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## **4.5% Traffic Growth at Orlando Sanford in November** **Domestic Traffic Up Almost 34%**

**Sanford, Fla., December 18, 2001** – Passenger traffic at Orlando Sanford International Airport (SFB) for November 2001 grew by almost 4.5% from November 2000. Over 64,000 passengers passed through the airport's terminals during the month of November. The traffic mix for November 2001 was 40,378 international travelers, up 4%; 20,691 domestic, up 33.5%; and 2,980 transit passengers, down 57.5%. The airport processed 706 tons of cargo during the month. Aircraft operations were down 6% to 32,850 from November 2000.

Year-to-date passenger numbers are up 22% with the airport handling 1,256,397 passengers so far in 2001. With one month remaining, Orlando Sanford has already broken its prior record of 1,198,803 passengers in a calendar year set in 1998.

Larry Dale, President of the Sanford Airport Authority remarked on the airport's dramatic rise in domestic passengers, "Considering the environment we are in, we would have considered ourselves lucky if we could have repeated last November's performance. Pan Am's new destinations and better awareness about Orlando Sanford have been the prime reasons for our growth in November. The highlight of the month was the Sunday after Thanksgiving which Pan Am reports as the most passengers carried in a single day since their start in 1999."

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. 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 about SFB, visit the airport's website at [www.orlandosanfordairport.com](http://www.orlandosanfordairport.com).