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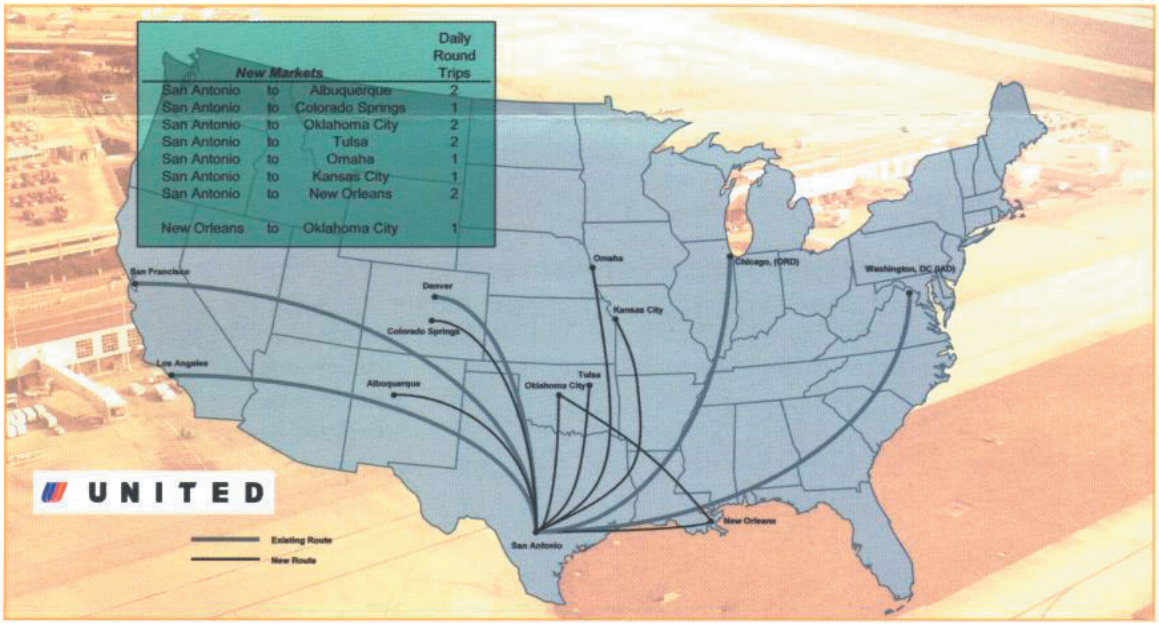
United Airlines Delivers on Major Announcement for San Antonio



San Antonio travelers have a host of new options when it comes to nonstop flights, thanks to Chicago-based United Airlines. During the first quarter of 2006, United Express partner Trans State Airlines launched new daily nonstop flights to seven new cities – **New Orleans, LA; Colorado Springs, CO; Omaha, NE; Albuquerque, NM; Oklahoma City & Tulsa, OK and Kansas City, MO.** These new flights plus the existing nonstop flights to hub airports **Chicago, IL; Denver, CO; San Francisco & Los Angeles, CA; and Washington, DC - Dulles** (the latter three destinations were initiated in 2005) provide San Antonio nonstop on United Airlines and United Express to 12 destinations with 23 departures.

The addition of this new air service makes United Airlines San Antonio's second largest point-to-point provider of nonstop flights including five hub airports for connecting to a worldwide host of other destinations. "These new routes from San Antonio will complement our existing service and will offer our customers convenient access and more flying options to cities all over the world," say United Express' Vice-President of Operational Services Sean Donohue.

United Airlines operates more than 3,400 flights a day on United, United Express and Ted to more than 200 U.S. domestic and international destinations from its five hubs. With key global air rights in the Asia-Pacific region, Europe and Latin America, United Airlines is one of the largest international carriers based in the United States. United is also a founding member of Star Alliance, which provides connections to its customers to 790 destinations in 138 countries worldwide. For reservations, log onto www.united.com.

