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AMERICAN AIRLINES ANNOUNCES NEW SERVICE TO MEXICO CITY

PHILADELPHIA – Hub carrier American Airlines will expand service to Mexico with a daily non-stop starting July 5 between Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) and Benito Juárez International Airport (MEX) in Mexico City.

In addition to creating new travel options for local air travelers, this new service will also generate significant direct and indirect economic benefit to the Philadelphia metropolitan region, said PHL CEO Chellie Cameron. The economic impact of this new service is estimated to be \$57 million of annual revenue/output for this region.

“This service will benefit both business and leisure passengers as well as enhance the airport’s economic impact on the region,” said Cameron. “A strong airport contributes to a strong economy, and we are pleased American is opening this route to Mexico City at PHL.”

Providing a non-stop flight to Mexico City has been a PHL goal because of strong existing passenger demand, Cameron added.

With the new flight, PHL will offer service to 38 international destinations, including 17 capital cities. Philadelphia and Mexico City share the distinction of being recognized as UNESCO World Heritage Cities.

“With this new service to Mexico City, we continue to make it easier and more convenient for our customers to fly on American and connect to places that are important to them in the United States and all over the world,” said Olympia Colasante, American’s vice president, PHL Hub operations.

The flight is set to depart PHL daily at 6:29 pm. The flight from Mexico City will arrive at 2:55 p.m.

PHL also provides service to Mexico with non-stop flights to Cancun on American and Frontier airlines.

Philadelphia International Airport is owned and operated by the City of Philadelphia. The Airport is a self-sustaining entity that operates without the use of local tax dollars. It is one of the largest economic engines in Pennsylvania, generating an estimated \$15.4 billion in spending annually and supporting more than 96,300 full-time jobs for the 11-county Philadelphia MSA.