

# SAN ANTONIO FLIGHT PLAN

AN AVIATION NEWSLETTER FOR SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS

## SAT IS AMONG NATION'S 10TH LARGEST GATEWAYS TO MEXICO



During this past year, San Antonio International Airport (SAT) has seen an extraordinary increase in air service to and from Mexico. In fact, in November, the airport was ranked as the 10th largest U.S. gateway to Mexico, just after Chicago O'Hare (Source: Diio, November 2012). Today, four major carriers - Aeromexico, AirTran, Interjet and vivaAerobus - offer some 60 weekly flights to four destinations in Mexico: (Mexico City, Toluca, Monterrey and Cancun.) In addition, beginning January 9, 2013, CalJet will offer once-a-week charter serving to Mazatlan. Overall through November 2012, SAT

has experienced a 160% increase in international passengers and a 194% expansion in seating capacity to Mexico over the previous year.

"With its expanding air service to Mexico, SAT is becoming the airport of choice for central and south Texas residents," said Aviation Director Frank R. Miller. "The recent addition of Global Entry at SAT provides expedited Customs clearance for pre-approved travelers upon arrival in the U.S. We greatly appreciate U.S. Customs & Border Protection's quick implementation of Global Entry, which makes the processing of our international visitors even more convenient."

## INTERJET BEGINS 3<sup>RD</sup> NON-STOP FLIGHT FROM SAT WITH SERVICE TO MTY

Interjet, a Mexican-based carrier, began non-stop flights to Monterrey, Mexico (MTY) on November 11, 2012. This is Interjet's third market flown on its A320 aircraft from San Antonio International Airport (SAT). Interjet also serves Mexico City and Toluca from SAT. The new non-stop service to and from SAT and MTY operates twice weekly on Thursdays and Sundays. Tickets are available at [www.interjet.com.mx](http://www.interjet.com.mx).

"San Antonio is rapidly becoming a top destination for Mexico travelers, whether it is for business and/or pleasure," said Aviation Director Frank R. Miller. "We welcome Interjet's expansion in our market as it continues to offer excellent services at competitive air fares."

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## AIRPORT'S ACOUSTICAL TREATMENT PROGRAM COMPLETES 1,000<sup>TH</sup> HOME



On October 8, 2012, City of San Antonio officials, along with contractor THC Inc., held a ribbon-cutting ceremony recognizing the completion of the 1,000th home under the San Antonio International Airport's FAA-supported Residential Acoustical Treatment Program (RATP). Launched in 2006, the program provides acoustical improvements to eligible homes near the airport. The treatment includes a variety of noise-mitigating measures, including window and door installations, as well as added insulation. The result is a drop in noise level of at least 5 decibels, comparable to doubling the distance of the aircraft flying overhead.

“Our central location is a benefit to San Antonio’s traveling public,” said Frank R. Miller, Airport Aviation Director. “However, there are noise impacts to our close-by neighborhoods, and with no cost to homeowners or local taxpayers, the FAA- supported program helps the airport be a good neighbor.”

During 2012, the city of San Antonio accepted \$8 million in FAA grant funds for the Airport’s RATP. The FAA provides 80% of the necessary funding, while the remaining 20% is provided through the use of airport-generated funds. No San Antonio tax dollars are used in the funding of this program.

## OCTOBER 2012 MARKED THE START OF TERMINAL “A” RENOVATIONS

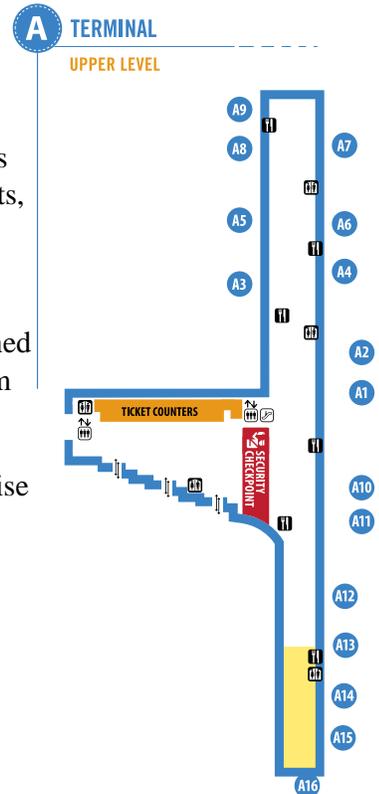
The estimated \$35 million Terminal A renovation project began mid October 2012 with the walling off of Gates 14, 15 and 16 at the end of the south concourse. This portion of the renovation is scheduled for completion January 2013.

