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HOLIDAY TRAVEL

PARKING LOTS CONGESTED – SECURITY LINES LONG – BUSINESS IS GOOD!

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (JMAA) is expecting high numbers of travelers to use the Jackson-Evers International Airport (JEIA) during this year's Thanksgiving holiday season. With high traffic volumes averaging an estimated 3,000 passengers per day, parking facilities will fill quickly and the security checkpoint lines will likely be long. The key to trouble free travel is extra time! Come early and be patient. Heavy travel volumes and the enhanced security process may mean longer lines at security checkpoints.

“We are very pleased to note that our holiday passenger reservations have increased approximately 2% over last year's Thanksgiving week, which is in line with our annual growth trend. Our airline partners report that we currently have reservations for over 33,000 passengers traveling through JEIA between November 19th and November 29th of this year” said Dirk B. Vanderleest, chief executive officer of the Airport Authority.

JMAA has three parking lots for travelers and a Cell Phone Waiting Lot for our customers waiting to pick-up family and friends. The long term parking lot on South Hangar Drive is a credit card only access lot to allow you to come and go without waiting in line. The flat rate is \$8.00 per calendar day, and a free shuttle will take you and from the passenger terminal. The Garage and Surface Lots are also available at \$13.00 and \$11.00 per day. As our lots fill with customers, parking personnel and signage will be posted to direct customers to an open area.

Know before you go - check our website at www.jmaa.com for flight schedule information; hot links and toll free phone numbers for airlines and rental car reservations, as well as parking availability. Pack smart - don't over pack luggage, TSA screeners may have to open bags for further examination. Check your luggage and carry-on bags for any prohibited items. You may bring small amounts of liquids in your carry-on bags, remember 3 –1–1 = 3 ounce bottle or less; 1 quart-sized, clear, plastic, zip-top bag; 1 bag per passenger placed in screening bin. JMAA has courtesy bags available to passengers at the screening checkpoints. Laptops, cameras, jewelry and other expensive or fragile items should never be checked in luggage. Keep it with you but be prepared to have it screened “out of the bag” when you arrive at the security checkpoint. For more tips on TSA security rules and procedures visit their website at www.TSA.gov.

Each airline has a different policy on checked luggage options. Please be sure to check with your airline on the number of checked bags allowed per passenger, and the fees for each by visiting the airlines' website or calling their toll free numbers. Visit www.jmaa.com for hot links and toll free numbers.