

SAN ANTONIO FLIGHT PLAN

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SAN ANTONIO AIRPORT SYSTEM HAS MAJOR IMPACT ON REGION'S ECONOMY

The San Antonio Airport System (SAAS) is a major economic driver in the local and regional economy with an estimated impact of \$5.1 billion in 2011. Prepared by GRA, Inc. for the City of San Antonio's Aviation Department, the study measured the impact of San Antonio International Airport (SAT) and Stinson Municipal Airport (SSF).

According to the study, the two city-owned airports produce a number of economic benefits, including:

- Combined, the airports generate an estimated \$5.1 billion in regional economic activity.
- This total SAAS economic impact is comprised of direct (on-airport) impacts (\$1.1 billion), indirect (visitor spending) impacts (\$1.2 billion) and induced impacts (\$2.8 billion).
- The airport system's induced impacts represent the economic activity supported by the re-spending of SAAS-related worker and proprietor earnings throughout the San Antonio region.
- Activity at SAT and SSF supports nearly 99,000 jobs with a total earnings impact of \$1.6 billion.

- San Antonio's airports are responsible for an estimated \$227 million in state and local taxes (\$154 million in state taxes, \$73 million in local taxes).

"Our airports are central to the vitality of San Antonio's economy," said Frank R. Miller, City of San Antonio Aviation Director. "In addition to jobs, the airports are generators for commerce and trade. Last year, more than 270 million pounds of freight cargo and more than eight million passengers moved through our airports, supporting economic activity in the region."

For the study, GRA also developed a ten-year projection of economic impacts of the San Antonio airports. Using the Federal Aviation Administration's projected growth path for flights for airports at SAAS, GRA estimates that, by 2021, the total SAAS economic impact will grow to more than 106,000 jobs, with earnings exceeding \$1.7 billion. In addition, the GRA study projects over \$5.5 billion in inflation-adjusted economic impact from the two airports.

TOTAL 2011 ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THE SAN ANTONIO AIRPORT SYSTEM

	Employment	Earnings (\$Mil)	Output (\$Mil)
Direct Impacts	6,053	\$290.9	\$1,083.7
Indirect Impacts	15,233	\$279.4	\$1,151.7
Induced Impacts	77,390	\$1,028.3	\$2,842.7
TOTAL IMPACTS	98,676	\$1,598.5	\$5,078.1

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ALASKA AIRLINES CELEBRATES LAUNCH OF SEATTLE FLIGHTS FOR SAN ANTONIO TRAVELERS

Taking a trip to America's great northwest got a whole lot easier

On September 17, 2012, San Antonio joined Alaska Airlines in celebrating the airline's on-time arrival at San Antonio International Airport (SAT) and the start of daily non-stop service to Seattle, Washington (SEA). A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the gate for the inaugural 7:25 p.m. departing flight. The next day City Manager Sheryl Sculley and members of the local business community held a get-acquainted breakfast followed by a press conference.

"Being one of the largest markets in the state of Texas, it made a lot of sense for us to come to San Antonio", said Jeff Etherington, Alaska's General Manager Sales. "It's a market that our corporate accounts and mileage plan members wanted the airline to serve. It is a good fit for our network."

Alaska will fly once a day to and from San Antonio and Seattle. The flights from San Antonio to Seattle arrive (9:55 PM) just in time to catch connections to Oregon, Canada and Alaska. To book a flight, log onto www.alaskaair.com



FIFE & DRUMS SENT OFF US AIRWAYS' INAUGURAL FLIGHT TO PHILADELPHIA



September 5, 2012 marked a new date to celebrate independence from connecting flights for the San Antonio traveling public. On that date, US Airways began daily non-stop service to Philadelphia, one of the nation's historic sites and famously known as the "City of Brotherly Love".



Philadelphia serves as US Airways' international gateway, giving San Antonio travelers more options for travel overseas. Flights to and from the San Antonio International Airport (SAT) and Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) can be booked on www.usairways.com. This non-stop service is in addition to other San Antonio nonstops to Phoenix and Charlotte on US Airways.

