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- Be the first to know about changes. Sign up for **e-mail Construction Alerts** on our **Web site, www.iflykansascity.com**, where you can get current flight arrival and departure information.
- Call our automated **Information Line** for construction news: (816) 243-3KCI (3524).
- **Allow ample time** prior to your flight to park, get to the terminal, check in and go through security.
- For pick-ups and drop-offs, make use of **complimentary Garage and Circle parking for 30 minutes near the terminals**. Drivers waiting for passengers at the curb will be asked to move, so they should plan to meet at the curb upon arrival. Vehicles left unattended at the curb are immediately ticketed, towed and subject to fines.
- Due to heightened security, the entrances into each of the three terminal garages are reduced from two to one, and security officers are stationed at the entrance. Vehicles are subject to search prior to parking. Please reduce the numbers and types of packages and equipment in your vehicle to those necessary for travel or road safety measures.

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New Airline Joins KCI's Ranks

Sunworld International Airlines and Others Make New Service Announcements

While other airports in the U.S. are announcing loss of air service, the first half of 2002 has begun with a flying start for Kansas City International Airport (KCI). Recent announcements of new and expanded air service from Kansas City will keep the airport on a positive growth trend through the end of the year.

Sunworld's KCI Service Takes Off

There is a new airline in the skies over Kansas City. As of May 1, Sunworld International Airlines, which has served the Midwest and Caribbean since 1996, will be the 17th airline to operate at KCI. Sunworld's new service provides three daily nonstop flights between Kansas City and Indianapolis, along with same-plane service to Philadelphia. The new service is part of Sunworld's expansion as a scheduled, regional carrier.

"Inauguration of this service continues a successful tradition of hospitality and value offered by Sunworld," said Alex J. Lukondi,

Director of Marketing for Sunworld.

The new service, featuring full-size, 150-seat Boeing 727 jets with first-class seating, is geared to the business traveler, and offers daily morning departures and evening return flights. All seating is assigned and flights originate from Terminal C.

"We are happy that Sunworld has entered the Kansas City market with flights to Indianapolis and Philadelphia," said Tara Smith, Air Service Development Manager for the Kansas City Aviation Department. "Their entry will offer regional travelers even more flight options."

For more information on Sunworld's services and destinations, call 1-800-728-3008 or log on to the Sunworld International Airlines Web Site at www.sunworld-air.com.



Other Airline Announcements

Summary of new or added service launched since the beginning of 2002:

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From The Desk Of...

Director Russell C. Widmar

As Director of the Kansas City Aviation Department, I have expressed interest to John Magaw, Undersecretary of the new Transportation Security Administration



Russell C. Widmar, A.A.E.

(TSA) for Kansas City International Airport (KCI), to be one of five airports selected to participate in the Qualified Private Screening Company Pilot Program. The Transportation Security Bill, signed by the president in November 2001, established the Pilot Program.


This program is of great interest to the Department because we have a dual mission to provide the highest levels of security and passenger convenience. We have concerns that KCI's efficiency and our level of passenger convenience will decline as standardized security programs are implemented across the board, regardless of the distinctions among the airports involved. Further, prior to September 11, KCI was one of the few airports in a growth mode. Should this trend resume, it is essential for us to be in a prime position to respond quickly and effectively to maximize growth.

KCI is one of the largest medium hub airports in the United States with 17 passenger airlines currently generating more than 260 scheduled departures per day. KCI was designed in the 1960s by the architectural firm Kivett & Myers with the objective of shortening the distance between the terminal entrance and the points at which passengers board aircraft. KCI is unique among major U.S. airports as it is configured in a series of three semi-circular terminals, where the distance from curbside to the boarding bridge averages only 75 feet. While this design maximizes passenger convenience, it also creates the need for a series of individual security screening points rather than the centrally located approach that is common in more modern airport designs. The design provides the added benefit of a lower concentration of passengers at any particular security point so the impact of problems is isolated into smaller areas within the airport.

Our community has become very accustomed to this design and the level of convenience it provides. In fact, during the design stage of our current \$230 million Terminal Improvement Project, we considered options to more centrally locate security points within each terminal. However, the prevailing consensus was to maintain the "drive-to-the-gate" approach. Should Transportation Secretary Norman

Mineta's goal of 10 minutes or less for airport security line waits become reality, the decision not to change the design will be reinforced.

We believe it is crucial for KCI to participate in the Pilot Program. The aspect of the program that seems particularly important is that management of the selected airports will be closely involved in the planning and execution of the screening program. We welcome the opportunity to be involved because we believe our contribution will ensure that customer service levels remain high. As the management of KCI, we are in the best position to provide information about the airport and to offer input on how screening should be tailored to customer service in our unique environment, while meeting all new security standards. Our management team and the three private security companies at KCI have an outstanding record of security performance and are committed to high standards of continued excellence.

