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Aircraft Company To Move To KCI Airport

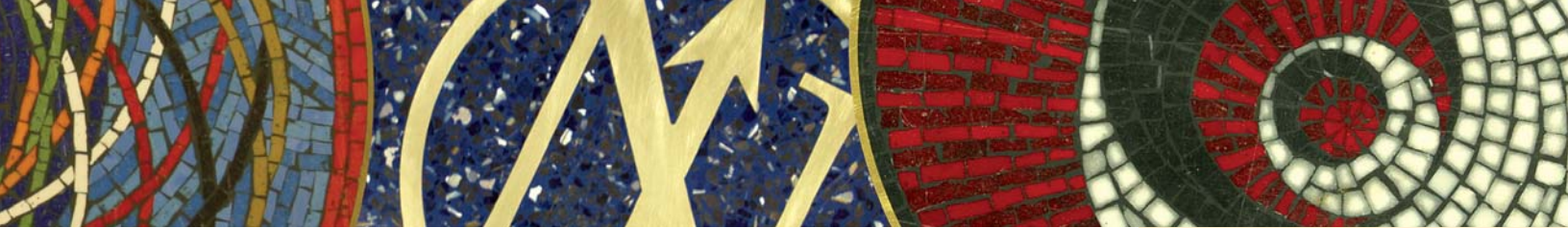
The Aviation Department recently announced that Kansas City, Kansas-based Jet Midwest, has signed leases to consolidate its locations and relocate to the Overhaul Base at Kansas City International Airport. Founded in 1997, Jet Midwest, Inc. is a commercial aircraft supplier that provides parts and engines as well as aircraft sales, leasing and management. It also has an aircraft and engine maintenance repair and overhaul operation. The company's airline customers include Air Canada, American, British Airways, Continental, Delta, FedEx, KLM, Mexicana and others. The effort to bring Jet Midwest to KCI and utilize the space formerly occupied by American Airlines is part of an aggressive economic development approach that incorporates a mix of aeronautical and non-aeronautical tenants and development.



"Several years ago the Aviation Department embarked on an ambitious plan to spur aviation- and non-aviation related development at KCI Airport to attract greater numbers of well-paying jobs to the area," said Mark VanLoh, director of the Aviation Department. "As the Overhaul Base is being reverted back to the City, we are committed to putting that space and Kansas Citizens back to work."

Jet Midwest plans to lease a portion of the Overhaul Base to operate an engine and aircraft maintenance and repair operation, among other approved ancillary functions. Pending City Council approval there will be two leases beginning March 1, 2010 for space within the base known as Building 1 (600,000 sq. ft. narrow body hangar) and Building 2 (555,000 sq. ft. engine repair shop). Jet Midwest will apply to the Federal Aviation Administration for its approval to become a Certificated 14 CFR Part 145 Repair Station that has a Class 3 and 4 rating for Airframe and Class 3 rating for Power Plant.

The City expects that approximately 500 new jobs would be added by Jet Midwest at the base over a five-year period. Jet Midwest joins Smith Electric Vehicles at the base. SEV assembles zero-emission, all-electric trucks in an 80,000 square-foot portion of the base. SEV plans to employ 120 by late 2010.



Downtown Airport Ranked One Of Nation's Busiest

As 2009 ended, FltPlan.com evaluated over 5,000 public use airports in the U.S. to determine which enjoyed the most flights throughout the year. Kansas City Aviation Department officials were pleased to learn that the Charles B. Wheeler Downtown Airport was among the 30 busiest airports, coming in at number 29, ahead of Boeing Field in Seattle, Washington. The airport taking the top spot in 2009 was Teterboro, New Jersey. Other top ranking airports include White Plains, New York (5th place), Denver Centennial Airport (10th place) and Raleigh/Durham, North Carolina (20th place).

FltPlan.com is a free, Web-based service that assists pilots in creating and filing instrument flight rules plans, obtaining weather briefings and providing navigation logs for flights in the U.S., Bahamas, Bermuda and many Canadian and Mexican airports. Their Web site also includes many other aviation related options to help pilots better organize their flight responsibilities.

