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Date April 09, 2007

**Receive and File the Annual Report of the Des Moines
International Airport for the year ended June 30, 2006**

WHEREAS, on September 20, 1993, by Roll Call No. 93-3490, the Des Moines City Council approved Ordinance No.12,040, assigning certain rights and responsibilities pertaining to the Airport to the Des Moines International Airport Board (hereinafter called the "Airport Board"), including the responsibility to prepare and deliver to the City Council an Annual Report covering program activities and financial status within one hundred and twenty days after the end of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, on September 7, 1994, by Resolution No. A94-234, the Airport Board directed that an Annual Report be prepared in simple, easy to read format; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2007, by Resolution No. A07-50, the Airport Board approved the FY 2005/06 Annual Report and authorized its submittal to City Council;

WHEREAS, the Annual Report has been prepared and is complete: NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF DES MOINES, IOWA:

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That (1) the FY 2005/06 Annual Report be received and filed and (2) the letter from the Airport Board Chairperson be received and filed.

(Council Communication 07-198 is attached.)

Moved by _____ to adopt.

Approved as to form:



David A. Ferree
Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
HENSLEY				
KIERNAN				
MAHAFFEY				
MEYER				
VLASSIS				
TOTAL				
MOTION CARRIED	APPROVED			

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

Mayor

City Clerk

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March 12, 2007

The Honorable Mayor and Members of
the Des Moines City Council
400 Robert D. Ray Drive
Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: FY06 Airport Year in Review Report

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

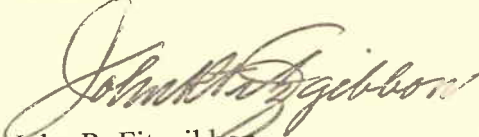
Section 2-362.03(ix) of the City of Des Moines Municipal Code, which establishes the Des Moines International Airport Board, requires the Board to:

"Prepare and deliver to the City Council an annual report covering program activities and financial status"

The operational, physical, and financial status of the Des Moines International Airport, as reflected in Airport records and City financial reports, are set forth on the following pages. The report was approved by the Airport Board on March 6, 2007, by Resolution No. A07- . Official records regarding the Airport Enterprise Fund are maintained by the City's Financial Department.

We hope you find this report informative. Should you have questions regarding this report, please contact me or Aviation Director Craig S. Smith.

Sincerely,



John R. Fitzgibbon
Airport Board Chairperson

JRF:trs

Enclosure

cc: Airport Board Members
Richard A. Clark, City Manager



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ALL-AMERICAN CITY
1949, 1976, 1981
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Year in Review

July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006

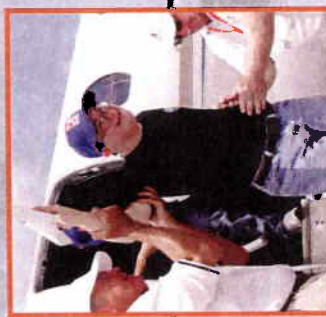


Cessna Airlift

As part of the 2006 Special Olympic USA National Games held in Ames, the Des Moines International Airport hosted one of the largest private airlifts in US history. Conducted on the Saturdays prior to and immediately following the games (July 1 and July 8), the Cessna Airlift provided landing and takeoff of over 230 Cessna Citations carrying athletes and coaches from all over the country. During each day, an aircraft landing or takeoff occurred every 60-90 seconds and more than 1,800 athletes were transported. The operating activity levels at DSM those days exceeded that of major U.S. airports such as New York's LaGuardia. The all-volunteer effort, led nationally by the Cessna Corporation and locally by Anderson-Erickson Dairy and others, was orchestrated to perfection by the a multitude of helpers, including Aviation Department staff and Airport tenants who relocated operations and assisted in numerous ways. Great planning by staff, volunteers, and administrators made for an event that literally went off without a hitch.

"There are not enough words in the dictionary to adequately express our appreciation for everything this team did to make the 2006 Citation Airlift a tremendous success. ... There is absolutely no question that this airlift was the best ever and will always be the best – unless, of course, we do it again in Des Moines."