Although the TSA cannot initiate the program until November 17, 2002, we welcome its early acceptance of our application so we may begin the process and discussion to permit a smooth transition and full utilization of the pilot period. The Aviation Committee of the Kansas City, Missouri, City Council is aware of our application to participate in the Pilot Program and fully supports this initiative. 

New Airline Joins KCI's Ranks

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- **Continental Express** added service from KCI to Houston Intercontinental Airport with one daily departure in January.
- **Southwest Airlines** resumed service that was discontinued in November 2001 to St. Louis in January.
- **Vanguard Airlines** in March phased in a second daily flight to San Francisco, two additional flights to Las Vegas, a third daily flight to Los Angeles, and a third daily flight to New York LaGuardia. Vanguard also initiated two daily nonstop flights from Kansas City to Orlando in April and one daily nonstop flight to Seattle starting June 3. Vanguard also resumed service to Myrtle Beach, S.C., in March with three weekly nonstop flights.
- **Midwest Express Airlines** has restored service between Des Moines and Kansas City, and added a third daily nonstop roundtrip flight to New York LaGuardia in March.
- **Delta Airlines** increased 




RECEIVES IMPROVED BOND RATINGS

Moody's and Standard & Poor's (S&P), two major bond-rating organizations, have upgraded Kansas City International Airport's (KCI) bond rating, citing a positive outlook for growth at airports in the Midwest. Moody's and S&P assigned negative outlooks to all U.S. airports after the September 11, 2001 events, but with passenger counts on the rebound they have reassessed that outlook.

Moody's confirmed an A3 rating for KCI based on the steady recovery of passenger enplanements in the months following September 11. This positive rating validates KCI's ability to repay \$140 million in bonds that are financed by Passenger Facility Charges (PFC). According to Moody's, KCI serves a stable origin and destination base and benefits from a diverse mix of carriers, which includes Southwest Airlines. Southwest, the only major U.S. carrier to report a profit in 2001, is the largest carrier at KCI with approximately 30 percent market share. To yield break-even debt service coverage, Moody's estimates that enplanements at KCI would have to drop 37 percent from 2000 levels before it would negatively affect the airport's ability to pay the debt service on its bonds. The initial effects of September 11 caused September 2001 passenger traffic to drop at KCI only 29 percent as compared to September 2000, but enplanements were down approximately 10 percent in December 2001.

S&P, in its ongoing review of the airport and aviation-related special facilities sector of the bond market, took action on the bond rating at most major U.S. airports, including KCI. S&P rated KCI's General Airport Revenue Bonds at A+ and the PFC bonds at A. S&P views most airports as having the financial flexibility, demonstrated strategy and sufficient liquidity to address lower traffic levels during the intermediate term.

The Kansas City Aviation Department has implemented a recovery plan to ensure the continued financial viability of KCI. The multi-tiered plan addresses minimizing costs, seeking government support, reviewing all sources of revenue, managing risks and streamlining processes. 



Southwest Airlines Celebrates 20 Years in Kansas City



To celebrate 20 years of service and growth at Kansas City International Airport (KCI), Southwest Airlines invited longtime supporters to participate in a cake-decorating contest. The contest, held in February at KCI, consisted of six different corporate teams that donned aprons to create frosting-covered tributes




that were served to Southwest's customers and employees. Southwest's 10 most senior Kansas City employees were on hand to judge the competition and receive honors of their own.

"The people of the greater Kansas City area have been receptive to Southwest's low fares and excellent

customer service our employees deliver," said Jill Raines, Southwest's Kansas City Marketing Manager. "Support of regional business and leisure travelers has allowed us to continue to grow in the area."

Southwest began service to KCI in 1982 with six daily nonstop departures to Houston and Oklahoma City. Currently, Southwest operates 75 daily nonstop departures, which translates to 497 weekly nonstop departures, to 24 cities nationwide. The airline occupies eight gates at KCI and employs more than 300 workers in Kansas City.

Kansas City Statistics:

- Over the last 20 years, Southwest has grown to capture more than 30 percent of the Kansas City market share, double the market share of any other airline serving Kansas City.
- KCI is Southwest's 11th busiest airport in terms of daily nonstop departures and 18th busiest in terms of customers carried.
- Since the first quarter of 1990, Southwest has increased traffic from Kansas City to several key cities. For example, Southwest increased traffic over the last 12 years to Chicago-Midway by 218 percent, and to Phoenix by 240 percent.
- In 2001, Southwest's direct economic impact in Kansas City was more than \$62 million in terms of salaries and benefits paid to employees, fuel, landing fees and other expenditures. Southwest also has an investment commitment of approximately \$224.8 million in company resources dedicated to Kansas City. 

