

## WINTER 2010

### WHAT'S NEW AT TUCSON INTERNATIONAL

#### AIR SERVICE:

#### 9 AIRLINES PROVIDING SERVICE TO 15 NONSTOP DESTINATIONS

**Airlines:** Alaska . American . Continental . Delta . Frontier  
Southwest . Sun Country . United . US Airways

**Destinations:** Albuquerque . Atlanta . Chicago Midway . Chicago O'Hare . Dallas/Ft. Worth .  
Denver . Houston . Las Vegas . Los Angeles . Minneapolis/St. Paul . Phoenix .  
Salt Lake City . San Diego . San Francisco . Seattle/ Tacoma

#### NEWS BRIEFS

#### December Passenger Traffic Down 3.9%

**December passenger traffic** declined 3.9% to 304,875 compared to 317,531 for December 2008. Year to date traffic was down 13.92% to 3,637,458 compared to 4,225,869 for the same period last year.

#### Airline Update

Tucson airlines resumed seasonal service this year, unlike last year when there were few additions to service.

**Sun Country Airlines**, based in Minneapolis, returned with seasonal nonstop service three times per week to Minneapolis continuing through April 5, 2010.

Other seasonal additions to service that will be implemented over the next several months include:

**American Airlines** resumed its seventh daily flight to Dallas in late August and added an eighth daily nonstop from mid-February through April.

**Continental Airlines** replaced its regional jet aircraft with Boeing 737s on up to two of its daily nonstop flights to Houston continuing through the Spring.

**United Airlines** increased the number of daily flights to San Francisco from one to two in late October through mid-December. United also replaced one of its regional jet aircraft with a larger jet, an A320, for one of its four daily flights to Denver from late October through March.

**Delta Air Lines** added a second daily nonstop flight to Minneapolis February 12 and increased service to Salt Lake City from three to four daily flights beginning in mid-December.

**Southwest Airlines** added a second daily nonstop flight to Chicago Midway January 10 through the end of March, and increased daily service to San Diego from three to four departures for this time period.

## **Christopher Sheafe To Chair Tucson Airport Authority**

Christopher Sheafe assumed the chairmanship of the Tucson Airport Authority at its annual meeting in January. A member of the Authority since 2000, Mr. Sheafe was named to the Board of Directors in 2006. Mr. Sheafe is the owner of C. Sheafe Company, which concentrates on real estate investments.

Mr. Sheafe has been active in the homebuilding business since 1976 when he joined Estes Homes, becoming one of its partners in 1981. His company is currently developing five residential communities in Tucson.

An active member of the community Mr. Sheafe currently serves on the Board of Directors of TREO (Tucson Regional Economic Opportunities), Southern Arizona Homebuilders Association, Pima County Bond Advisory Committee, and Tucson Rio Nuevo Hotel Selection Board.

Eleven new members were elected to the Authority: Christal Albrecht, President, Pima Community College, Desert Vista Campus; Paul Bonavia, President & CEO, Unisource Energy Corp.; K. La Monte Hunley, Owner, Arizona Health, L.L.C.; Gary Kippur, President, Tucson Iron & Metal; Michael McGrath, Director and Vice President, Mesch, Clark & Rothschild, P.C.; Lea Márquez Peterson, Executive Director, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; S. L. Schorr, Senior Partner, Lewis & Roca; Keri Silvyn, Attorney/Partner, Lewis & Roca; Scott Sirois, CEO/Tohono O'odham Gaming Enterprise, Desert Diamond Casino; Izaro Urreiztieta, Senior Vice President and Manager, Commercial Banking, BBVA Compass; Taunya Villicana, Co-Founder/Managing Partner, Affinity Financial Group.

Continuing on the board this year are: Rubin Salter, Chairman-Elect; Thomas A. Zlaket, Secretary; Lisa Israel, Treasurer; Chanda S. Budhabhatti, Assistant Secretary; Gregory A. Piviroto, Assistant Treasurer; Raymond Bernal, and Timothy J. Prouty, Immediate Past Chairman. Steve Fell was named to the board.

Commenting on the events of the past year, TAA President/CEO Bonnie Allin noted, "TAA weathered 2009 quite well without having to layoff or furlough employees or reduce wages or critical benefits. This is a credit to our employees who have significantly reduced operating expenses without impacting safety, security or customers' services. It also affirms the Authority's long history of successful management of airport finances."