Tenant News

Travelers now have a way to keep the winter snow and resultant salt and sand from following them onboard. "Shine on the Go" is a new, single-stand deluxe shoe shine vendor at KCI Airport and is located in Terminal B across from Jose Cuervo restaurant. An impressive solid wood chair made by a Smithville craftsman awaits people wanting their shoes cleaned and polished. The process takes just a few minutes and costs \$6. Owner and operator Rick Evans thoroughly enjoys his business because of the customer interaction and unique travel stories he hears. He also gets a lot of satisfaction from his regular customers, including one frequent flyer who says Shine on the Go is the most relaxing five minutes of his week. KCI has not had a shoe shine service since the early 1980s.

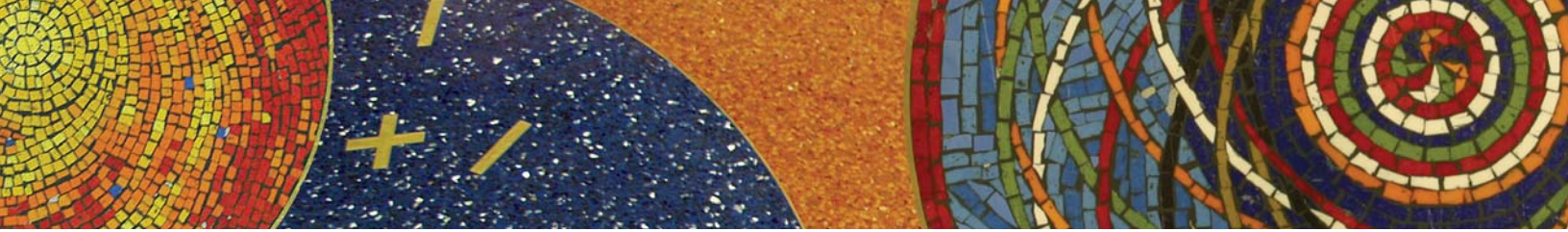


Starbucks Coffee is partnering with select airports across the country, including KCI, to implement a recycling program entitled "Grounds For Your Garden". Introduced in 1995, participating Starbucks stores offer customers complimentary five-pound bags of used coffee grounds to enrich their garden soil. The bags are sealed and suitable to transport in carry-on luggage. Where commercial composting is available, many stores are going a step further and diverting other food waste and coffee grounds from landfills. More information can be found at www.starbucks.com/sharedplanet.

Airlines Continue Adding Flights

In recent weeks, airlines at KCI Airport have supplemented many routes with extra flights. Northwest Airlines (now Delta) added a fifth daily flight to Detroit through August and a seventh daily flight to Minneapolis for the summer months. The net gain is 800 weekly seat departures. US Airways switched to bigger aircraft for flights to Charlotte, Washington (DCA), Philadelphia and Phoenix resulting in over 1,000 extra available seats each week. Great Lakes Airlines added two flights to Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. resulting in a gain of 209 weekly seats. Southwest Airlines began a new summer route to Seattle and added one extra flight each to Nashville and Albuquerque, also for the warmer months. Over 2,700 more seats will be available. AirTran Airways loaded a fourth daily flight to Atlanta beginning in May. Additional flights and bigger aircraft are indicative of increased demand.





Aviation Department Encouraged By Year-End Flight Totals

The Kansas City Aviation Department recently reported that Kansas City International Airport yielded 780,243 passengers arriving and departing through its gates in December. The number represents a decrease of just 0.2 percent from December 2008. For the entire year of 2009, total traffic at KCI Airport was 9,774,972 passengers, a decrease of 6.6 percent from 2008. Passenger boardings at KCI were down 4.0 percent, with a total of 391,374 during December. For the year to date, boardings at KCI totaled 4,891,829, a decrease of 9.3 percent from the same period last year. However, the decreases point to the beginning of a positive trend.

"After beginning the year with double-digit passenger declines, we are encouraged by the stabilization and growth that occurred in the last months of 2009," said Director of Aviation Mark VanLoh. "In fact, with 9.8 million passengers using the airport, 2009 exceeded 2005 traffic levels."

Other noteworthy statistics include the number of peak-day scheduled aircraft departures for December coming in at 195. There were flights offered to 49 nonstop markets. Furthermore, there was an average of 38,370 arriving and departing seats available at KCI Airport each day, up 0.1 percent from last year.



