

# SAN ANTONIO FLIGHT PLAN

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## Delta Air Lines Increases Air Service in San Antonio Market CVG Non-Stop Flights Return & The Number of Flights to ATL and SLC Increase

On May 3, 2010, Delta will reinstate non-stop flights between San Antonio (SAT) and Cincinnati, OH (CVG). Daily non-stop flights between SAT and Atlanta, GA (ATL) will increase from eight to nine. The CR7 flight schedule to/from SAT and CVG is as follows:

**Departs SAT at 8:30 a.m./ Arrives CVG at 12:25 p.m.**  
**Departs CVG at 8:15 p.m./ Arrives SAT at 10:45 p.m.**

On June 10th, Delta will also begin a third flight to Salt Lake City, UT (SLC).

"Reinstating Cincinnati air service and increasing non-stop flights to Atlanta and Salt Lake City show how committed Delta is to San Antonio's business and leisure travelers," said Aviation Director Frank R. Miller, A.A.E. "We are grateful for Delta's commitment and long-term presence in San Antonio."



## AirTran Airways Adds New Hub Destinations from San Antonio Summer Seasonal Non-Stop Flights Added to Baltimore/Washington and Orlando

AirTran Airways will begin offering the San Antonio traveler daily non-stop flights to Baltimore, MD (BWI) and Orlando, FL (MCO) on May 27, 2010. AirTran's BWI flight will continue without a plane change to Boston, MA. The Orlando flights provide the lover of Caribbean travel AirTran connections to such exciting places as San Juan, Nassau, Montego Bay and Aruba. Travel on AirTran offers Business Class and WiFi on every flight. Here are the summer schedules:

### **Baltimore/Washington (BWI):**

**Departs SAT to BWI at 4:12 p.m./Arrives at 8:40 p.m.**  
**Departs BWI to SAT at 1:15 p.m./Arrives at 4:10 p.m.**

### **Orlando (MCO):**

**Departs SAT to MCO at 7:10 a.m./Arrives at 10:55 a.m.**  
**Departs MCO to SAT at 7:27 p.m./Arrives at 9:22 p.m.**

"We are very excited that AirTran has decided to expand its hub-network system in the San Antonio market and hope that, with over-whelming success, the flights will become permanent", said Aviation Director Frank R. Miller, A.A.E. "The added service will provide additional low-cost options to top destination markets for both business and leisure travelers."

"This new seasonal service will give AirTran Airways' customers more non-stop options for traveling around the country during the peak summer months," said Tad Hutcheson, vice president of marketing and sales, AirTran Airways. "We're making it easier and more affordable than ever to get to the family reunion, enjoy a beach vacation, take a spin on the newest theme ride in Orlando or just visit a new and exciting destination."



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## 2009 SAT Passenger & Cargo Activity Below 2008 Levels

Total 2009 San Antonio International Airport (SAT) passengers (7,831,267) decreased 6.3% in a year-over-year comparison to 2008.

Preliminary Airports Council International (ACI) survey results, compared to the final results of 2008, indicate total North American passengers were down 5.4%. SAT domestic passengers (7,691,981) decreased 6.3% while international passengers (139,286) were down 21.4%.

SAT total air cargo volume (259,814,742 pounds) retracted 8.1% compared to the 2008 level. Air freight was down 8.9% in 2009 and mail was down 5.8%. According to the same ACI survey, total 2009 North American air cargo was down 10.7% in comparison to the final results of 2008.

## SAT Cited for Air Cargo Excellence

On March 29, 2010, Air Cargo World Magazine announced San Antonio International Airport was given the Air Cargo Excellence (ACE) award. The ACE Airport Survey provides ratings from airlines, to airports they serve in the following key areas:

- (1) Performance: Dependable and fulfills promises and contractual agreements.
- (2) Value: Offers competitive rates and rates commensurate with service level required.
- (3) Facilities: Apron, warehousing, perishables center, access to highways and other modes.
- (4) Regulatory Operations: Customs and Security.