Ms. Allin continued, "It has been a sobering year and while 2010 will likely present interesting challenges, it is an opportunity to review long term goals and focus on our core mission. We have a responsibility to maintain cost efficient operations and make wise investments that will reap benefits for airport users in the future."

Reviewing the economy's impact on airline service, that many airlines have reduced their system capacity to 1990 levels, Ms. Allin heralded the return of seasonal air service that disappeared last winter as well as the introduction of a new destination, Denver, by Southwest Airlines, underscoring its confidence in the Tucson market.

"The service adjustments will carry us through the Spring and hopefully are an indicator that passenger projections will be greater than what has been forecasted by the airlines.

"As we have witnessed in the recent past," she continued, "the air service business is extremely resilient and can shift quickly. Our air strategy continues to focus on the need to demonstrate to the airlines that there is demand for service here."

Ms. Allin ended praising the community for its support. "We believe Tucson's business community understands our message and the importance of flying from TIA. We trust their committed support. TIA's amenities, short lines, ease of access and low cost parking, plus dependable nonstop service and competitive airfares are highly valued."

## **TAA Initiates Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study**

Tucson Airport Authority is working with Landrum & Brown to update its Federal Aviation Administration Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study, last completed in 1991. Over the last 20 years TAA has implemented a series of significant changes not only to airport operations but also to land development in the airport environs that have paid huge dividends for the community. Since the last plan, TAA has relocated the main runway of Tucson International Airport (TIA) one half mile to the southeast to mitigate the effects of noise on airport neighbors to the northwest. At the same time TAA embarked on an ambitious federally funded Sound Insulation Program that is nearing completion and will result in sound remediation improvements to nearly 1,100 homes.

In addition the Authority collaborated with both the City of Tucson and Pima County to facilitate adoption of formal zoning ordinances in areas exposed to high levels of aircraft noise.

The Part 150 Update will consider TIA's Noise Exposure Maps to identify noise impact locations since the last map was developed, and make recommendations for potential further reducing and mitigating aircraft noise.

Public workshops are ongoing and Information is available online at <http://www.tuspart150.com/index.html>.

## **Fly Tucson Airport!**

The Tucson Airport Authority *Fly Tucson Airport* campaign, was unveiled last year to educate the community about the advantages of flying from Tucson International Airport. A recent TAA study shows that, excluding airfare, a three-day business trip may save a Tucson employer \$237 in mileage reimbursement, parking costs and time if their employee flies Tucson rather than Phoenix. Similarly, a Tucson visitor on a four-day trip may save \$270 on gas, car rental and time by flying Tucson.

TAA staff is available for presentations to the community at various forums as well as at one on one meetings.

## **TAA Lowers Parking Rates**

The Tucson Airport Authority (TAA) will continue to offer a reduced rate of \$9 per day, including tax, for garage parking at the Tucson International Airport (TIA) terminal through March 31, 2010. This is a savings of \$2 per day compared to the normal rate from October through March. This is the only garage parking option available at the airport..

With room for over 600 vehicles, the garage is a short, covered walk to the terminal. It is located on the second level of the parking structure adjacent to the rental car building at the east side of the Airport terminal. To reach the lot, use the main airport entrance at Tucson Boulevard and follow the Garage Parking signs.

The rate for Economy Covered is also being reduced to \$5 per day, including tax, through March 2010, only \$1 more than the uncovered Economy lot. This lot has shade ramadas for 303 vehicles and is just east of S. Tucson Blvd. on Corona Rd., adjacent to the TIA Economy Lot. Shuttles operate 24 hours continuously between the parking lot and the terminal.

All TIA lots accept American Express, MasterCard and Visa. For credit and debit card users, all lots offer automated exit lanes and EasyPay automated pay stations for a quicker exit. Maps and directions at [www.airtucson.com](http://www.airtucson.com).

Tucson Airport Authority operates six parking lots at Tucson International Airport. They include:

- . Hourly. In front of the terminal. 447 Spaces. Rates are \$1 per ½ hour, \$12/day.
- . Daily. In front of the terminal. 918 Spaces. Rates are \$1 per ½ hour for first hour then \$1.50/hour, \$9/day.
- . Economy. Tucson Blvd. & Corona. 5,342 Spaces. Rates are \$4/day.
- . Economy Covered. 303 Spaces. \$6/day.
- . Garage. Second level of the Rental Car Parking Garage adjacent to the terminal, 605 Spaces. Rates are \$3/hour, \$9/day.
- . Cell Phone Waiting. On Airport Drive, just west of the entrance to the terminal. Free for people waiting to pick up arriving passengers.

