

## JANUARY 2017 Update- All things Aviation:



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### **Southwest Juggles JWA Flights**

In a shuffling of airline allocations at John Wayne Airport, Southwest will lose seven daily flights and nearly 1 million passenger seats in 2017. Gone from the Southwest roster will be relatively new flights to Mexico City and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, Austin, Texas, Kansas City, Mo., Portland, Ore., St. Louis and Seattle. The airline still will offer 50 daily departures through JWA. Flights to Mexico City will end Jan. 4; flights to Austin, Kansas City, Portland, St. Louis and Seattle will end Jan. 14; and flights to Puerto Vallarta end April 25. Southwest added a flight to Puerto Vallarta a year ago. Domestic flights added in 2015 included routes to Seattle; Portland; Chicago; Austin, Texas; Kansas City and St. Louis.

“We are exiting nonstop service in these relatively new and initially successful markets to stay within the newly assigned limits of our capacity for 2017,” Southwest said in a statement. The flight reduction means Southwest will have 938,999 fewer seats allocated for 2017. Meanwhile, Alaska/Horizon will pick up 257,596 additional seats, Delta 387,630, and United gets 296,346.

### *JWA October Statistics*

Airline passenger traffic at John Wayne Airport increased in October 2016 as compared with October 2015. In October 2016, the Airport served 918,116 passengers, an increase of 3.0% when compared with the October 2015 passenger traffic count of 891,073. In October 2016, commercial aircraft operations increased 10.2% and commuter aircraft operations decreased 72.9% when compared with October 2015 levels.

Through the first ten months of 2016, the MAP count at the airport is 8.74 MAP which was 5% ahead of the same period in 2015. The ADDs for October 2016 were 128.02 vs. 119.76 for the same month last year a difference of approximately 9 flights per day.

### **Metroplex**

A final reminder that you can learn about changes in flight paths at John Wayne Airport that are proposed to occur in March and April 2017 that will upgrade the existing system to satellite-based technology at an open forum to discuss the proposed changes.

#### Open Forum:

**Date:** Wednesday, February 1, 2017

**Time:** 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Oasis Senior Center — Evelyn Hart Event Center

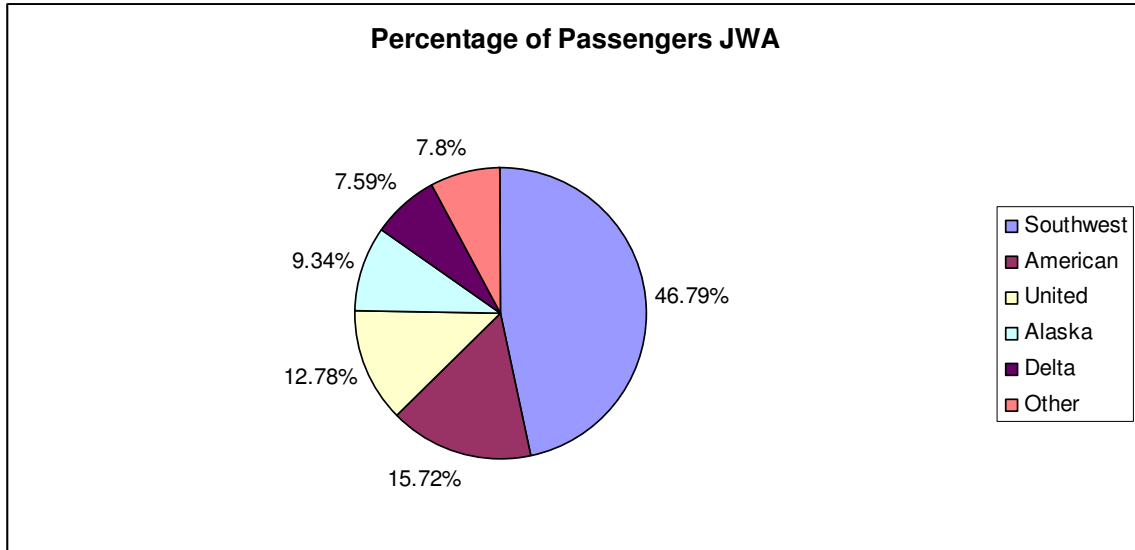
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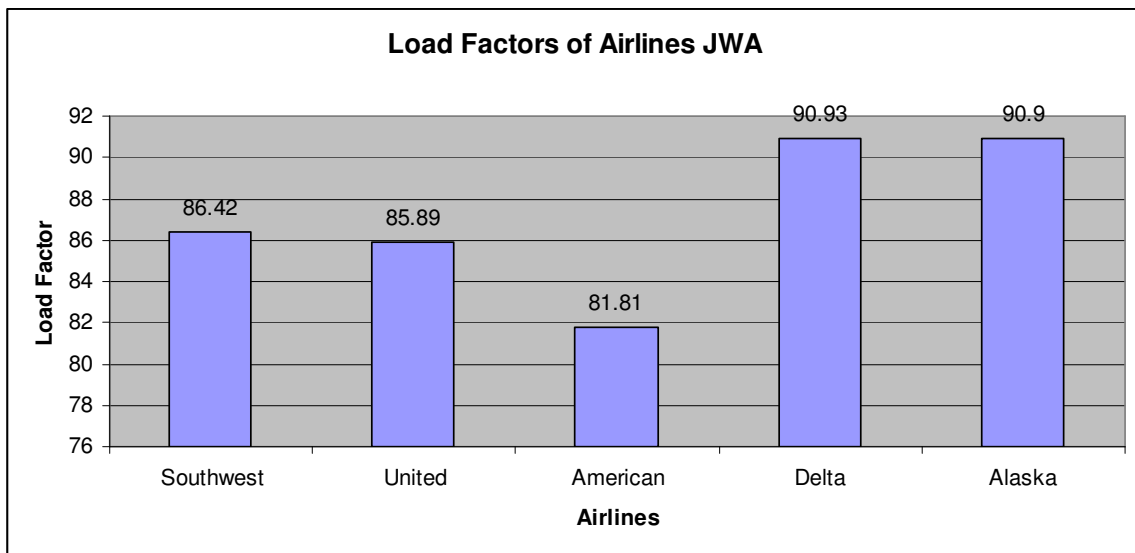
Contrary to what some residents may believe, Metroplex changes to departures have not been implemented. The first implementation to proposed Metroplex departures is scheduled to occur on or about March 2, 2017, with the implementation of the PIGGN departure and which will affect approximately 50% of the commercial departures from JWA. The PIGGN will serve planes departing JWA and travelling west of Las Vegas.

