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Positive Trend Continues At Orlando Sanford
September Passenger Traffic Up Nearly 25%

Sanford, FL, October 21, 2003 – Passenger traffic at Orlando Sanford International Airport (SFB) for September was up nearly 25% compared to September 2002, marking the third straight month of passenger growth. The airport saw 149,552 passengers pass through its terminals during the month. While year-to-date figures show total passenger traffic is down 9%, the airport remains on pace to show positive growth by the end of the year. The traffic mix for September was 33,937 domestic travelers, up 116%; and 115,615 international, up 11%. Cargo volume was up 12%, processing 909 tons during the month, and aircraft operations were up 11% to 32,878.

Larry Dale, President of the Sanford Airport Authority remarked, “We are extremely pleased with the tremendous growth of our domestic passenger traffic, which is largely due to new service offerings by Pan American, Southeast, and TransMeridian. In addition, our international traffic continues to grow at such a significant rate that it truly validates Orlando Sanford’s role as a Central Florida gateway.”

Airports Council International (ACI) ranked SFB as the fastest growing North American airport in 2000 and 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 lower operating costs.

For more information about SFB, visit the airport’s website at

www.OrlandoSanfordAirport.com