GLOBAL ENTRY ARRIVES AT SAT FOR A FASTER WAY THRU CUSTOMS



On August 29, 2012, officials from U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) and the City of San Antonio inaugurated the arrival of the Global Entry program at the San Antonio International Airport (SAT). Global Entry is a CBP Trusted Traveler program that provides expedited clearance for pre-approved, low-risk travelers upon arrival in the United States on an international flight. Typically, Global Entry members are processed for arrival into the United States in less than five minutes.

San Antonio has been a historical port of entry for air travelers from Mexico. The volume of such travel has jumped recently due to carriers adding new routes to and from San Antonio and Mexico. “The goal is to move people through more quickly and efficiently,” said City Aviation Director Frank R. Miller. “This customer

service is clearly a marketing benefit for us as we continue to work towards recruiting more international service.”

Travelers interested in applying for Global Entry status can visit www.globalentry.com to complete and submit an application, along with providing a payment of \$100 that is good for a five-year membership in the program. Once a background check is completed and the applicant is approved, the applicant progresses to the next phase - a personal interview with a U.S. CBP

officer. Currently, this last phase of the process for San Antonio residents is available at other Global Entry airports, with the most convenient being the Houston Intercontinental and Dallas/FortWorth Airports.

SAT’s international arrival area offers travelers two kiosks for faster processing to Global Entry members. Mexican citizens who are SENTRI members are eligible to apply for Global Entry status at no additional costs.

The City of San Antonio owes its appreciation for the Global Entry designation to U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison who worked with CBP officials. Local supporters of the designation included Mayor Julián Castro, Councilwoman Elisa Chan, Aviation Director Frank R. Miller, chambers and civic and business organizations.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES LAUNCHES NEW SERVICE TO ST. LOUIS

On August 12, 2012, the City of San Antonio and Southwest Airlines celebrated the launch of two new daily non-stop flights to St. Louis. For the inaugural flight, San Antonio International Airport (SAT) boarding passengers were treated to food, drink and music – St. Louis style!

“Southwest Airlines is proud to announce new daily nonstop service from San Antonio International Airport to St. Louis-Lambert International Airport,” said Rusty Arnold, Southwest Airlines Station Manager. “We know this service will provide San Antonio the opportunity to connect their businesses and families with the great city of St. Louis.”

“Southwest Airlines’ has been a great partner for San Antonio over the last 41 years. This launch only solidifies Southwest’s confidence in San Antonio,” said Frank R. Miller, Aviation Director for the City of San Antonio. “Southwest continues to offer the air service that both leisure and business travelers are looking for.”

STL to SAT			SAT to STL		
Flight	Departure	Arrival	Flight	Departure	Arrival
23	7:45 a.m.	10:10 a.m.	1098	6:10 a.m.	8:10 a.m.
4008	8:25 p.m.	10:50 p.m.	1018	7:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.

This is the second such launch Southwest has made in recent months. In May 2012, Southwest Airlines started their first international flights from San Antonio to Mexico City and Cancun on AirTran Airways, a wholly owned subsidiary of Southwest Airlines. To purchase Southwest Airline tickets, log onto www.southwest.com

SAN ANTONIO CONVENTIONS & EVENTS

During the first quarter of 2013, the City of San Antonio will host more than 117 conventions with over 108,000 delegates. Among the visitors to San Antonio will be:

DATES	ORGANIZATIONS	DELEGATES
Jan. 7-10	National Cotton Council of America	3,700
Jan. 25-27	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	5,000
Feb. 3-5	International Roofing Expo/Hanley Wood	8,000
Feb. 9-10	American Cheer Power	8,000
Feb. 22-26	American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology	7,000
Mar. 3-7	TMS-The Minerals, Metals & Materials Society	8,500
Mar. 10-14	Society of Toxicology	7,000
Mar. 19-21	Association of Equipment Manufacture's	6,000
Mar. 24-26	American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacture's	3,300
Mar. 26-29	National Collegiate Athletic Association	3,000

SAT CALENDAR YEAR-TO-DATE STATS

	Through June 2011	Through June 2012	Change %
Domestic Boardings	1,950,594	1,926,142	-1.3
International Boardings	36,016	86,759	140.9
Charter Boardings	5,659	5,307	-6.2
Total Boardings	1,992,269	2,018,208	1.3
Total All Passengers	3,987,238	4,040,694	1.3
Total Freight (lbs)	101,621,510	96,072,433	-5.5
Total Mail (lbs)	33,603,259	34,916,173	3.9

