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## Number of passengers and flights at San Diego International Airport reaches all-time annual high

*Airport experienced its busiest year ever in 2007, surpassing 18 million annual passengers for first time*

**SAN DIEGO – January 17, 2008** — San Diego International Airport (SDIA) had its busiest year ever in 2007, with all-time highs reached in the number of passengers and flights served. The numbers make 2007 the fourth consecutive record-breaking year in passenger growth for SDIA.

The airport served 18,326,761 passengers in 2007, a 4.8% increase over the 17,481,942 passengers it served in 2006 – and the first time in its history passenger numbers have exceeded 18 million. The number of flights (operations) reported by the airport in 2007 also grew to an all-time high of 227,329, a 2.9% increase over the 220,839 operations reported in 2006.

“For the last four years, passenger growth at SDIA has exceeded our projections,” said Thella F. Bowens, President/CEO of the Airport Authority. “The Airport Authority is committed to optimizing the airport to ensure it continues to meet the immediate needs of the region. We are also engaging stakeholders throughout the region in a long-range visioning process to address longer-term air transportation solutions for the region, including an ultimate build-out of Lindbergh Field.”

Aviation forecasts have projected average passenger growth rates of between 2.2% and 2.8% a year for SDIA. However, for three of the four last years, the airport’s passenger totals have far exceeded the projected growth rates.

The Airport Authority is currently analyzing proposed immediate-term improvements to SDIA so it can meet passenger demand through 2015, including a 10-gate build-out of Terminal 2 West and various parking, roadway and airfield improvements. More information is available at <http://www.sanplan.com>.

*The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority was established by state law in 2003 to operate San Diego International Airport and address the region’s long-term air transportation needs. A nine-member appointed Board representing all areas of the County governs the Airport Authority. San Diego International Airport – funded through user fees and not local taxes – served some 18.3 million passengers in 2007.*

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