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## **Orlando Sanford Reports March Traffic Increase 25% More Passengers Than Last Year**

Sanford, FL., April 30, 2002 – Passenger traffic at Orlando Sanford International Airport (SFB) for March 2002 grew by 25% as compared to March 2001. 97,224 passengers passed through the airport during the month. The traffic mix for March was 48,092 domestic passengers, up 58%; 47,442 international passengers, up 18%; and 1,690 transit passengers, down 76%. The airport processed 456 tons of cargo during the month. Aircraft operations were up 7% to 36,302.

“For the first time this year, we have seen growth in our international markets. Although international business has been relatively flat this year, we are encouraged to see how strong Vacation Express’ Caribbean destinations are selling”, said Larry Gouldthorpe, President of TBI Airport Management, Inc. Larry Dale, President of the Sanford Airport Authority, also commented on the airport’s performance, “So far this year, we’ve seen over 19% more passengers through the airport during the first quarter; that’s nearly 2% better than last year’s growth.” In addition, Daryl McLain, Seminole County Chairman, stated “The team at Orlando Sanford is to be commended as the Airport continues to provide the residents of Seminole County with convenient and affordable travel alternatives.”

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).