Contest Winners

- ✦ "PEANUT AWARD" FOR THE NUTTIERST
Southwest Rapid Reward Flyers
- ✦ "LUV AWARD" FOR THE MOST NOSTALGIC
Ronald McDonald House
- ✦ "COLORING OUTSIDE THE LINES AWARD" FOR THE MOST CREATIVE
Hallmark Cards, Inc.
- ✦ "HERB AWARD" FOR MOST ENTHUSIASTIC TEAM
All About Travel
- ✦ "SWA LUVS KANSAS CITY AWARD" FOR THE BEST COMMUNITY-ORIENTED THEME
Convention and Visitors Bureau of Greater Kansas City
- ✦ "TRIPLE CROWN AWARD" FOR BEST OVERALL
Kansas City Aviation Department

Take Your Children to Work Day

The 81 children who attended the Kansas City Aviation Department's first annual "Take Your Children to Work Day" event agreed that their favorite part of the day was not watching the planes land and take off at Kansas City International Airport (KCI). The highlight of this year's activities was the farm tour given by one of the nine farmers contracted to farm the land surrounding the airport.

"I enjoyed going to the farm and seeing the cows," said Alexis Nelson, 8-year-old daughter of Richard Nelson, KCI Maintenance Mechanic. Andrew Muncy, 7-year-old son of Phil Muncy, Assistant Director of Aviation-Planning and Engineering, has decided that he would like to be a farmer. Spencer Warman, 8-year-old son of Chris Warman, Budget Analyst, also enjoyed seeing the cows and playing on the hay bales, but still wants to follow in his father's footsteps to become an accountant.

Since 1993, more than 71 million girls have participated in "Take Your Daughter to Work Day." Over the years, this program, which was founded by the Ms. Foundation for Women, has increased girls' interest in education, broadened their thinking about the future and strengthened their relationship with their parents or other caring adults. In honor of the 10th annual "Take Your Daughter to Work Day" and 2003 launch of "Take Your Daughter and Son to Work Day," the Aviation Department took the initiative to include boys this year, which doubled the number of participants.

The Department feels that this day allows for young people to be exposed to the wide diversity of individuals who work each day in the aviation industry. The children followed a schedule of events that included guided tours of the Terminal Improvement Project's Terminal C construction area, KCI Airport Police, Field Maintenance North building and KCI farm operations. At each location, tour guides gave tours of the facilities, talked about

their jobs and explained how various equipment and vehicles assist with construction and airport operations. Two of the KCI Airport Police K-9 teams were on-hand to give demonstrations. The children returned to the Kansas City Aviation Department Administration Building at noon to have lunch with their parents, and receive gift bags and certificates to commemorate their airport visit. They spent the remainder of the day working with their parents.

During lunch, the children gave accounts of the interesting experiences they had on the tour. Most were in agreement that the visit to airport police was second only to the farm tour. "I enjoyed our visit to airport police because we saw police dogs and got to go into the holding cells and wave at the security camera," said Erica Cartwright, 11-year-old daughter of Doug Cartwright, KCI Maintenance Supervisor. Chris Jackson, 14-year-old son of Steve January, KCI Maintenance Mechanic, now thinks he might explore being a policeman.

According to Brittney Nicholson, 15-year-old daughter of Linda Nicholson, KCI Bus Driver, the best part of the tour was the construction site in Terminal C. "I got to see where our budgeted dollars are going," said Nicholson.

At the end of the day, many of the children would have agreed with Sara Leasure, 11-year-old daughter of Daniel Leasure, KCI Maintenance Mechanic, who said she thought her dad had a "cool" job.

To enhance the "Take Your Children to Work Day" experience, the Aviation Department's Marketing Division asked volunteer participants to act as freelance photojournalists to capture the day's activities on film. Each volunteer was given a disposable camera. Special thanks go to Erica Cartwright, Chris Jackson, Corey Leasure, Alexis Nelson, Andrew Muncy and Spencer Warman for their great pictures. 📷

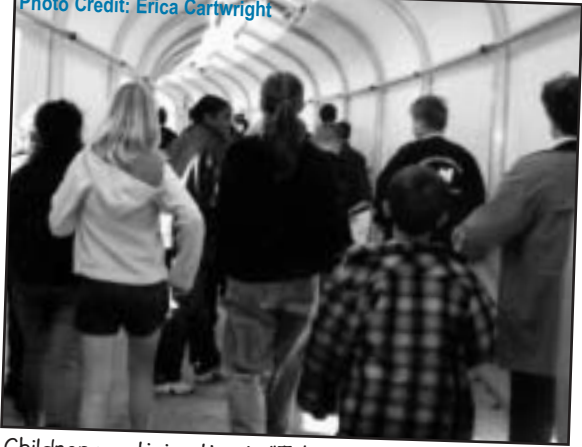


Steve January, KCI Maintenance Mechanic, posed for a picture with his son, Chris Jackson, during lunch in the Training Room of the Kansas City Aviation Department Administration Building.



