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Delta, Southwest, USA 3000 to add new routes in Detroit --Customers will enjoy new domestic and international service

In an era when announcements of air service reductions have become commonplace, Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) is celebrating route enhancements announced by three different airlines in the space of three days.

On Tuesday, October 20, **Delta Air Lines** announced new non-stop service, beginning in June 2010, from Detroit to **Seoul and Hong Kong** as well as increasing flights to Shanghai from five to seven weekly.

"We are very pleased and grateful that Delta continues to value the advantages of Detroit Metropolitan Airport," said Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson. "Detroit's powerful array of runways, efficient connecting terminal and excellent geographic location point to future growth as the economy continues to recover."

On Thursday, October 22, **Southwest Airlines** announced daily non-stop service from Detroit to **Denver** beginning March 14, 2010.

"Southwest has been a great partner with Detroit Metropolitan Airport for more than 20 years successfully providing low-fare service to a variety of destinations," said Robinson. "This daily flight will provide loyal Southwest customers with a new non-stop destination."

Also Thursday, **USA3000**, which suspended service at Detroit in April, announced its return to DTW with its usual selection of sunny destinations. Flights to **Cancun, Mexico and Ft. Myers, Florida** commence November 21, 2009, just in time for Thanksgiving, and service to **Punta Cana, Dominican Republic** begins November 29. USA3000 will also add flights on selected days this winter to **Montego Bay, Jamaica and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.**

"We are very happy to welcome USA3000 back to Detroit", said Robinson. "Our modern and efficient new North Terminal will provide a vast improvement over the

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decommissioned Berry Terminal where USA3000 operated previously."

"I need to acknowledge the great effort of our Air Service Development team," said Robinson. "They have been hard at work for about two years on the Asian routes and created a successful on-line petition specifically for the Seoul service, which was the Detroit region's largest market without non-stop service."

DTW's Director of Air Service Development, Joe Cambron said, "Analysis of these new routes projects a potential economic impact for the region of more than \$41 million annually."

For Delta's announcement click <u>http://news.delta.com/index.php?s=43&item=776#</u> and for Southwest's click <u>http://www.southwest.com/about_swa/press/prindex.html</u>

For information on USA3000 visit www.USA3000.com

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