Completion of the 18-month project in 2014 will bring new finishes, infrastructure upgrades and complete modernization of the restrooms to provide a customer experience consistent with San Antonio International Airport’s Terminal B. The project also allows for access and queuing improvements to the TSA security checkpoint.

“We are working closely with our construction manager at risk, SpawGlass,

to minimize passenger inconvenience,” said Frank R. Miller, Aviation Director. “We are trying to make sure some aspects are less intrusive on passenger movements, including doing some projects at night and choosing to work in strategic phases, as well as matching terminal renovations with the renovations being done by planned enhancements to the concessions program in Terminal A.”

Funded as a City of San Antonio Enterprise Fund, the Aviation Department does not use City funds or local tax dollars to operate or pay for enhancements or changes. This project is funded through General Airport Revenue Bonds, Tax Notes and the Airport Improvement and Contingency funds.



## NEW FLAVORS COMING TO SAT

On August 16, 2012, San Antonio City Council signed a seven-year contract with HMS Host International to bring new concessions to Terminal A. Several new stores and restaurants will phase in starting first quarter 2013 including La Gloria, The Fruteria, the Mediterranean-styled La Tapenade and Steak 'n Shake. San Antonio chef Johnny Hernandez' catering company, True Flavors, is a 35-percent joint-venture partner with Host on several of the establishments in the contract, which includes the Hernandez-created Mission City Ice House Bar.

“We wanted someone with a lot of experience to ensure the success of the program, and we wanted a program that reflects San Antonio’s internationally recognized culinary tastes,” says Aviation Director Frank R. Miller. “I think the traveling public will enjoy the food concepts already appreciated by our locals and visitors.”

McDonald’s and Las Palapas are among the restaurants leaving, while locally-owned and nationally recognized La Gloria will be among the new restaurants. Other outlets included in the concession package are Auntie Anne’s Pretzels and Cinnabon, both operated by a San Antonio-based franchisor, and Famous Famiglia Pizzeria, which is the only operator scheduled to be retained in the new arrangement. Construction of the new outlets is set to coincide with the Terminal A renovations. Stores will open in phases, with construction beginning in February 2013.



**SAN ANTONIO CONVENTIONS & EVENTS**

*During the second quarter of 2013, the City of San Antonio will host more than 95 conventions with over 108,800 delegates. Among the visitors to San Antonio will be:*

<b>DATES</b>	<b>ORGANIZATIONS</b>	<b>DELEGATES</b>
Apr. 2-3	Ben E Keith Company	3,000
Apr. 3-6	Council for Exceptional Children	5,000
Apr. 10-13	National Science Teachers Association	15,000
Apr. 19-22	International Reading Association	13,000
May 2-5	Texas Dental Association	12,335
May 14-17	Dish Network Corporation	3,000
May 20-24	Crawford Contractor Connection	2,500
Jun. 2-7	ASME International Gas Turbine Institute	2,700
Jun. 5-11	State Beauty Supply/RDA Pro Mart	3,000
Jun. 23-26	International Society for Technology in Education	17,000

**SAT CALENDAR YEAR-TO-DATE STATS**

	<b>Through September 2011</b>	<b>Through September 2012</b>	<b>Change %</b>
Domestic Boardings	2,983,935	2,918,624	-2.2
International Boardings	56,770	144,691	154.9
Charter Boardings	7,429	7,167	-3.5
Total Boardings	3,040,705	3,063,315	0.7
Total All Passengers	6,099,403	6,153,830	0.9
Total Freight (lbs)	145,963,045	142,962,216	-2.1
Total Mail (lbs)	50,275,281	52,136,901	3.7

