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SAT Sees Passenger Increase for Seventh Straight Year

San Antonio, TX – (February 20, 2017) The San Antonio International Airport (SAT) announces the seventh straight year-over year increase in passengers at the end of year 2016. This record-breaking increase led to the total of 8.62 million total passengers, a 1.3% increase over 2015's previous record. December passenger traffic also represents a record with 730,551 total passengers, the most on record for any given December, a 0.7% increase.

Domestic traffic for the month was up 2.4% compared to December 2015, buoyed by increases from Frontier and Southwest, both of which added new routes in 2016.

In 2016, as a result of the removal of the following elements:
The elimination of VivaAerobus to Monterrey, MX and Southwest to Mexico City, schedule reductions by Aeromexico to Mexico City and adjustments by United to Cancun led to a decline in international traffic by 24%.

In December, total air cargo increased 5.0% year-over-year to 23,838,065 pounds. CYTD total cargo increased versus the same period in 2015 to 238,056,389 pounds, or 2.3%. Please see Exhibit A for a detailed breakdown.

As part of our expanded efforts towards air service development, the San Antonio International Airport has developed a robust, broad air service marketing and advertising program. This program is intended to heighten awareness of options, including carriers and destinations, throughout San Antonio and the surrounding region.

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To innovatively manage our airports to provide a positive customer experience while supporting economic development.

DOMESTIC PASSENGERS

Scheduled domestic capacity, or seats, increased in December 2016 versus December 2015 with 424,669 monthly departure seats, up 15,569 seats, or approximately 3.8%. Airlines routinely make monthly or seasonal adjustments to the number of flights and seats available to match market demand trends. However, Southwest Airlines increased capacity in December by 9.6% with new service to Kansas City and increases to Houston, Dallas, El Paso and Phoenix. In addition, Frontier Airlines continued nonstop, year round service to both Denver and Las Vegas. In general, capacity adjustments matched the change in passengers.

Airline	Seat Capacity Change	Passenger Change
Alaska Airlines	(3.2%)	(0.5%)
Allegiant Air*	(19.8%)	(3.8%)
American Airlines	(4.9%)	(6.4%)
Delta Airlines	0.7%	(1.4%)
Frontier Airlines	100.0%	100.0%
Southwest Airlines	9.6%	5.1%
United Airlines	(5.1%)	(6.1%)

*Allegiant Air began service from SAT to FLL, LAS and SFB in November 2015;

**Frontier service to/from ATL, DEN, LAS and PHL began in May 2016.

When comparing year-over-year domestic capacity changes, the results were based on the following:

- Allegiant Air: increased capacity to LAS in June 2016
- American Airlines: increased MIA service back to near daily in March during peak times
- Frontier Airlines: started new service to ATL, DEN, LAS and PHL in May 2016
- Southwest Airlines: commenced daily nonstop service to MCI effective November 6th

INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS

Scheduled international capacity, or seats, decreased in December 2016 in our year-over-year comparison to 23,591 monthly departure seats. The decline is in large part a result of capacity reductions by Southwest to Mexico City and Interjet

to Toluca. In addition to capacity adjustments, the continuing devaluation of the Peso to the US Dollar may be contributing to decreased leisure travel between the two countries. In December 2016, the Peso had 13.7% less value than the same time in 2015, and 47.0% less value than two years prior to that.

Airline	Seat Capacity Change	Passenger Change
Aeromexico	(10.3%)	(10.2%)
Interjet	(3.3%)	(14.2%)
Southwest (International)* /***	(85.7%)	(86.7%)
United (International)***	(100.0%)	(100.0%)
VivaAerobus**	(100.0%)	(100.0%)
Volaris	28.2%	0.8%

*Southwest discontinued SAT to MEX service in March 2016 **VivaAerobus ceased service from SAT to MTY in August 2015 ***Both Southwest and United offer seasonal service to Cancun, Mexico.

When comparing year-over-year international capacity changes, the results were based on the following:

- Southwest: ceased service from SAT to MEX in March 2016, and offers service to CUN on a seasonal basis.
- VivaAerobus: ceased service from SAT to MTY in August 2015.
- Volaris: added a third weekly flight to GDL effective November 2016.

RECENT SCHEDULE CHANGES

Frontier Airlines launched new nonstop service to four destinations in May 2016. Two markets, Atlanta and Philadelphia, are served on a seasonal basis. These two markets will return April 23rd.

Southwest Airlines added **NEW** daily nonstop service to Kansas City, MO on November 6th and added a fifth daily flight to Houston-Hobby on the same day.

On May 1st, 2017, San Antonio International Airport will welcome a **NEW** international carrier as part of our air service portfolio, with Air Canada daily nonstop service to Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Exhibit A

**San Antonio International Airport
Passenger & Air Cargo Activity Summary Report**

	December			Calendar Year-to-Date		
	2016	2015	% Change	2016	2015	% Change
Passengers						
Domestic Enplanements	349,264	341,567	2.3%	4,108,045	3,998,910	2.7%
Domestic Deplanements	343,650	335,004	2.6%	4,110,033	3,997,473	2.8%
Total Domestic Passengers	692,914	676,571	2.4%	8,218,078	7,996,383	2.8%
Intl Enplanements	19,899	25,157	-20.9%	201,716	258,778	-22.1%
Intl Deplanements	17,738	24,376	-27.2%	198,345	252,298	-21.4%
Total Intl Passengers	37,637	49,533	-24.0%	400,061	511,076	-21.7%
Grand Total All Passengers	730,551	726,104	0.6%	8,618,139	8,507,459	1.3%
Air Cargo (in Pounds)						
Domestic Freight Enplaned	7,337,751	7,377,636	-0.5%	63,057,887	67,079,549	-6.0%
Domestic Freight Deplaned	9,563,241	8,981,340	6.5%	94,245,133	86,356,872	9.1%
Total Domestic Freight	16,900,992	16,358,976	3.3%	157,303,020	153,436,421	2.5%
Intl Freight Enplaned	556,417	668,110	-16.7%	7,523,269	6,570,850	14.5%
Intl Freight Deplaned	255,415	241,007	6.0%	2,744,956	2,597,635	5.7%
Total Intl Freight	811,832	909,117	-10.7%	10,268,225	9,168,485	12.0%
Total Freight*	17,712,824	17,268,093	2.6%	167,571,245	162,604,906	3.1%
Mail Enplaned	2,443,586	2,551,924	-4.2%	29,269,947	35,246,722	-17.0%
Mail Deplaned	3,681,655	2,891,914	27.3%	41,215,197	34,836,059	18.3%
Total Mail*	6,125,241	5,443,838	12.5%	70,485,144	70,082,781	0.6%
Grand Total All Air Cargo*	23,838,065	22,711,931	5.0%	238,056,389	232,687,687	2.3%

* FedEx figures are estimated for Dec. 2016

**San Antonio International Airport
Total Air Freight (000 lbs)**

	December			Calendar Year-to-Date		
	2016	2015	% Change	2016	2015	% Change
Air Carrier	7,598	7,858	-3.3%	87,058	89,918	-3.2%
Air Taxi	1,692	1,863	-9.2%	21,768	23,178	-6.1%
General Aviation	3,522	4,253	-17.2%	50,028	49,839	0.4%
Military	347	240	44.6%	5,357	5,116	4.7%
Total Itinerant	13,159	14,214	-7.4%	164,211	168,051	-2.3%