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Southwest announces major expansion at Lambert Nine new non-stop flights includes six new destinations

(St. Louis) Southwest continues to show support for St. Louis travelers with another announcement for expanded service out of Lambert-St. Louis International Airport. Southwest is adding nine flights to its May 2010 schedule. Six of the flights will be new destinations from Lambert for the Dallas-based carrier. The new Southwest destinations are Nashville, New Orleans, Seattle, San Diego, Raleigh-Durham and Los Angeles. An additional daily flight to Minneapolis is also part of the expanded service.

The new Southwest service is in direct response to the major cutback recently announced by American Airlines. The new Southwest service adds back four of the destinations that would have been completely lost to St. Louis travelers because of the cutbacks by American: Nashville, New Orleans, San Diego and Raleigh-Durham. In 2010, Southwest Airlines will become Lambert's dominant carrier.

"We have a great relationship with Southwest and we knew that it could be the first to capitalize on destinations that have proven very successful in this market," said Richard Hrabko, Lambert's Director. "The new service shows that St. Louis is still a strong local market and we're working hard to make connections to other cities that face lost service in the coming months."

"Our employees saw opportunity and worked vigorously to incorporate additional capacity in the St. Louis market, said Gary Kelly, Southwest's Chairman of the Board, President and CEO. "We are optimizing our network strategically and strengthening the relationship between Southwest Airlines and the communities we serve."

Southwest announced earlier this month it's also adding an additional daily flight to Baltimore, Dallas, Las Vegas and Orlando beginning in March. Twice daily service from Lambert to Minneapolis and Boston begins in January. After the May schedule, Southwest will be operating about 83 flights a day from Lambert to 31 destinations.

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New Southwest Airlines flights beginning May 2010

- Two new daily nonstop roundtrips between St. Louis and Nashville
- Two new daily nonstop roundtrips between St. Louis and Los Angeles
- One new daily nonstop roundtrip between St. Louis and Raleigh/Durham
- One new daily nonstop roundtrip between St. Louis and New Orleans
- One new daily nonstop roundtrip between St. Louis and Seattle
- One new daily nonstop roundtrip between St. Louis and San Diego
- One additional daily nonstop roundtrip between St. Louis and Minneapolis (service launches in January)

Tickets for the new flights should be on sale by December 2009 at www.southwest.com.

Lambert is the 30th busiest airport in the U.S. as ranked by Airports Council International-North America. Lambert serves more than 14 million passengers a year with an average of 270 daily departures to 70 national and international destinations. Lambert-St. Louis International Airport is an Enterprise Fund Department of the City of St. Louis. It is wholly supported by airport user charges. No general fund revenues are used for the operation, administration, promotion or maintenance of airport facilities. For more information on flights and services at Lambert-St. Louis International Airport, log onto www.flystl.com.

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