SAT's highest score was on its value, while the airport rated lowest on facilities. Rather than highlight winners, the survey shows an airport exactly how they are performing against an industry average. This is particularly meaningful as the results provide a standard on which to improve, as well as highlighting the areas in need of improvement.

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## San Antonio Airport System Receives Federal Grant Funding

On March 11, 2010, City Council accepted two Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants. The first grant in the amount of \$300,000 will be used, along with \$100,000 in Airport matching funds, to develop an Electronic Airport Layout Plan. A second FAA AIP grant in the amount \$9 million will be used by the City's Aviation Department for continuation of its Residential Acoustical Treatment Program. The Airport System will provide the required matching amount of \$2,250,000 to acoustically treat approximately 150 eligible homes under this program.

On January 14, 2010, U.S. Representative Ciro Rodriguez announced that Stinson Municipal Airport, SAT's general aviation reliever airport, will receive \$1.2 million

to rehabilitate a runway, which will include a new pavement overlay and replacement of old airfield signs and lighting. Congress approved this funding as part of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act of 2009.

"Stinson Airport has a long history in our community, and I'm glad we were able to get this funding to help the airport continue to grow," said Rep. Rodriguez. "Its location near downtown, close to major highways and only four miles from Toyota make Stinson a strong factor in our community's business landscape."

Last year, there were 154,307 takeoffs and landings at Stinson.

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## San Antonio Aviation Director Tapped to Serve on Aviation Security Blue Ribbon Panel

The U.S. Travel Association has assembled a group of national experts to serve on a national Blue Ribbon Panel for Frictionless Security. San Antonio Aviation Director Frank R. Miller, A.A.E. will be one of 20 experts from various organizations and industries to participate on the panel.

The panel mission is to develop a new vision for U.S. airport security policy that will ensure safety while minimizing the burden on travelers. The panel will bring together various stakeholders in the travel industry, including travelers themselves, to recommend improved and more efficient screening processes at airports nationwide.

Representatives from the airlines and the Transportation Security Administration will also participate. Former Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, Congressman Jim Turner and Sabre Holdings CEO Sam Gilliland will chair the panel.

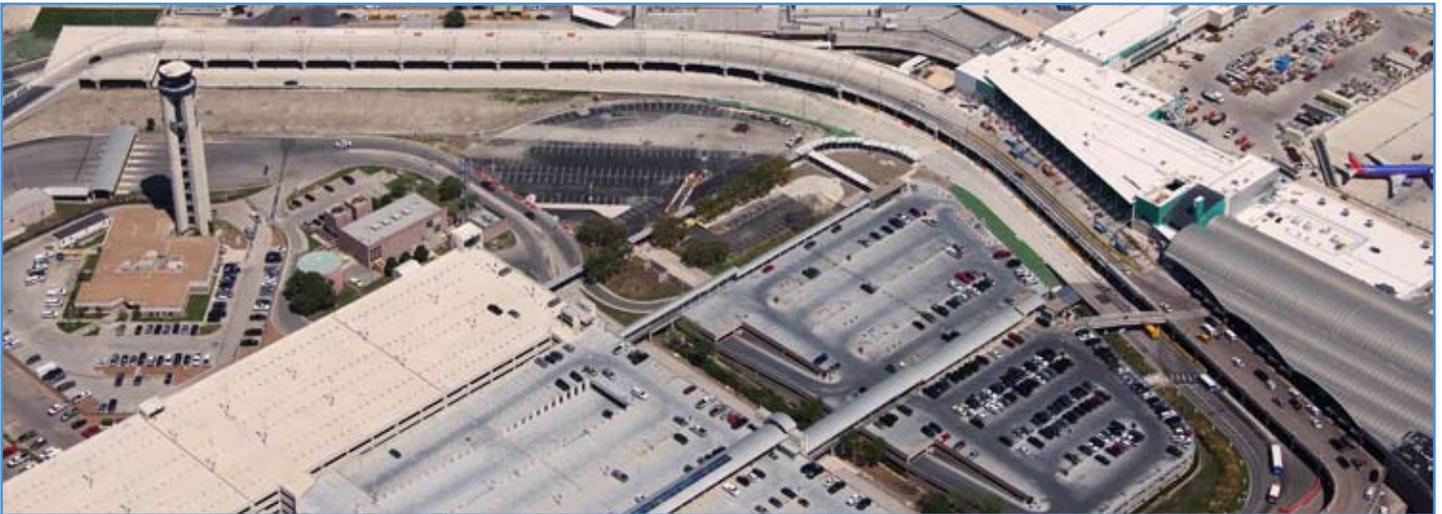
"It is truly an honor to be asked to be part of this panel," says Miller. "To bring airline customers to the table with aviation industry representatives and discuss ways to maximize security and minimize the burden on travelers will be important in shaping the future of aviation security."

