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LOW COST CARRIER COMES TO TORONTO

Toronto passengers no longer need to drive to Buffalo for cheaper flights

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TORONTO—The GTAA is very pleased with today's announcement of a codeshare partnership between WestJet and Southwest Airlines. This new relationship will give Toronto Pearson's passengers the option of flying from Toronto into the United States with one of the leading US low-cost carriers.

"This is good news for our passengers. Many of them have been driving to Buffalo looking for the best deals from a low-cost airline when travelling into the US. Now they will be able to stay in Toronto, avoid the gas costs associated with driving to Buffalo, and still take advantage of great deals and great service through this partnership between WestJet and Southwest," said Lloyd McCoomb, President and CEO of the GTAA.

As part of a continuing commitment to make Toronto Pearson more competitive, the GTAA implemented a landing fee reduction on January 1, 2008, and has announced a further reduction of 25 per cent on cargo landing fees effective January 1, 2009. This new codeshare agreement between WestJet and Southwest Airlines is another step towards making Toronto Pearson a more competitive airport, enhancing the economic benefits of this region.

By late 2009, the airlines expect to announce flight schedules and additional features regarding this new relationship, which gives both airlines the ability to offer codeshare flights across both networks.

The GTAA is the non-share, not for profit authority that operates Toronto Pearson. All revenue generated by the GTAA is reinvested back into the airport. In 2007, 31.5 million passengers travelled through Toronto Pearson.

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