## **Projects Update**

Fiscal Year 2009 had been one of the most successful for Tucson Airport Authority with the receipt of \$17.4 million in federal grant funding for the TAA Capital Improvement Program (CIP). "The Authority has an extremely impressive track record of obtaining federal funds for Capital Improvement Projects," said TAA President/CEO Bonnie Allin. "This is the result of the forward thinking members of the TAA who have made long range planning a priority. "This has positioned the community to take advantage of airport funding opportunities by having projects ready to go. Over the last 15 years, TAA has secured nearly \$125 million in federal and state grant monies in a highly competitive process among airports around the country."

Projects currently underway include:

- . Expansion of the TIA terminal apron expansion adjacent to the east concourse will be ongoing through April 2010.
- . Replacement of the existing 400 HZ ground power generators, distribution panels and banded aircraft cables starting in April and continuing through September.
- . Reconstruction of sections of Taxiway A13 will begin in May and continue through July.
- . Repaving of the crosswind Runway 3/21 is expected to start in July and continue through January 2011.
- . Final phase of the TIA Sound Insulation Program, providing acoustical treatment to homes in high noise area around the airport.

At Ryan Airfield, a series of runway projects that include signage, rehab work and a connecting taxiway, and wildlife and drainage studies are planned.

## **TAA Completing Infrastructure Projects**

TAA is completing several projects designed to meet future demand at TIA and Ryan Airfield. Work to provide the infrastructure for 60 acres southeast of the airfield is now complete. The property, east of Fire Station, is reserved for industrial development, and includes airfield access along a new Taxiway G, as well as vehicle roadway access from S. Alvernon Way.

TAA is also finalizing improvements to Aero Park Blvd. that will support new business development on the south side of the airport.

At Ryan Airfield, improvements to the airport main entrance roadway, Airfield Drive have been finished and include new lighting and signage.

## **TIA To Begin Master Plan Update This Spring**

TAA will be issuing an RFQ for the Tucson International Airport Master Plan Update this Spring. Updated approximately every five to seven years, the TIA Master Plan is a 20-year blueprint that responds to future airport demand by guiding the timely development of new or expanded facilities. The Plan is used to evaluate the airport's capabilities, infrastructure needs and role in the economy in relationship to forecasted aviation activity. The Plan also provides recommendations for ensuring compatible land uses surrounding the airport. The Plan is scheduled for completion by July 2012.

## **Art Exhibits Currently on Display**

TAA has several galleries throughout the terminal with changing exhibits. Current exhibits include:

**Center Ring** Oil paintings by Diana Creighton.

**Yee Haw**, Paintings celebrating man's friend and servant the horse, by Judith Bateman, Nancy J. Denzler, Mirle Freel, Jr., and Judy O'Toole-Freel.

**Prior Vision**, photographs by Ann Simmons-Meyer Concourse A.

## **New Airport Brochures Available Online @ [tucsonairport.org](http://tucsonairport.org)**

The History of the Tucson Airport Authority  
[http://www.tucsonairport.org/media/TAA\\_HistoryBrochure\\_1009.pdf](http://www.tucsonairport.org/media/TAA_HistoryBrochure_1009.pdf)

Art At TIA  
[http://www.tucsonairport.org/media/TIA\\_Art\\_Brochure\\_1009.pdf](http://www.tucsonairport.org/media/TIA_Art_Brochure_1009.pdf)

Fly Tucson Airport  
[http://www.tucsonairport.org/media/TIA\\_Air\\_Service\\_Brochure\\_102809.pdf](http://www.tucsonairport.org/media/TIA_Air_Service_Brochure_102809.pdf)

## **Social Media**

Tucson International Airport is now on Twitter. For the latest breaking tweets, follow us at [www.twitter.com/TucsonAirport](http://www.twitter.com/TucsonAirport). More in-depth information is posted on the Tucson International Airport facebook page, [facebook.com/TucsonInternationalAirport](http://facebook.com/TucsonInternationalAirport)

## **Airport Ambassador Program**

TAA has started an Airport Ambassador Program and is looking for volunteers to assist passengers. For information, call 573-8100.