Richard Nelson, KCI Maintenance Mechanic, is shown here with his daughter, Alexis.

Photo Credit: Erica Cartwright



Children participating in "Take Your Children to Work Day," walked through Terminal C's temporary walkways that are set up to route airport users around terminal construction.



Photo Credit: Spencer Warman

During the tour of the Field Maintenance North Facility, the children viewed various equipment and vehicles that assist airport operations, including one of KCI's large snow blowers.



Photo Credit: Andrew Muncy



Burns & McDonnell Engineering construction crew members gave a tour of the Terminal C construction area. Burns & McDonnell is the program and construction manager for the Terminal Improvement Project.



Photo Credit: Corey Leasure

A group of children waved to a security camera, while in one of KCI Airport Police's holding cells.



Phil Muncy, Assistant Director of Aviation-Planning and Engineering, explains how to read blueprints to his son, Andrew Muncy.



Photo Credit: Chris Jackson

All the kids were able to climb up on a hay bale after the tour of the KCI farm operation.

Dateline: Downtown

Exploding With Pride, Tradition

Aviation Expo 2002

To mark the Downtown Airport's 75th anniversary, the 2002 Kansas City Aviation Expo will feature inspirational, patriotic, aerial and ground-based entertainment featuring nationally acclaimed performers on Saturday, August 17 and Sunday, August 18. To kick off the airport's Diamond Anniversary celebration and the 2002 Aviation Expo, the facility will be rededicated and re-named the Charles B. Wheeler Downtown Airport on Friday, August 16.

"Naming the airport after Kansas City's beloved former mayor is appropriate," said Ray Olsen, President of Mid-America Youth Aviation Association (MAYAA), the organization that produces the Kansas City Aviation Expo. "Mayor Wheeler made a huge difference to our community



at a time when his involvement was critical. It's fitting that we should remember him in such a permanent way."

The 2002 Aviation Expo, themed, "Wings of Freedom over Kansas City," will honor the contributions of U.S. military forces, and feature aircraft of the Vietnam Conflict as it marks its 25th anniversary. The Army Heritage Foundation's Sky Soldiers will perform, "A Tribute to Patriots," a realistic mix of aerial displays and ground activities. Other air show performances include the

F-16 U.S. Air Force Tac Demo Team, aerobatics by Ray Vetsch and his Sky Acro Turbo Shark, Dan Buchanan's pyrotechnic hang gliding demonstration and numerous other aerial performers.

"In the wake of September 11, MAYAA wanted to dedicate this year's Expo to our veterans and to those currently serving in the military," said Olsen. "We hope the air show will connect Kansas City families with military aviation history, and provide young people with an opportunity to view various aspects of aviation and related fields that they can consider for their futures."

This year's Aviation Expo will cover a two-week series of events featuring educational opportunities. The Aviation Expo begins at the Downtown Airport on Monday, August 12 and Tuesday, August 13, with Youth Aviation Education Days. On Wednesday, August 14, a pre-selected group of young people is scheduled to participate in the Air Traffic Control Shadow Day at the Downtown Airport Control Tower.


The week following the Expo will provide additional educational opportunities for youngsters. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will host the FAA Wings Program at 7 p.m. Thursday, August 22. On Saturday, August 24, programs for both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will be held in conjunction with the Young Eagles flights, which are free airplane flights for kids ages 8-17 who have parental permission. Saturday's activities will take off at 7 a.m. with a Tarmac 8K Run and 3K Family Walk to benefit MAYAA and the Kansas School for the Deaf. The day will end with a concert from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and a balloon

Aviation
Expo 2002
SATURDAY, AUGUST 17
AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

glow with at least a dozen balloons lighting up the Kansas City night skyline.

The Kansas City Aviation Expo is one of the few such events in the nation that is free to the public, and is an example of the aviation-related educational programs produced by MAYAA. Over the course of nine years, the Kansas City Aviation Expo has achieved national recognition and today attracts top-ranked aerial performers. All Aviation Expo 2002 events are held at the Downtown Airport, 250 Richards Road in Kansas City, Mo.

