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Hartsfield-Jackson to exceed national travel projections

Atlanta airport prepares for busy Independence Day weekend; Passengers are urged to budget plenty of time before departure

ATLANTA – Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International officials announced today that Atlanta's passenger traffic will exceed the national average of AAA's expected 1.5 percent increase over last year's nationwide holiday weekend air travel numbers.

Hartsfield-Jackson, the busiest and most efficient airport in the world will host a projected 327,170 passengers during the holiday weekend. This represents a fourteen percent increase over the same four-day period last year when 285,606 passengers flew out of Hartsfield-Jackson.

Due to the spike in volume, domestic passengers are reminded to arrive at least two hours prior to scheduled departure. International passengers are directed to arrive two and a half hours before departure.

"Today marks the beginning of a busy travel weekend with more than 47,000 passengers clearing the security checkpoints," said Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport General Manager Miguel Southwell. "A strong economy and a weekend holiday make for a busy air travel period. We're looking forward to giving our passengers an efficient and smooth travel experience."

Hartsfield-Jackson officials today marked the beginning of the Independence Day weekend with a campaign designed to celebrate the airport's guests and thank them for making Hartsfield-Jackson part of their travel plans. The campaign, called Life, Liberty And The Pursuit Of Flying, consists of volunteers handing out treats and, in conjunction with the airport's Arts Program, a series of musical performances celebrating a variety of American musical genres. The performances will take place throughout the weekend.

Hartsfield-Jackson's website (www.atlanta-airport.com) allows travelers to check parking availability and security wait times. Through the website's Trak-A-Line link, travelers can sign up and receive real time wait times via email or text. The Trak-A-Flight link offers the same for flight information.

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Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Hartsfield-Jackson (ATL) is the world's busiest and most efficient airport, serving more than 96.1 million passengers annually with nonstop service to more than 150 U.S. destinations and nearly 70 international

destinations in more than 45 countries. ATL boasts a direct economic impact of \$34.8 billion in metro Atlanta and a total direct economic impact of \$70.9 billion in Georgia. The Airport is the largest employer in Georgia, with more than 63,000 employees. The Airport is a frequent recipient of awards of excellence for concessions, operations, architectural engineering and construction – including the 2013 Global Efficiency Excellence Award from the Air Transport Research Society, 2013 Project of the Year, Architectural Category for the Maynard H. Jackson Jr. International Terminal from the American Association of Airport Executives Southeast chapter and the 2012 Best Airport in North America, Business Travel Award from the Business Traveler Magazine. ATL has completed more than \$6 billion worth of capital improvements, including a new, energy-efficient rental car center, a gold LEED-certified international terminal and aesthetic and functional upgrades to its concourses, people movers and parking services. For more information, go to www.atlanta-airport.com. Check out the Airport's YouTube channel by visiting www.youtube.com/AtlantaHartsfield, follow us on Twitter (@Atlanta_Airport) and become a fan on Facebook (Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport).

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