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Volaris Increases Service from Chicago Midway to Mexico

Airline adds nonstop passenger service between Chicago-Mexico City, Zacatecas and Morelia

CHICAGO – The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) welcomes new service between Mexico City and Chicago Midway International Airport today from Mexico-based, low-cost carrier Volaris Airlines. Volaris will also add two additional destinations to Mexico, Zacatecas and Morelia, starting November 10 and 11, respectively.

CDA First Deputy Commissioner Michael Boland will join Martin Sandoval, State Senator (D-Chicago) Chairman of the Illinois Senate Transportation Committee; Eduardo Arnal Palomera, Consul General of Mexico; Jose Calderoni, Product and Customer Service Experience Director, Volaris; and Netza Roldan, Director, Casa Ciudad de Mexico, in Chicago to welcome the inaugural flight from Mexico City arriving at Midway. Upon arrival, the inaugural flight will be celebrated with a water cannon salute by the Chicago Fire Department and a reception in the terminal's Concourse A. The aircraft, an Airbus 319, is branded with an iconic Chicago-themed logo.

“On behalf of Mayor Rahm Emanuel, we are pleased to welcome new service by Volaris between Chicago and three of Mexico’s major financial, cultural and educational centers - Mexico City, Morelia, and Zacatecas,” said Commissioner Rosemarie S. Andolino. “We are pleased Volaris will offer low-cost travel between the U.S. and Mexico. Volaris’ emphasis on customer service, affordability and convenience is a perfect fit for Midway International Airport.”

Volaris Airlines will offer service four times a week between Chicago and Mexico City on an Airbus 319 aircraft with seating for 144 passengers. Starting November 10, the airline will add twice-weekly flights to Zacatecas, and on November 11, twice-weekly flights to Morelia.

“For Volaris, it is extremely relevant to continue expanding routes and frequency offerings to destinations as important as Chicago, given the cultural, social, and economic ties that unite this city with Mexico, through its people and families, in both nations,” said Calderoni.

In December 2010, Volaris began non-stop daily service to Guadalajara, Mexico between Chicago Midway International Airport and Guadalajara International Airport. Chicago was the fourth U.S. destination launch for Volaris Airlines. The carrier also serves Los Angeles, Oakland/San Francisco, San Jose, San Diego, Las Vegas and Fresno.

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At Midway, three airlines currently provide scheduled, non-stop service to international destinations in Mexico and Canada. This increase in service is a result of the CDA's ongoing efforts to attract new international and domestic carriers to the Chicago market. In total, seven airlines serve 60 destinations from Midway.

For more information about Volaris Airlines, please visit www.volaris.mx

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ABOUT THE CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION (CDA)

The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit www.flychicago.com to learn more about the Chicago Department of Aviation.

The O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), overseen by the CDA, transforms O'Hare's airfield from an outdated system of intersecting runways into a modern parallel runway configuration. The program will reduce overall delays at the Airport by 79 percent, and bad weather delays by 95 percent. It will create 195,000 new jobs and \$18 billion in additional economic activity each year. Please visit www.oharemodernization.org to learn more about the OMP.

Since 2009, Chicago's airports have welcomed many new domestic and international passenger airlines. Those include low-cost carriers Iceland Express, Virgin America, Volaris and VivaAerobus, network passenger carriers Etihad Airways, Cathay Pacific Airways and Copa Airlines (December 2011); and small community air service provider Air Choice One. New international cargo carriers include AirBridgeCargo Airlines, Qatar Airways Cargo and Yangtze River Express Airlines.

ABOUT VOLARIS

VOLARIS, Mexico's low-cost airline, operates with a modern fleet composed of thirty-three Airbus A320 airplanes averaging 4.5 years in service. Volaris serves 54 routes connecting 24 cities in Mexico and 7 in the US, including Los Angeles, Oakland/San Francisco, San José, San Diego, and Fresno in California; Las Vegas, Nevada; and Chicago, Illinois. The carrier began operating in March 2006 and has over 2,100 Ambassadors – or employees. For more information, please visit www.volaris.mx

Editor's note: Higher resolution of photo below available upon request.



Caption – The Volaris Airbus 319 aircraft branded with an iconic Chicago-themed logo. Photo courtesy: Volaris Airlines