

# SAN ANTONIO FLIGHT PLAN

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## Parking Garage at SAT Generating Clean Power

In early 2011, a new, green and clean technology turned on the lights at the San Antonio International Airport (SAT) parking garage. An Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) was used to fund design and construction of a solar photovoltaic (PV) system on the top floor of the recently completed long-term parking garage. Thanks to the hard work and cooperation of the City's Office of Environmental Policy, the \$1.5 million project was completed in seven months.

The new solar array system supplements the electrical power utilized at SAT's parking garage.

The new array system produces 235 KW of power for garage operations and saves the airport more than \$20,000 per year in utility expenses. The project reduces greenhouse gas emissions by over 330 tons (equal to removing 60 passenger vehicles from the road each year).

Additionally, the system powers the first electric vehicle recharging stations in San Antonio and complements the City's Transportation Initiative that is in the process of converting City-owned vehicles into electric vehicles.



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## International General Aviation Collaboration Signing

On May 4, 2011, El Aeropuerto Internacional del Norte de Monterrey, Mexico and the San Antonio International Airport signed an International General Aviation Collaboration accord intended to strengthen the bonds of unity and increase the goodwill connectivity between these two airports.

Keynote speakers at the signing ceremony were Mr. Frank R. Miller, Aviation Director for the City of San Antonio Airport System, and Mr. Juan Gerardo Rodriguez, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of El Aeropuerto del Norte.

Approximately 60 board members attended the private signing ceremony



followed by a reception and dinner. The San Antonio Convention and Visitor's Bureau also unveiled a permanent San Antonio Visitor Center Kiosk that is showcased in the El Aeropuerto del Norte Jet Club's lobby.

"We welcome this unprecedented collaboration between our two airports," said Frank R. Miller. "This collaborative signing event symbolizes the establishment of an air bridge of goodwill for our general aviation passengers traveling between San Antonio and Monterrey, Mexico on tourism, trade and business, investment."

## Demolition of SAT's Original Terminal Building Underway

The demolition of the original terminal facility at the San Antonio International Airport (SAT) is currently underway. The abatement process and interior demolition have been on going since January 2011. Starting in June, demolition began on the exterior of the building from the Aircraft Operations Area (AOS) side of the facility.

The structure, commonly referred to as Terminal 2, is in close proximity to the newly completed Terminal B building. As such, preventive measures have been taken to protect the new Terminal B structure from damage during demolition, as well as prevent debris from entering the AOA and creating a potential hazard to aircraft movements.

With the demolition of Terminal 2, the City makes way for future development of a third terminal, Terminal C, which is roughly scheduled for the design and build process during the next decade, or as necessary to meet passenger growth and the need for additional passenger loading gates. In the immediate future, new apron will be constructed allowing the City's Aviation Department to open the remaining two gates at Terminal B in early 2012.

Texas-based SpawGlass is the general contractor on this project. As part of the project, SpawGlass is sorting debris on site and recycling useable materials. Through this effort, Terminal 2 will live on as its construction materials are reused on another product or project.



## Southwest Airlines Celebrates 40 Years of “LUV” in San Antonio

On June 15, 2011, Southwest Airlines celebrated its 40th anniversary of serving the great city of San Antonio with music, decorations, games and prizes. Dallas, San Antonio and Houston formed the “Texas Triangle” of original Southwest cities.

San Antonio holds a special place in the Southwest history as the first flight departed the Alamo City on June 18, 1971, launching Southwest’s first schedule of six non-stop flights daily to Dallas. Today, nearly 600 San Antonio-based Southwest employees serve South Texas customers with 48 daily non-stop departures to 14 cities.

“This is a great milestone for Southwest. For 40 years, Southwest Airlines has proven its commitment to the cities it serves. Not only

do we provide the best customer service in the industry, but we have strong ties between the local community and our employees,” said Pro Mahabir, Southwest Airlines Station Director. “I’m extremely proud and honored to work alongside the best employees in the industry and to give the good people of San Antonio the freedom to fly.”

“We greatly appreciate the 40-year partnership we’ve enjoyed with Southwest Airlines,” said Frank R. Miller, Aviation Director for the City of San Antonio. “Southwest has always been committed to providing excellent service along with being a great community contributor. We look forward to more years of continued growth in San Antonio.”

## SAT Inaugurates New Frontier Airlines’ Non-Stop Kansas City

On June 7, 2011, SAT, along with airline officials, celebrated the start of Frontier Airlines’ new non-stop service between San Antonio International Airport (SAT) and its Kansas City International Airport (MCI). The five-day per week flight schedule is as follows:

Departs SAT @ 11:42 a.m.  
and Arrives MCI @ 1:42 p.m.

Departs MCI @ 9:07 a.m.  
and Arrives SAT @ 11:12 a.m.

The Kansas City non-stop route flown by Frontier Airlines will be its third destination from SAT. The air carrier also serves Denver and Milwaukee.



From Left: Darrin Hughes, Robert Westgate, Chris Magulski

## Phase III SAT Runway 3-21 Extension Project Receives FAA Funds

The City of San Antonio Aviation Department, in partnership with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), is currently constructing a 1,000-foot extension to the north end of Runway 3-21. The extension will provide additional take off and landing length, facilitating larger aircraft operations from SAT’s cross wind runway. The approximately \$33 million project extending Runway 3-21 up to 8,500 feet will also include lengthening the runway’s two parallel taxiways – Taxiway Q and Taxiway N, as well as an expansion of the Airport Operations Area (AOA).

The construction is being performed in four phases in an effort to mitigate the impact on airport operations. Phase I is complete and Phase II is currently under construction. On June 9, 2011, the San Antonio City Council authorized the submission and acceptance of a grant application to the FAA for Phase III of the Project. The FAA will provide 75% or an estimated \$10 million of the funding, with the City’s Aviation Department providing the match for a total Phase III cost estimated at \$13,333,333. The initial construction phase commenced in 2009. Construction on Phase III is expected to begin in December 2011. All four phases are scheduled for completion in late 2012.

**San Antonio Conventions & Events**

*During the fourth quarter of 2011, the City of San Antonio will host more than 85 conventions with over 120,000 delegates. Among the visitors to San Antonio will be:*

<b>DATES</b>	<b>ORGANIZATIONS</b>	<b>DELEGATES</b>
October 7-9	Phil Waldrep Evangelistic Association	5,000
October 16-19	American Society of Agronomy	4,000
October 16-19	US Geospatial Intelligence Foundation	2,000
November 11-13	2011 San Antonio Rock 'n' Roll Marathon	30,000
November 13-15	Specialty Tools & Fasteners Distributors Association	4,220
November 18-22	American Association of Equine Practitioners	6,000
December 2-3	USAA (United Services Automobile Association)	14,000
December 6-10	CTRC-AACR San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium	8,000
December 15-17	2011 Annual Div 1 Womens Volleyball Championships	15,000

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

	Through Mar. '10	Through Mar. '11	Change %
Domestic Boardings	879,407	899,359	2.3
International Boardings	17,484	15,220	-12.9
Charter Boardings	3,014	3,058	1.5
Total Boardings	899,905	917,637	2.0
Total All Passengers	1,812,088	1,857,117	2.5
Total Freight (lbs)	49,920,256	52,400,299	5.0
Total Mail (lbs)	15,912,959	16,986,765	6.7

