

MEDIA UPDATE

January 2, 2002, at 3 p.m.

DIA Media Briefings Go to Weekly – Tuesday's @ 11

Now that the holiday travel season has ended, DIA will convert from a daily to weekly media-briefing schedule. Beginning Tuesday, January 8, DIA will hold an 11:00 am weekly briefing in the Press Room, located on level 6 west in the Jeppesen Terminal.

DIA Media Relations staff remains available to media 24/7 for information on issues or events related to airport operations.

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DIA November Passenger Traffic Down 19.1%

Total passengers for November 2001 were 2,400,384 a decrease of 568,109 or (19.1%) less than November 2000 total passengers of 2,968,493.

Total passengers year-to-date through November were 33,579,186 a decrease of 2,040,879 or (5.7%) less than year-to-date 2000 total passengers of 35,620,065.

Final year-end passenger traffic statistics for 2001 will be determined later this quarter once the December 2001 numbers are submitted by airlines.

Airlines Have Fewer Seats to Fill After September 11

Airline industry-wide flight service reductions following September 11 have resulted in a significant reduction in the number of daily seats available for travelers to purchase at airports around the country. An analysis of the Official Airline Guide (OAG) schedule tapes indicates that major U.S. airports saw between an 18.8% and 51.4% reduction in seats compared with pre-September 11 flight schedules.

% Change in Daily Seats from US Airports Pre-September 11th vs. November 2001

1. Washington DCA -51.4%
2. Boston -28.7%
3. Newark -25.7%
4. New York JFK -25.2%
5. Denver -23.7%
6. New York LGA -23.2%
7. San Francisco -22.3%
8. Los Angeles -21.0%
9. Chicago O'Hare -18.9%
10. Seattle/Tacoma -18.8%

Washington's Reagan National Airport saw the biggest reduction in seats due primarily to a federally imposed restriction on flights since the airport's reopening.

Airlines operating out of DIA appear to be benefiting from higher than average passenger loads on flights. 23.7% fewer seats and just a 19.1% drop in passenger traffic may be an early indication of recovery in the Denver market.

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