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## SLC INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT REPORTS RECORD PASSENGER GROWTH...AGAIN

**Salt Lake City, UT**– Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC) is reporting record passenger growth from January through December 2017. Passenger counts totaled 24,198,816, which is an increase of 4.5 percent. This is the first time SLC has logged more than 24 million passengers within a 12-month period.

During the 12 months, domestic passengers totaled 23,285,188—an increase of nearly 4 percent—while international passengers totaled 913,628—an increase of more than 20 percent.

"The is the second consecutive year of record-breaking passenger growth," said Bill Wyatt, executive director, Salt Lake City Department of Airports. "This continual increase in passenger numbers demonstrates just one of the reasons why we are in need of a new airport."

SLC's Terminal 1 was built in the early 1960s, while Terminal 2 was constructed in the late 1970s early 1980s to accommodate 10 million domestic passengers. Through the years, SLC has attracted international air service as well as become a hub operation for Delta Air Lines.

Today, SLC is the 25<sup>th</sup> busiest airport in North America and the 85<sup>th</sup> busiest in the world. More than 330 flights depart daily to 95 nonstop destinations. SLC is currently undergoing a \$3.6 billion redevelopment program, the first phase of which will be completed in 2020. The project is being funded by user fees—primarily from airlines serving SLC—but also parking fees, rental car fees and passenger facility charges. No local tax dollars are being spent on the project.

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