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Silicon Valley's Airport Narrowing the Gap in Passenger Volume Among Bay Area Airports

*America's Fastest-Growing Airport Surpasses
11 Million Passengers on Rolling Annual Basis*

San Jose, Calif. – Adding more than a million new passengers in just one year, Mineta San Jose International Airport maintained its torrid growth in the first quarter of 2017, far surpassing both the national average and the strong growth rates of its competitors in the San Francisco Bay area.

Thanks to dozens of new flights, SJC recorded 10.2 percent year-over-year passenger growth in the first three months of this year, compared to the first quarter of 2016. The airport has now surpassed 11 million annual passengers on a rolling 12-month basis. From April 2016 through March 2017, SJC welcomed 11.03 million total passengers – representing growth of more than a million passengers from the year prior.

SJC is rapidly gaining ground on fellow San Francisco Bay area airports Oakland International and San Francisco International. SJC's first quarter growth of 10.2 percent eclipses Oakland's healthy growth rate of 6.1 percent in that same period, and is more than four times the first-quarter growth rate of much-bigger SFO (2.3 percent). And, preliminary passenger numbers for the month of April at SJC show an increase of more than 18 percent over the previous year.

"If our projections are right, every single day this summer our passenger counts passing through SJC will exceed those of our busiest days – Thanksgiving weekend – in 2016," said San Jose Interim Director of Aviation John Aitken. "This huge growth in the past couple of years is a tremendous tribute to our airline partners who are investing in San Jose, and to our local community which continues embracing all of the new flight choices offered at SJC."

SJC currently rates as America's fastest-growing airport among the nation's 50 largest, based on percentage increase in available seat capacity. Domestic and international airlines alike have recognized the pent-up demand for more direct service to/from Silicon Valley and have responded accordingly with a steady stream of new service announcements.

Nine airlines now offer nonstop service to international destinations at SJC, up from just three at the start of 2015. On the domestic side, airlines have recently announced or launched nonstop flights to previously unserved destinations including Newark, Baltimore/Washington, Charlotte, Long Beach and Tucson. They have expanded frequency and/or launched competing service to a litany of locations including Atlanta, Chicago-O'Hare, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, Reno, San Diego, Orange County, Burbank, Vancouver, and Guadalajara among others.

SJC Monthly Passenger Activity, First Quarter 2017

Month	Total Passengers	Year-Over-Year Increase from 2016
January 2017	848,117	14.2%
February 2017	771,138	6.9% (Feb. 2016 included traffic for Super Bowl 50)
March 2017	919,901	9.5%
Total	2,539,156	10.2%

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SJC Service Added or Announced Since May, 2016:

Nonstop Destination	Airline	Notes
Atlanta	Delta	3 rd daily, starts 5/30/17
Austin	Alaska	Daily starts 8/28/17
Baltimore-Washington	Southwest	Daily
Burbank	Alaska	3x daily
Charlotte	American	Seasonal
Chicago O'Hare	United	2x daily
Dallas Love Field	Alaska	Daily, starts 2/16/18
Frankfurt	Lufthansa	5x weekly
Guadalajara	Aeromexico	6x weekly, starts 7/1/17
London Heathrow	British Airways	Daily
Long Beach	JetBlue	4x daily
Los Angeles	Alaska	4x daily, starts 9/20/17
Newark	Alaska	Daily
Newark	United	Daily
Orange County	Alaska	3x daily
Reno	Southwest	Daily, starts 6/4/17
Salt Lake City	Delta	Larger aircraft
Salt Lake City	Southwest	2x daily
San Diego	Alaska	3x daily
Shanghai	Air China	3x weekly
Tucson	Alaska	Daily, starts 8/28/17
Vancouver	Air Canada	3x daily

SJC: Transforming How Silicon Valley Travels

Mineta San Jose International Airport is Silicon Valley's airport, a self-supporting enterprise owned and operated by the City of San Jose. SJC serves 11 million passengers annually, with 180+ peak daily departures on 15 international and domestic carriers to 41 nonstop destinations. SJC was America's fastest-growing airport in 2016, based on percentage increase in passenger seat capacity. For more airport information, visit flysanjose.com.