aircraft Operations	8,507	8,014	82,108	78,891