The other two commercial departures pursuant to Metroplex, the HHERO and FINNZ are scheduled to be implemented on or about April 27, 2017 and are for departures west of Las Vegas.

*Breakdown by Carriers at JWA Through October 2016*



*Load Factors<sup>1</sup> of Carriers at JWA Through October 2016*



<sup>1</sup> Passenger load factor measures the capacity utilization of service by the airline.

## **More Planes**

In responding to questions about departures from JWA, there is a definite increased awareness of aircraft departing from JWA, part of which can be attributed to the large increase in passengers at the airport over the last couple of years due to the healthy and robust economy. Currently the airport is on track to serve approximately 10.5+ MAP, whereas a few years ago, in 2010, the airport was serving almost 2 Million less passengers. In addition there are an increasing number of private aircraft, including private jets for businesses in the area. Using the second quarter of 2016 as an example, it shows 127+ Commercial Jet Operations a day plus another 46+ General Aviation Jet operations a day for a total of 173 Average Daily Departures of jet aircraft.

## **Airports in the Region**

### *LAX-2016*

LAX passenger figures for November and December 2016 pushed the total MAP for 2016 to 80.9 MAP. November of 2016 showed an overall increase by +7.75% and +8.0% for the first eleven months of the year of the year versus the same time periods last year for both domestic and international passengers. Meanwhile December of 2016 showed an overall increase of 7.46% for the month and 7.96% increase for 2016 versus 2015.

### *Ontario-2016*

Ontario International Airport showed a very slight increase for the year ending 2016, as the airport served 4.251 MAP. The airport had a 5.26 percent increase in passenger traffic in November over the same month in 2015 and a 4.36% increase in December over the same period last year. The airport has seven air carriers, with service to 13 U.S. cities and Mexico, with about 62 daily departures. Southwest Airlines began offering new daily nonstop flight from ONT to Dallas Love Field starting Jan. 15, 2017. The top four airlines in 2016 based on passenger count were Southwest Airlines

(2,417,953), American Airlines (823,209), Alaska Airlines (369,985) and United Airlines (336,926). Air cargo freight handled at ONT increased 6.0 percent from 58,829 tons in December 2015 to 62,341 tons in December 2016. For all of 2016, air cargo freight tons handled jumped 12.5 percent from 483,010 tons in 2015 to 543,328 tons in 2016.