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Southwest Airlines Marks 25 Years of Operations at Bradley International Airport

Windsor Locks, CONN – Oct. 31, 2024 – The Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) congratulates Southwest Airlines on its 25th anniversary of service at Bradley International Airport.

Southwest Airlines inaugurated its operations at Bradley International Airport on October 31, 1999. Today, the airline offers nonstop flights to eight cities, with up to 13 daily departures to Baltimore, Chicago (Midway), Denver, Nashville, Orlando, and Tampa, as well as seasonal service to Fort Lauderdale and Fort Myers.

“For 25 years, Southwest Airlines has been a great partner at Bradley International Airport, becoming an integral part of our airline network, serving millions of passengers over the years,” said CAA Executive Director Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E. “We appreciate Southwest’s continued commitment to our community and look forward to many more successful years.”

“We’re thankful for the Connecticut Airport Authority’s longstanding support of Southwest Airlines which has enabled us to grow into one of the largest airlines serving the greater Hartford region,” said Steve Sisneros, Vice President of Airport Affairs at Southwest Airlines. “As we look ahead to our next era at Bradley International Airport, we’re appreciative of our Employees who are serving our Customers with our famous Heart and Hospitality that continues setting us apart from others in the airline industry.”

Today, Southwest Airlines operates three gates and employs more than 90 people at Bradley International Airport. In 2023, the airline served more than 1.1 million passengers at the airport.

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About Bradley International Airport

Bradley International Airport (BDL) is New England’s second-largest airport. Recognized nationally by leading travel publications for its ease of travel, Bradley International Airport is ready to welcome you with new nonstops and expanded services. The award-winning airport is operated by the Connecticut Airport Authority, and its operations are entirely self-funded. The airport contributes nearly \$3.6 billion to the regional economy. For more info, visit www.bradleyairport.com.

About The Connecticut Airport Authority

The CAA was established in 2011 to develop, improve, and operate Bradley International Airport and the state's five general aviation airports (Danielson, Groton-New London, Hartford-Brainard, Waterbury-Oxford, and Windham). The CAA Board consists of 11 members with a broad spectrum of experience in aviation-related and other industries, as well as government. The goal of the CAA is to make Connecticut's airports more attractive to new airlines, bring in new routes, and support Connecticut's overall economic development and growth strategy. For more info, visit www.ctairports.org.



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