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## **Travel News from COU**

*Spring 2011*

### A Message from Airport Administration



Greetings from Columbia Regional! At last we are ready to put the snow plows away and transition to summer. Despite a harsh winter, Columbia Regional has been enjoying high load factors, and passenger enplanements continue to rise. Delta Air Lines service to Memphis pushed enplanements in 2010 to over 35,000, a level not seen since the early 1990's. Delta continues to do well and we are pleased with their service. We are and will continue to work to provide the best airline service with the best connections for our mid-Missouri travelers.

As summer construction gets started, we will be installing a new perimeter fence to ensure wildlife and aircraft do not meet, as well as completing engineering for a taxi-way rehabilitation. We are also in the environmental process of extending both of our runways and corresponding taxi-ways. The airports five year plan includes more than 30 million dollars in airfield improvements, using primarily federal dollars from the Airport Improvement Project funding (AIP).

The Airport will aggressively work to meet the demanding needs of the traveling public today and into the future. As we start our ambitious five year capital improvement projects, as well as continuing our air service development to expand air service, the city and the airport staff will be diligently working to ensure that all of the mid-Missouri travelers have a first class flying experience. After all, why drive when its so easy to fly? Take care and I will see you at the airport!

Andrew J. Schneider  
Manager of Columbia Regional Airport

## Make Plans to Attend the Airshow



May 28 & 29 marks the 23rd annual Salute to Veterans Airshow at Columbia Regional Airport. This event celebrates the true spirit of Memorial Day. Admission is free and shuttle service from Columbia and Jefferson City

are available. For complete details go online to [www.salute.org](http://www.salute.org). Presented by the Memorial Day Weekend Salute To Veterans Corporation, a 501c3 organization.



## Expansion of Highway 63 to Begin

Missouri Department of Transportation has announced plans for a major construction project on Highway 63, which includes a new overpass at Route H.

The \$14 million project includes constructing new southbound lanes from north of Route 163 to Route H. An outer roadway would be created using the current southbound lanes. This will result in the removal of several crossovers. Construction will tentatively begin in late summer 2011.

This project should not impact the usage of Route H in 2011. When they are ready to reroute traffic we will be sure to let everyone know! Until then Route H is open and is the most accessible way to get to the passenger terminal. For more information on the overall project visit the [MoDot](http://MoDot) website.

## 2011 Passengers Counts Continue to Rise

January- 2,630  
February- 2,303  
March- 3,314

COU reports nearly 80% load factor last month, meaning of all the seats available to sell, this is the percent of seats sold. Outstanding--thank you for flying COU!

## Summer Travel Tips from TSA

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) reminds passengers to prepare before leaving for the airport. Take time at home to go through your carry-on bags to ensure you don't have liquids, gels or other prohibited items. Don't overstuff your carry-on or checked baggage. If your bag is opened for inspection, it may be difficult to repack the same way or to close. These measures will speed up the process for you and everyone in line behind you.

### **Be Prepared for Screening**

*Clothing:* To maximize efficiency at the security checkpoint, avoid wearing clothing with metal and stow all metal items in your carry-on luggage.

*Footwear:* You are required to remove footwear for X-ray screening. Wearing footwear that can be easily removed helps speed you through screening.

*Boarding Pass and ID:* When approaching the security checkpoint, passengers will be asked to present a boarding pass and a government-issued identification. Please keep the boarding pass out and available throughout screening, although you can put your ID away.

*Laptop and Video Camera:* Take your laptop and video cameras with cassettes out of their cases for X-ray screening.

*Locking Checked Bags:* When locking checked baggage use a TSA accepted lock. A list of these locks can be found at [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov).

### **Handle Prohibited Items Properly**

Remember that firearms, ammunition and knives are prohibited at the passenger checkpoint. Pocket knives, self-defense sprays and other potential weapons are also prohibited.

*Fireworks:* All fireworks are made with explosive materials and are not permitted in checked or carry-on baggage.

*Sporting Goods:* Some sporting gear such as golf clubs, lacrosse sticks and baseball bats must be packed in checked baggage. Detailed restrictions on sporting goods can be found at [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov).

*Camping and Hunting:* Hunting weapons, animal repellent, knives and some tools must be packed in checked baggage. Any sharp objects in checked baggage should be sheathed or securely wrapped to prevent injury to baggage handlers and security officers.

Go to the TSA Web site at [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov) for a complete list of prohibited items.

## COU's Check-in Policy



Please arrive at least **ONE HOUR** before your scheduled flight to ensure all flight arrangements and security measures are complete. **The ticket counter closes 30 minutes prior to departure** and the airline will not issue boarding passes or check baggage less than 30 minutes prior to departure.

## International Travel

Planning a trip overseas? Many international destinations are so easy to get to right from Columbia with just one stop in Memphis--including Amsterdam, Toronto & Mexico City; and seasonally to Cancun, Cozumel & Montego Bay. Check online at [www.delta.com](http://www.delta.com) and use COU as your airport code. Being flexible on your travel dates can save you even more.

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