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## City of El Paso International Airport Anticipates Bustling Summer Travel Season

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**El Paso, Texas**— The City of El Paso International Airport is gearing up for a busy summer air travel season kicking off Memorial Day weekend.

Airlines are increasing seat availability throughout the summer paving the way for a higher number of air travelers compared to the previous year.

As summer travel is gearing up so are the nonstop flights out of the City's airport. Two new nonstop routes are launching this summer.

Daily non-stop service to Long Beach will commence in July, and a new weekly nonstop service to Orlando will also be available to meet the growing demand for travel to popular leisure destinations.

"This season presents our top-rate airport with the opportunity to continue to provide exceptional service while meeting the demand for air service for our community," said Sam Rodriguez, El Paso Director of Aviation. "More travelers will be able to travel through our terminal this summer thanks to our partner airlines optimizing the frequencies and the use of larger aircrafts, in addition to adding new nonstop destinations."

## SUMMER TRAVEL TIPS

**Use the Cell Phone Lot:** To minimize traffic congestion, individuals picking up friends and family should use the cell phone parking lot before heading to the terminal. Access to the terminal is limited to ticketed passengers, making the cell phone waiting lot an ideal alternative while waiting for travelers. Detailed directions to the cell phone waiting lot and additional information can be found on the airport's official website, <u>flyelp.com</u> and attached to this document.

**Arrive Early:** Passengers should arrive at least two hours before their departure time, with a maximum time of four hours. This allows travelers to have ample time for getting through airport security checkpoints and it promotes a stress-free experience.

**Plan Ahead:** Passengers are advised to visit <u>TSA.gov</u> to review the latest identification requirements and list of prohibited items. Packing accordingly and adhering to the guidelines will expedite the security checkpoint process for everyone involved.

**Parking:** Reduce the time spent looking for a parking space by parking in the airport's long-term lot and ride the complimentary shuttle to the front entrance. Parking is \$7 per day in the long-term lot.

**Ride Sun Metro:** Ride the Montana Brio or Route 33 to the Airport. Both routes connect riders from Transit Center in Central El Paso to the Airport. Additionally, the Montana Brio takes riders from the airport to the Upper East Side and Cielo Vista Transit Centers, and two Park and Ride lots located at Lee Treviño and Montana, and George Dieter and Montana. Standard Sun Metro fares are \$1.50 with discounted fares available for seniors, veterans and students. For more info on fare prices and Sun Metro routes, visit <u>sunmetro.net</u> and follow Sun Metro on Facebook and Twitter at @SunMetro.

**Stay updated on ELP:** Stay connected on Airport updates by following the airport on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, or Instagram at @flyelp.

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