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MIDWAY CELEBRATES 10th ANNIVERSARY OF REDEVELOPED TERMINAL BUILDING

Celebration includes concessions discounts, entertainment, and ticket giveaways

The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) is launching a celebration at Midway International Airport, March 7-11, to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Midway terminal building, which opened on March 7, 2001.

The week-long series of special events for passengers will include discounts at concessions, musical entertainment and airline-sponsored raffles for free tickets.

“We are excited to mark this important milestone at Midway. The airport has flourished since the construction of the new terminal building with increases in passenger volume and enhancements to the concessions program,” said CDA Commissioner Rosemarie S. Andolino. “As we celebrate this special occasion, we look forward to further enhancing and expanding passenger services and amenities at both Chicago’s airports.”

Midway’s terminal redevelopment program included a new one million square-foot terminal building with ticketing, baggage claim, gate areas and a Federal Inspection Services area, as well as a new parking garage, increased landscaping around the airport and more food and retail offerings.

“In the years following Midway’s renovations, passengers have benefited from new airline service, new concessions, and an overall improved airport experience,” said Andolino.

In 2010, Midway experienced a nearly four percent increase in passenger volume, as well as increases in aircraft operations and non-airline revenue.

Volaris Airlines, a new carrier for Midway, initiated operations from Chicago to Guadalajara, Mexico in December 2010. In June, AirTran will begin new seasonal service from Midway to Branson, Missouri.

Southwest Airlines continues its commitment to Chicago by adding service to three new markets this month: two flights to both Charleston and Greenville-Spartanburg, as well as six flights to Newark International Airport.

The CDA has expanded concessions offerings at both O'Hare and Midway International Airports by continuing to introduce new dining and retail concepts.

"We are providing a more expansive shopping and dining experience for travelers with a wide range of concessions - from fresh, authentic local favorites to quick, convenient options featuring national and international brands," said Commissioner Andolino.

In 2010 at Midway, the CDA welcomed Sprigs, a fresh, contemporary, salad concept offering a variety of healthy choices; and Red Mango, featuring healthy frozen yogurt desserts.

The Midway terminal redevelopment program was funded with airport revenue bonds and federal grants. No state or local tax dollars were used for this improvement.

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The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit www.flychicago.com to learn more about the Chicago Department of Aviation.

The CDA continues to incorporate and expand sustainable initiatives for airport planning, operations and maintenance, and concessions and tenants in accordance with the CDA Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM) Version 2.0, released in November 2010. To view case studies, lessons learned and new technologies, and for more information on the SAM, please visit www.airportsgoinggreen.org.

The O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), introduced by Mayor Richard M. Daley in June 2001, transforms O'Hare's airfield from an outdated system of intersecting runways into a modern parallel runway configuration. The program will reduce overall delays at the Airport by 79 percent, and bad weather delays by 95 percent. It will create 195,000 new jobs and \$18 billion in additional economic activity each year. Please visit www.oharemodernization.org to learn more about the OMP.

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