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New Restaurants Offer More, Tasty Options for Travelers at Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport

First-ever Restaurant Featuring the Flavors of Mexico Added to the Culinary Line-Up

BIRMINGHAM, AL (November 3, 2023) – Travelers at Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport (BHM) now have new food and beverage choices as they make their way through the terminal. Two brand new restaurants are now open for business and others recently unveiled new menus, remodeled spaces, new technology, and more to better serve the thousands of passengers traveling through BHM each week.

"These improvements are part of an ongoing effort to make the customer experience at the airport the absolute best it can be," said Ron Mathieu, President and CEO of the Birmingham Airport Authority. "We know travelers like to have choices when they come through the terminal and we are collaborating with our partners to keep things new and fresh," said Mathieu.

Among the new and improved offerings at BHM:

- The new *Tacos Locos* in Concourse C offering cuisine and beverages inspired by the vibrant flavors of Mexico
- The new Scoreboard Bar & Café in Concourse A with a game-time menu and full bar
- A completely remodeled *Red Mountain Grill* in Concourse B where new furniture, new woodwork, and a new menu complement an extraordinary view of the airfield
- The *Great American Bagel Bakery* is in the process of getting a redesigned counter, remodeled serving space, new equipment, and a new espresso machine

- *Starbucks* in Concourse C is getting new lighting, new equipment and a brighter storefront
- Chick-fil-A will soon get new technology, kiosks, and a redesign of the queuing lanes for faster customer service

On Friday morning, BHM treated travelers and special guests to a "Taste of bhm" featuring food and beverage samples from The Scoreboard Bar & Café, Tacos Locos, and Red Mountain Grill. Those traveling through the terminal also had the chance to enjoy music from legendary local musician Rick Carter and Mariachi Premier de América.

Global restaurateur HMSHost, a world leader in creating dining for travel venues, operates the food and beverage locations at BHM. The partnership between HMSHost and BHM is built on the idea that customers deserve the very best when traveling through the airport. New additions like *Tacos Locos, The Scoreboard Bar & Café*, and even *Burger King* in Concourse C, which opened in the summer of 2022, are helping to offer the kinds of choices that families need and want when they travel.

"At HMSHost, we put the traveler at the center of everything we do, so that we can make their journey as exciting as their destination. We are proud of our partnership with BHM as it continues to allow us to bring exciting new restaurants to the terminal to make the airport a place where passengers want to arrive early to enjoy a great dining experience," said HMSHost Vice President of Business Development Tosin Kasali.

The new and improved restaurants come at a great time as the holiday travel season nears. BHM is experiencing huge growth in passenger traffic this year and that trend is expected to continue.

About Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport

As Alabama's largest commercial airport, Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport has served as a gateway to the sky for more than 90 years. Governed by the Birmingham Airport Authority, the airport continues to be a catalyst for growth and economic development for the entire region. For more information, visit <u>flybhm.com</u> or follow BHM on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>LinkedIn</u>.