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Palm Springs International Airport Continues its Record Setting Trends

Palm Springs, California – Palm Springs International Airport (PSP) set another passenger record in June, which is now the fourth record this year and the 11th record broken since June 2021.

PSP began setting new passenger records in June 2021, a trend that has continued every month since, with the exception of January and February which saw a temporary slowdown in air travel due to the Omicron variant of COVID. While January and February 2022 were not record-breaking months, they exceeded January and February 2021 by 200.2% and 142.3%, respectively.

"While we traditionally slow down in the summer, this year it's busier than we've ever seen it," said Harry Barrett, Executive Director of Aviation. "With new summer routes from Southwest Airlines, Alaska Airlines, and aha!, we have more summer nonstop routes, airlines, and flights than in any previous summer."

PSP's Total Passenger Count for June was 142,524, an increase of 9.7% compared to the previous record set in June 2021. So far this year, March beat its previous record set in 2019 by 0.5%, April exceeded its 2019 record by 17.5%, and May beat its previous record, also set in 2019, by 22.3%.

"We continue to set records at a time we previously thought would still be below pre-pandemic levels," said Barrett. "By the late 2020, the data indicated a return to pre-pandemic numbers sometime in early 2023. Not only have we exceeded those numbers, but we've experienced an unexpected and unprecedented level of growth in the past year."

The rapid addition of new airlines and routes at PSP has put some constraints on the terminal facilities, but the airport is making headway on short-term fixes and planning long-term solutions. The airport will expand passenger circulation areas at all gates on the Bono concourse in the coming months, and PSP will also renovate and expand existing restrooms.

Earlier this year, PSP added CLEAR expedited security lines to their TSA Checkpoint to lessen the time to go through security, and passengers can now use the Grab airport food app to order ahead



from any PSP restaurant. The airport has also added self-checkout kiosks at all airport shops allowing passengers to pay for their items without waiting in line for a cashier.

PSP expects the rest of the year to finish strong, and 2022 may become the airport's busiest year on record, with more seats and flights currently scheduled than in 2021 or 2019.

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ABOUT PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Palm Springs International Airport (PSP) is owned and operated by the City of Palm Springs and is the only commercial service airport in the Coachella Valley. The airport's 13 air carriers provide nonstop service to more than 30 airports in season, including 5 in Canada, and 13 airports year-round. US nonstop routes include Atlanta, Austin, Bellingham, Boise, Boston, Chicago O'Hare, Dallas Love, Dallas/Fort Worth, Denver, Des Moines, Eugene, Everett, Houston, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Nashville, New York City-JFK, Oakland, Phoenix, Portland, Provo, Reno, Sacramento, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, San Jose, and Seattle. Canadian nonstop routes include Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, Vancouver, and Winnipeg. PSP is served by aha!, Air Canada, Alaska, Allegiant, American, Delta, Flair, JetBlue, Southwest, Sun Country, Swoop, United, and WestJet. Some airlines and routes operate only on a seasonal basis. For additional information, please refer to flyPSP.com or get social with PSP on Facebook (www.facebook.com/flyPSP), Twitter (@flyPSP), or Instagram (@flyPSP) to stay informed about the airport and the airlines that serve the Coachella Valley.