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Traffic Increases over 20.5% in 2001 at Orlando Sanford Airport Breaks Record for Annual Passenger Traffic

Sanford, Fla., January 15, 2002 – Orlando Sanford International Airport (SFB) saw 1,316,917 passengers through its gates in 2001, breaking its prior record of 1,198,803 set in 1998. 1,043,848 international passengers represented 79% of the passenger mix, while 273,069 domestic passengers comprised the remaining 21%. In 2000, the distribution was 84% and 16% respectively. Domestic passenger growth in 2001 was up nearly 60%. International passenger totals grew by 14% over 2000.

Over 55,000 passengers used Orlando Sanford in December, down 8.5%. The traffic mix for December 2001 was 26,838 domestic, up nearly 50% over December 2000; 26,618 international travelers, down 25%; and 1,546 transit passengers, down 77%. The airport processed 292 tons of cargo during the month. Aircraft operations were up 7% to 32,368 from December 2000.

Larry Dale, President of the Sanford Airport Authority remarked, “2001 represented the busiest year in the Airport’s history. Our performance in 2001 was strong due to new airline services being added such as: ATA’s U.K. charters; Aeropostal’s scheduled service to Caracas, Venezuela; additional destinations on Pan Am, representing a 100% increase over last year; and our start as Vacation Express’ hub. In addition, our largest carrier, Airtours, carried 6% more passengers than the previous year. We are optimistic that 2002 will be another prosperous year for us.”

Orlando Sanford International Airport is located near the Orlando attractions and is also convenient to Daytona Beach. Adjacent to the airport are the business communities of Lake Mary and Heathrow, part of Florida’s “High Tech Corridor.” Airlines and their passengers enjoy convenient parking, new terminal facilities, short walking distances, and low operating costs. The Airports Council International (ACI) ranked SFB as the fastest growing North American airport in 2000, among airports with one million or more annual passengers.

For more information on SFB, visit the airport’s website at www.orlandosanfordairport.com.