"San Antonio is grateful for United's commitment to our community. United has made it easier for business executives and visitors to come to the Alamo City, which was recently recognized by Smith Travel Research as one of the "Top 25 Markets" – a who's who among top destinations," said Interim Aviation Director Mark Webb. San Antonio was added to the list of top 25 destinations in part because of the growth in the number of hotel rooms and the projected growth in the near future of a 1,000-room Hyatt Convention Center Hotel and a Marriott 1,000-room hotel at the PGA resort.

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New Look for Airport Entrances and Roadways

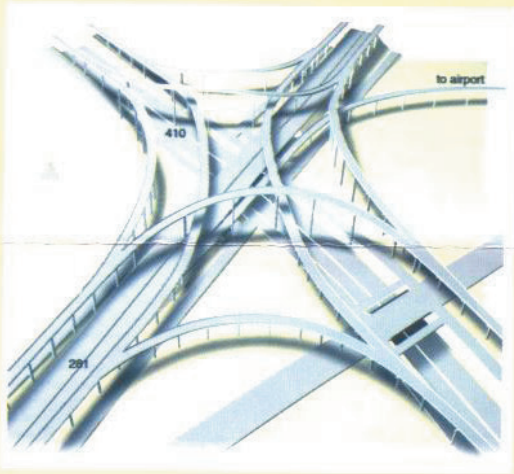
In mid 2005 and nearing completion at this time is a project to enhance the entrance marquees and improve the landscape plantings and features along the roadways of the San Antonio International Airport. One of this project's design goals was to create a landscaping plan that gave airport commuters and the visiting public a "unique airport entrance experience" reflecting the flora and color of San Antonio. The new entrances' curved monument walls, made of local limestone, tarnished metal & punched aluminum, designate the airport's roadway entrances and tie them to the roadway signage and the terminals' interior finishes.

The new airport entrance is a landscaping plan that gives airport commuters and the visiting public a "unique experience" reflecting the flora and color of San Antonio.

A second goal was to include native plants and trees that would be drought tolerant and low maintenance. New controlled irrigation and ground mulch planting areas will allow for minimal and efficient watering. The new landscape planting areas were placed in berms parallel to the entrance drives to block and minimize the view of side parking lot areas.

The new palm trees along the roadways and flowing annual flowering beds make for a festive and vivid impression to San Antonio's residents and visitors. The distinctly designed and ornate street poles will illuminate the entrance roadways at night and spotlight a new water feature with adjoining art space along the curved entrance roadway leading to the terminals.

TxDOT Starts Hwy 281/Loop 410 Interchange



When completed, airport patrons should experience better access to the Airport Terminals & Parking Facilities with less traffic on airport streets.

Roadways through the San Antonio International Airport have long been used by drivers to negotiate from Loop 410 to US Highway 281 and vice versa. The lack of a direct connection between these two major highway systems causes traffic to back up on Airport Blvd. and South Terminal Drive. Mixed in with the resulting traffic congestion are airport patrons wanting to come to the airport terminals and parking facilities.

Breaking ground July 6, 2005, TxDOT began construction on the Loop 410 / US 281 Interchange Project. The primary objective is to relieve traffic congestion along Loop 410 / US 281 by creating a direct interchange between these two facilities. The goals for the project include:

- Providing more reliable transportation facilities by decreasing congestion and travel times.
- Improving interregional connections to existing and proposed roadways.
- Enhancing travel and accessibility to major employment areas and activity centers within San Antonio.

Although the Project was originally scheduled to be built in five separate phases totaling ten years, new legislative financing tools have allowed these phases to be combined into one mega project. Williams Brothers Construction bid to complete the job in 933 working days (approximately 3 years ending in the summer of 2008) and is working 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to do so.

