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Southwest Airlines to begin four daily flights to San Francisco from Ontario, CA in June

Popular carrier will also add third flight to Denver

(Ontario, California – November 15, 2018) – Local airport officials cheered the announcement by Southwest Airlines that the carrier will launch new flights to San Francisco and expand existing service to Denver from Ontario International Airport (ONT).

According to the initial schedule, Southwest will operate four daily roundtrips between ONT and San Francisco International Airport (SFO) beginning June 9, 2019. Flights will depart ONT at 8:00 a.m., 3:20 p.m., 5:25 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. with arrivals at 7:25 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 12:35 p.m. and 7:05 p.m.

Southwest will also add a third daily flight to Denver International Airport (DEN) effective June 9, 2019, departing ONT at 10:45 a.m. with a return flight arriving at 3:40 p.m. The new service will operate Monday through Friday. Southwest currently serves DEN from ONT with daily, nonstop departures at 6:20 a.m. and 3:40 p.m. local time.

“Our proudest moments come when our airline partners add new flights to their schedules, giving our customers more options for air travel in Southern California,” said Alan D. Wapner, president of the Ontario International Airport Authority (OIAA).

Said Mark Thorpe, chief executive officer of the OIAA, “Our mission is to develop Ontario into an appealing, low-cost gateway airport that will meet the increasing demand for air service in the region. If airlines are expanding flight schedules, we are accomplishing our mission.”

Southwest is the fourth airline in recent months to begin or announce new flights at ONT. Frontier Airlines launched daily nonstop service to Orlando in August and JetBlue Airways initiated nonstop service to New York City in September. Meanwhile, Delta Air Lines announced plans for service to Atlanta beginning in April.

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Southwest currently serves the Bay Area with seven flights a day to Oakland and five flights a day to San Jose.

With passenger volumes consistently rising by double-digits on a year-over-year basis, ONT is the fastest-growing airport in Southern California. The airport is on pace to welcome five million passengers this year, the greatest number of passengers since 2008.

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About Ontario International Airport

Ontario International Airport (ONT) is located in the Inland Empire, approximately 35 miles east of downtown Los Angeles in the center of Southern California. It is a full-service airport with nonstop commercial jet service to 19 major airports in the U.S., Mexico and Taiwan, and connecting service to many domestic and international destinations. There is an average of 67 daily departures offered by nine air carriers. More information is available at www.flyOntario.com.

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About the Ontario International Airport Authority (OIAA)

The OIAA was formed in August 2012 by a Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Ontario and the County of San Bernardino to provide overall direction for the management, operations, development and marketing of ONT for the benefit of the Southern California economy and the residents of the airport's four-county catchment area. OIAA Commissioners are Ontario Mayor Pro-Tem Alan D. Wapner (President), Retired Riverside Mayor Ronald O. Loveridge (Vice President), Ontario Council Member Jim W. Bowman (Secretary), San Bernardino County Supervisor Curt Hagman (Commissioner) and retired business executive Julia Gouw (Commissioner).

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