MAYAA is a charitable, nonprofit organization that provides educational opportunities concerning aviation and aeronautics for youngsters. A staff of volunteers – mostly members of MAYAA – organizes and manages Kansas City's annual Aviation Expo.

"We have been able to keep this event admission-free to the public so far only because we have wonderful community support and sponsorships that cover the heavy costs of such an event," Olsen said. "We are grateful for the strong sponsorships we have received from a variety of organizations, including the Kansas City Aviation Department, Executive Beechcraft, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and *The Kansas City Star*. We anticipate an exciting 2002 Aviation Expo." 



Flight Lines

Kansas City International Airport (KCI) received the **Airport Safety Enhancement Award** from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for outstanding contributions toward enhanced airport safety on June 11 at the FAA Central Region Division's 19th Airports Conference in Kansas City. The airport is being recognized for achieving zero discrepancies in its annual FAA inspection certification for the past three consecutive years. The success of the inspection rests on the hard work of Operations, Field Maintenance and Engineering divisions of the Aviation Department and Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) branch of the Kansas City Fire Department.

Every year, the FAA Airports Division conducts a certification inspection of key elements of airport operations. All items inspected by the FAA must comply with Federal Regulation Part 139, which pertains to airport certification.

American Airlines teamed with the **Make-A-Wish Foundation** to make a child's special wish to visit Disney World come true. To enhance the experience, American Airlines employees arranged a behind-the-scenes tour of KCI for Zane, a three-year-old cancer patient, and his five-year-old sister, Ryleigh. The tour included visits with a pilot on board an aircraft, with airline personnel in the terminal, air traffic controllers in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) control tower and fire fighters at the airport's fire station. Funding for the trip



Ryleigh and Zane listen to air traffic during their visit to the FAA control tower at KCI. was donated by a memorial fund for local American Airlines employee, Randy Hansen.

The City Council of Kansas City, Mo., presented to **Sergeant Lee A. Vaughn** a Resolution honoring his professionalism, commitment, selflessness and dedication to his mission at Kansas City International Airport (KCI). Vaughn was recognized as the Soldier of Deployment by a board of senior non-commissioned officers and officers for his exemplary service during the period of October 1, 2001 to May 31, 2002.

The president of the United States mobilized the Army National Guard after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. On October 1, 2001, Vaughn was deployed with 115 other Missouri National Guard soldiers as a member of Show Me Task Force Eagle to KCI to staff 17 security checkpoints.

Also, National Guardsmen Sergeant Brian Reames and Specialist Damian Austin were awarded the Army Achievement Medal, the third highest

award that can be given to a soldier in a non-combat environment. These two guardsmen professionally assisted airline personnel in handling a security matter in a passenger boarding area at KCI.

In conjunction with the Kansas City Aviation Department's celebration of Black History month, **Faith Academy** students, a Christian Academy under the ministry of Harvest Church, performed in all three terminals at KCI on February 28. The students ranged from four to 12 years of age. The children also performed their program, "A Celebration of Our Culture," which included songs, poems, dances and dramatic presentations for Aviation Department employees during the Department's Black History Month luncheon.



Faith Academy students sing outside the terminal building.

The Kansas City Aviation Department has selected **MMG Worldwide** of Kansas City, Mo., as its full-service advertising and marketing agency partner to update its strategic marketing and communications plan for Kansas City International and Charles B. Wheeler Downtown airports. 🌐

Kansas City Aviation Department Receives Federal Grants

With air traffic rebounding from the events of September 11, modernizing and expanding the capacity of the nation's aviation system must continue in preparation for future growth. For this reason, the Kansas City Aviation Department has received federal grants to enhance security, and for reimbursement of infrastructure enhancements at its airports.

Most recently, federal grants given to the Kansas City Aviation Department included \$1 million for security-related costs at Kansas City International Airport (KCI), which consisted of increased law enforcement and private security personnel. The federal grants also provide funding of \$120,000 for security fencing and a security camera upgrade at Charles B. Wheeler Downtown Airport.

Also, at a recent news conference at KCI, U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta announced \$25.8 million in grants for improvements at airports in Missouri, allocating \$5.9 million for partial reimbursement for rehabilitation of the terminal aprons at KCI.

"Protecting transportation infrastructure, and improving our ability to quickly respond to future attacks, is crucial to daily life in America," Secretary Mineta said in remarks at Kansas City International Airport. "President Bush recognizes that a safe, secure, reliable and efficient transportation system plays a vital role in that effort." 🌐