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Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport Reports Big Jump in Traffic During First Two Months of 2023

Airlines Restoring Dozens of Flights in Coming Months

BIRMINGHAM, AL (March 20, 2023) – The first quarter of 2023 is shaping up to be a busy one for the airport. In February, the number of passengers boarding flights at BHM increased by 13% over February 2022. That followed another large increase in January, when traffic was up 17% over the same period in 2022.

“This trend is very encouraging as we engage in ongoing talks with the airlines,” said Darlene Wilson, Chair of the Birmingham Airport Authority Board. “We have worked diligently to show the airlines that this region needs additional flights to accommodate growing demand. Nothing proves that point more than the increases in traffic we’ve seen so far this year,” said Wilson.

The airlines that serve BHM are responding to the uptick in traffic in the Birmingham market by adding more flights to their schedules. These service additions will give travelers more non-stop choices and better connectivity when they fly.

Delta Airlines is adding:

- Two more daily non-stop flights to New York’s La Guardia Airport between now and June
- A second daily non-stop to Detroit, also in June
- A ninth daily flight to Atlanta, starting in June

Southwest Airlines is adding:

- Non-stop service to Las Vegas on Sundays starting in July (to compliment the current Saturday service)
- Daily non-stops to Las Vegas beginning in October
- A second daily non-stop to Orlando and a third on Saturdays, also in October

American Airlines will begin their first ever non-stop to LaGuardia in May.

“The more we use the service provided by the airlines, the better our chances of getting more in the future,” said Wilson. “The airlines that serve BHM are showing a tremendous amount of confidence in this market and we are just getting started.”

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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 flybhm.com or follow BHM on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