## Airport's New Two-Tiered Roadway Now Fully Opened

On March 26, 2010, San Antonio International Airport (SAT) announced substantial completion of its new two-tiered roadway system – just in time for the Women's Final Four arriving in April. On this date, the outer lanes of the lower level were opened. These lanes are designated for shuttle buses, and allow patrons the ability to quickly exit the airport without entering the very active passenger loading and unloading inner lanes closest to the terminals. The new roadway system will increase vehicle capacity in and around the terminals, as well as relieve congestion from the terminal upper-level departure lanes and the lower-level arrival/baggage claim areas.

As of March 31st, the following Airport Expansion Project milestones have been achieved:

- Terminal B is 72.6% completed and on time for opening in November 2010.
- The Central Utility Plant is 97.6% completed.
- The Roadway System Project is 97% completed.
- The Consolidated Baggage Handling System Facility is 65.7% completed and TSA equipment has been delivered to the site.



## Ribbon-Cutting Celebrates Opening of Extended Stinson Runway

On March 12, 2010, federal, state and local dignitaries came together to cut the ribbon celebrating completion of the Runway 9/27 Extension Project at Stinson Municipal Airport. The runway extension and overlay is part of a \$4.4 million block grant from the Texas Department of Transportation, which was facilitated through the federal Airport Improvement Program. The runway length was increased from 4,835 feet to approximately 5,002, making Stinson more appealing to a wider variety of general aviation aircraft, including small corporate jets. Additional improvements included an extension of taxiways, replace-

ment and upgrade of taxiway lighting and navigational aids for both runways, a new engine run-up area for Runway 32 and a helipad.

“This is a major boost for Stinson as the runway extension will now allow the airport to host a more diverse, and wider range of general aviation aircraft,” said Aviation Director Frank R. Miller A.A.E. “It further advances the City’s goal of attracting more general aviation to Stinson. These improvements make Stinson and the area south of downtown an attractive location for corporations and businesses to land and hangar their aircraft.”



**San Antonio Conventions & Events**

*During the third quarter of 2010, the City of San Antonio will host more than 66 conventions with over 151,000 delegates. Among the visitors to San Antonio will be:*

<b>DATES</b>	<b>ORGANIZATIONS</b>	<b>DELEGATES</b>
July 1-4	Alcoholics Anonymous	55,000
July 10-13	National Council of La Raza	4,500
July 15-17	Conference for the Advancement of Mathematics Teaching	8,000
July 17-21	Texas High School Coaches Association	13,000
August 4-7	American Association of Diabetes Educators	3,763
August 13-17	National Institute of Governmental Purchasing	2,000
August 28-September 2	GameStop Inc.	5,250
September 11-15	Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care Society	2,500
September 22-25	Emergency Nurses Association	5,000

**SAT YEAR-TO-DATE STATS**

	Through Dec. '08	Through Dec. '09	Change
Domestic Boardings	4,078,774	3,834,745	-6.0%
International Boardings	88,666	70,694	-20.3%
Charter Boardings	7,001	7,241	+3.4%
Total Boardings	4,167,440	3,905,439	-6.3%
Total All Passengers	8,358,515	7,831,267	-6.3%
Total Freight (lbs)	215,548,856	196,473,930	-8.9%
Total Mail (lbs)	67,248,622	63,340,812	-5.8%