NEW! Nonstop Flights to San Diego, CA

Southwest Airlines Begins San Antonio-San Diego Service

Southwest Airlines gets 2006 started off in the right way by launching daily non-stop service from San Antonio to San Diego, California. This new service began February 5 and connects passengers to two of the country's most exciting tourist destinations. The new flight will maintain the following schedule:

From San Antonio to San Diego		From San Diego to San Antonio	
Departs	Arrives	Departs	Arrives
12:50 p.m. (cst)	1:50 p.m. (pst)	9:50 a.m. (pst)	2:30 p.m. (cst)

With the addition of San Diego, Southwest Airlines now has almost fifty flights taking off from San Antonio International Airport each day, offering San Antonians non-stop service to 13 destinations with connections to 60 U.S. cities. For reservations log onto www.southwest.com

San Antonio is one of the first of three original cities from which Southwest Airlines began serving in June 1971. Today, the airline serves more than 2.5 million San Antonio passengers annually. "San Antonio is proud to be associated with Southwest's long and successful history, as well as its reputation for excellence in customer service," says Interim Aviation Director Mark Webb. "We look forward to Southwest's coming years of continued growth, especially in the San Antonio market."

UPS Expands at SAT: *Moves to East Air Cargo Facility*

United Parcel Service (UPS) has been operating at the San Antonio International Airport West Air Cargo Facility since 1993. UPS recently relocated to new expanded apron facilities at the East Air Cargo Facility and constructed a new 4,500 square foot facility to house its staff. A 20-year lease was executed and approved by City Council in October 2005.

UPS is the world's 9th largest airline with over 2,000 flights a day and operates in more than 200 countries and territories around the world. They currently operate Boeing 757s and Airbus 300 aircraft with five flights a day into San Antonio.

More Recognition for Airport's Concessions Program

L to R: Raven Zamore of Swatch, Jimmie Wood of News & Gift Shops International, David Lively of Creative Host Services, Interim Aviation Director Mark Webb, and Will Collins of HMS Host

Airport Council International-North America (ACI-NA) has once again recognized San Antonio International Airport for having the best concessions program in a category that includes same-sized airports. The announcement was made during the November 2-4, 2005 ACI-NA Embry-Riddle Airport Concessions Conference in San Francisco, CA. San Antonio International received a first-place award in the category of Best Food and Beverage Program and a second-place award in the category of Best Retail/Specialty Program. In 2004, ACI-NA recognized San Antonio International Airport with a first place in the Best Retail/Specialty Program for medium sized airports.

ACI is an international, non-profit association of airports designed to advance airport interests and to promote highly professional airport management and operations. The airports that received awards were chosen from over 50 entries from the United States and Canada.

"We continue to make improvements and strive to meet the expectations of San Antonio's traveling public for first class services and amenities that will make their travel experience pleasant and enjoyable," says Interim Aviation Director Mark Webb. "The Concessions Program continues to place San Antonio International Airport at the forefront of customer satisfaction in the concessions area and the latest award from ACI-NA is further evidence of that fact."

SAN ANTONIO CONVENTIONS & EVENTS

During the first quarter of 2006, the City of San Antonio will host more than 210 conventions with over 117,083 delegates. Among the visitors to San Antonio will be:

DATES	ORGANIZATIONS	DELEGATES
January 3-5	National Cotton Council of America	3,633
January 12-15	American Mathematical Society	4,500
January 20-25	American Library Association	7,500
January 23-28	National Business Aviation Association	1,500
February 1-5	Association of Water Board Directors-Texas	1,400
February 8-11	American Institute of Steel Construction	3,000
February 15-18	Texas Music Educators Association	21,000
March 1-4	International Sleep Products Association	4,000
March 10-12	Pan American Student Forum of Texas	2,200
March 13-16	Minerals, Metals & Materials Society	4,000
March 17-21	Prudential Real Estate Affiliates Inc.	5,000

SAT YEAR-TO-DATE STATS

	Through Sept. '04	Through Sept. '05	Change
Domestic Enplanements	2,507,224	2,654,981	5.89%
International Enplanements	72,409	69,200	-4.35%
Charter Enplanements	24,180	16,081	-31.01%
Total Enplanements	2,603,813	2,740,922	5.27%
Total Freight (lbs)	140,563,908	137,774,689	-1.98%
Total Mail (lbs)	57,108,374	55,642,982	-2.57%

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