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## **Orlando Sanford Reports April Traffic Increase** **Domestic Up 27%; International up 2.5%**

Sanford, FL., May 22, 2002 – Passenger traffic at Orlando Sanford International Airport (SFB) grew by 5% in April compared to the same month last year. 95,968 passengers passed through the airport during the month. The traffic mix for April was 53,252 international passengers, up 2.5%; 41,631 domestic passengers, up 27%; and 1,085 transit passengers, down 84%. The airport processed 501 tons of cargo during the month.

Orlando Sanford continues its streak of passenger growth with every month in 2002 an improvement over the prior year. Year-to-date, the airport is up 14.5% in total passengers; 54% in domestic; and 5.5% in international. Total cargo, however, is down 42% year-to-date. Airport Authority President Larry Dale attributed the continued growth to a number of factors, most notable the expansion in domestic flight opportunities offered by both Pan Am and Vacation Express, and emphasized that “residents throughout the region are increasingly availing themselves of the exciting travel options offered at Orlando Sanford.”

For the second year in a row, the Airports Council International (ACI) ranked SFB as the fastest growing North American airport in 2001, among airports with one million or more annual passengers. 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.

For more information on SFB, visit the airport’s website at [www.orlandosanfordairport.com](http://www.orlandosanfordairport.com).