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Delta Seeks to Link Detroit Hub with Sao Paulo, Brazil

DETROIT—Delta Air Lines announced today that it has filed with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to begin new, non-stop service between Detroit Metro Airport and Sao Paulo, Brazil, effective November 4, strengthening Detroit's role as major East Coast international gateway for the world's largest airline.

In response to this morning's announcement, **Wayne County Airport Authority** (WCAA) executives issued the following statements of support:

"Today's announcement further strengthens Detroit Metro Airport's role as the second-largest hub and a global gateway for the world's largest airline, which is a huge part of what makes DTW such a powerful economic asset to Southeast Michigan," said **WCAA CEO Lester Robinson**.

"Detroit's first non-stop service south of the equator will be a boon for our automakers that need more convenient access to the emerging Brazilian market," said **Joe Cambron, WCAA Director of Air Service Development**. "The Airport Authority has been working with Delta to make the case for this service for some time and we look forward to supporting its success."

Detroit Metro Airport (DTW) is the second-largest hub for Delta, the world's largest airline. Having served more than 31 million passengers in 2009, DTW is the busiest airport in Michigan and ranks as one of the world's busiest air transportation hubs. DTW, along with nearby Willow Run Airport, is operated by **Wayne County Airport Authority**, which was established by the Michigan State Legislature in 2002 as an independent government agency responsible for safe and efficient operation of the two airport facilities.

NB: Delta's news release announcing the new service is attached.

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Delta Air Lines Plans First Flights between Detroit Hub and South America

Flight to Sao Paulo would strengthen Detroit's position as a leading international gateway, complement existing Delta service to five Brazilian destinations

DETROIT, April 9, 2010 – Delta Air Lines (NYSE: DAL) today announced plans to introduce the first-ever nonstop flights between its Detroit Metropolitan Airport hub and Sao Paulo, Brazil, bolstering the city's position as a leading international gateway.

Delta has requested authorization from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to introduce two weekly flights between Detroit and Sao Paulo beginning Nov. 4, 2010. Delta already holds certain rights to operate Sao Paulo service, but requires DOT permission to fly from Detroit. The airline would operate the flights using 216-seat Boeing 767-300ER aircraft with 35 seats in BusinessElite and 181 seats in Economy Class.

"Adding South America's largest business market of Sao Paulo to Detroit's wide array of destinations builds on our efforts to continue to expand service for both local and connecting Detroit customers," said Andrea Fischer Newman, senior vice president – Government Affairs. "Detroit continues to grow in its strategic importance to Delta's route network as a major connecting point between Asia and hundreds of U.S. and international destinations."

The governments of the United States and Brazil have agreed to an expansion of U.S. carrier opportunities, and Delta has separately applied for new rights to increase Detroit-Sao Paulo to daily service as soon as permitted by Brazil.

Brazil would be the latest addition to a long list of new services introduced from Detroit since Delta's merger with Northwest Airlines last year. Other planned or recently launched nonstop routes from Detroit include:

- Detroit to Shanghai, service expanded from five-times weekly to daily, beginning May 1
- Detroit to Seoul-Incheon, new five-times weekly service beginning June 1
- Detroit to Hong Kong, new five-times weekly service beginning June 2
- Detroit to Rome, new daily summer seasonal service, first introduced in June 2009 and returning June 1, 2010
- Detroit to Tokyo-Haneda, planned daily service pending U.S. Department of Transportation approval

"We're thrilled Delta chose Detroit for the expansion of international service to South America," said Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano. "The confidence Delta has instilled in Detroit Metro Airport will play a major role in continued development of the Aerotropolis, further transforming our region into a gateway for international commerce. We are grateful that Delta remains committed to growing Detroit as an international gateway."

Delta currently serves 138 destinations from its Detroit hub, including 16 international destinations. Delta customers flying at Detroit Metropolitan Airport enjoy service at the state-of-the-art, 120-gate terminal designed specifically for international connections. Detroit's airport was recently ranked No. 1 among large airports in overall customer satisfaction by J.D. Power and Associates.

Between Brazil and the United States, Delta currently offers more than 30 nonstop weekly flights. This includes service between Atlanta and Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Fortaleza, and Manaus; and service between New York-JFK and Sao Paulo. In December, Delta became the first and only airline to offer nonstop service to Brazil's capital city, with nonstop service between Atlanta and Brasilia.

Delta Air Lines serves more than 160 million customers each year. With its unsurpassed global network, Delta and the Delta Connection carriers offer service to 367 destinations in 66 countries on six continents. Delta employs more than 70,000 employees worldwide and operates a mainline fleet of nearly 800 aircraft. A founding member of the SkyTeam global alliance, Delta participates in the industry's leading trans-Atlantic joint venture with Air France KLM. Including its worldwide alliance partners, Delta offers customers more than 16,000 daily flights, with hubs in Amsterdam, Atlanta, Cincinnati, Detroit, Memphis, Minneapolis-St. Paul, New York-JFK, Paris-Charles de Gaulle, Salt Lake City and Tokyo-Narita. The airline's service includes the SkyMiles frequent flier program, the world's largest airline loyalty program; the award-winning BusinessElite service; and more than 50 Delta Sky Clubs in airports worldwide. Customers can check in for flights, print boarding passes, check bags and review flight status at delta.com.

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