- Marilyn Richwing, Cessna Corporation Event Coordinator



THE BEAT GOES ON

The Des Moines International Airport (DSM) recorded its second-best enplanement year ever in 2005. The carriers that operate from our Airport boarded 951,604 passengers for the calendar year. That is bested only by 2004's near-one million mark. Thus far in 2006, we are about 10,000 enplanements ahead of last year's pace. And the beat goes on.

Because of our impressive enplanement increases in recent years, central Iowa air travelers are being rewarded with enhanced commercial service. Comair, the Delta Connection, started flying to Salt Lake City again and American Eagle started service to New York's LaGuardia Airport. Both services are wonderful for our community and bring the non-stop destination total to 17 cities.

Cargo-handling took a significant uplift in 2005. Our airport cargo handlers moved more than 200 million pounds for the first time since 2002. DSM outpaced the rest of the nation by double digits.

We saw the expansion of the security screening checkpoint completed. With four lanes now available at our passenger screening checkpoint, and a renewed effort by our TSA partners, DSM now boasts some of the shortest wait times in the country. Not only is the expansion functional but very attractive as well. Our policy of making foot-covers ("booties") available for passengers who remove their shoes has landed us on the pages of *USA Today*.

We began construction on an expansion and remodeling of our airside restaurant and gift shop. Completion is a few months away, but travelers are going to be pleased with the results. We continue to move forward with obtaining the necessary land to build a replacement 5,500 foot parallel runway. Actual construction is a few years off, but our commitment to serve all the aviation needs of central Iowa in a safe and efficient manner is unwavering.

We have seen several staff changes in senior management. Often, these changes produce an obstacle for organizations. That is not the case here. This Airport continues to operate in a professional and efficient manner. That is a result of having very competent and reliable people.

Speaking of good people: we received accolades from across the Nation regarding our handling of the Cessna Airlift in support of the Special Olympics USA National Games. In a 12-hour period, more than 230 Cessna aircraft arrived and departed; one week later we duplicated the effort in the same amount of time. It went off without a hitch.

Lastly, I want to inform everyone that 2007 will be the 75th Anniversary of the Des Moines International Airport. We are planning to celebrate this achievement in grand style. I hope all of you are as proud of the progress we have made as I am. Enjoy the celebrations!

And the beat goes on.....



John Fitzgibbon
Chairman

Improvements and Enhancements

Passenger Screening Area Expansion – A total of 18,000 sq. ft. were added to the upper and lower levels of the passenger screening area. This expansion allowed the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to staff and equip up to four lanes at the passenger screening checkpoint, doubling the previous capacity. As a result, the Airport saw a significant reduction in wait-times during the 2005-06 holiday season. Also added as part of this project were four new escalators, two new restrooms, training facilities and an employee break-room leased to the TSA, a new mid-concourse freight elevator, and expanded storage areas. All of these features provide the traveler a more efficient entrance to the airline hold room areas of the Airport, and allow for faster processing through the checkpoint. The \$4.7 million renovation was paid for through airline Passenger Facility Charge collections. The next phase of the concourse expansion includes an expanded Brew Pub Restaurant and Paradies Gift Shop to be completed in the Fall of 2006.

South Cargo Building – This project was finished during this fiscal year with tenants to move in the Fall of 2006. Federal Express and Evergreen are set to take up residency in the 27,500 sq. ft. building. The building's spacious floor plan and location provide for landside and airside access perfect for cargo handling operations.

Runway 13-31 Overlay – The entire length of the Airport's main runway was resurfaced, removing three inches of existing surface and replacing it with a seven-inch overlay. A new runway lighting system was also installed, and new paved shoulders provide improved drainage and more room for maintenance. Completion of this allows the Airport to fully implement its Preferential Runway Usage Plan. This plan allows air traffic controllers to route traffic to any runway configuration/sequence that facilitates airspace efficiency and minimizes noise exposure to area residents and businesses.



Passenger Screening Area Expansion



South Cargo Building



Runway 13-31 Overlay

