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## **AKRON-CANTON AIRPORT REPORTS RECORD FIRST QUARTER PASSENGERS**

Green, OH: Travelers in northeastern Ohio like low fares and value a smaller airport experience. Just ask the record number of passengers beginning their trips from Akron-Canton Airport (CAK). In the first quarter of the year, more than 317,000 travelers passed through the terminal, compared to 290,000 in 2004, accounting for a 9.7 percent increase. In March more than 119,000 passengers used the airport compared to 108,600 in the same month last year.

AirTran Airways, Delta Connection, Northwest AirlinK and US Airways Express each increased ridership in the first quarter compared to last year. More nonstop flights, bigger airplanes and increased frequency helped these carriers add passengers. Plus, Akron-Canton offers the lowest average fare in Ohio, thanks primarily to the explosive growth of AirTran Airways at CAK.

"It is a privilege to serve an increasing number of travelers," said airport director Fred Krum. "We will continue to focus on the customer experience, keeping it easy, efficient and safe. Thanks, northeastern Ohio."

AirTran Airways, Delta Connection, Northwest AirlinK, United Express and US Airways Express serve the growing Akron-Canton market. Plus, Frontier Airlines will begin new service to its Denver International Airport (DEN) hub beginning June 15, 2005. The two daily non-stops between Denver and Akron-Canton will utilize Frontier's new Airbus aircraft, with 33 inches of legroom, 24 channels of LiveTV and pay-per-view movies.

The airport is currently in the third phase of the \$60 million, five-year STAR expansion project, which will focus on a new \$24 million gate replacement and a new Shuffel Road interchange. The first two phases included longer runways, a new baggage claim wing, additional car parking and a food court with national brands. Additional airport information is available at [www.akroncantonairport.com](http://www.akroncantonairport.com). Akron-Canton Airport, a better way to go.

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