Air cargo tonnages, which consist of both freight and mail transported by air, for all carriers at KCI were down 1.0 percent in December. For the year to date, air cargo at KCI was down 22.2 percent from the same period last year. Air freight handled at KCI during December amounted to over 17 million pounds, which represents a year-over-year decrease of 1.4 percent. Air mail for December was up 10.1 percent from December 2008. The all-cargo carriers reported five daily departures for December 2009.

Market Summary Sees Noteworthy Changes

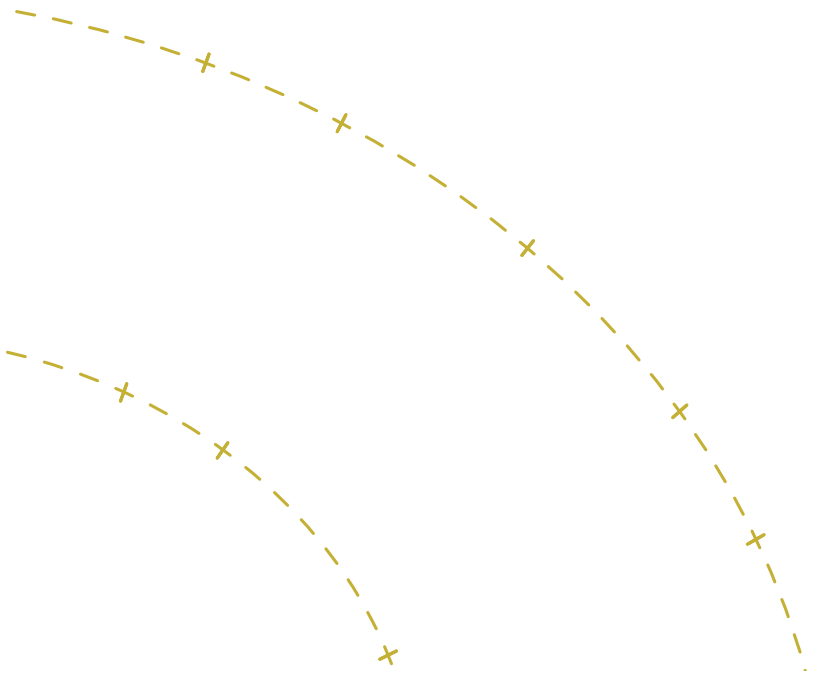
Statistics for 2009's third quarter have been reported by all airlines for KCI Airport's 50 busiest destinations. Interestingly, Washington/Reagan Airport moved up seven spots from number 15 to number eight in the third quarter of 2009. Passengers per day to that airport increased by 133 and the average fare decreased by 26 percent. The daily passenger count to Cincinnati increased 51 percent from the third quarter in 2008 while the average fare decreased 53 percent. This market advanced up 13 spots to number 46 when comparing the same quarter in 2008. The third quarter average fare to New York La Guardia fell 37 percent from 2008 to \$124 each way. Southwest Airlines' low fares drove down the average fare to Minneapolis/St. Paul by 26 percent. This resulted in a 27 percent increase in passengers and advanced the city seven spots from number 26 to number 19.



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2009 Recycling Summary

The following items were collected in 2009 throughout KCI Airport terminals, KCAD buildings, at special events and from several airport tenants:

Newspapers/magazines - - 10.79 tons	Office paper - - 6.85 tons
Plastic bottles/aluminum cans - - 26.63 tons	Cardboard - - 81.89 tons
In-flight magazines - - 5.83 tons	Scrap metal - - 10.05 tons

Mixed office paper was also collected by Southwest, Delta, American, Continental and United airlines and equaled 66 tons. Last fall the Aviation Department began separating recyclable metals which will significantly increase rebates in the future. The department also increased its cardboard recycling by 25% over last year. Since the program started in 2005, the department has earned \$19,000 in recycling rebates and collected 725 tons of material.



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Aviation Department Arrivals

The Kansas City Aviation Department salutes its new, transferred and promoted employees...

Kristy Bloss - Bus Operator, Parking & Bus Service

Douglas Dunkin - Maintenance Supervisor, Field Maint.

Gregory Koontz - Airport Operations Agent, MKC

Michele Mwangemi - Aviation Manager, Operations

Aaron Simmons - Bus Operator, Parking & Bus Service

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