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## Greetings!

It looks to me like "our" airport is getting pretty world class. And the best part - it is managed and maintained by great people. It's home. It's good.

Cheers!  
Hyla

## TSA Precheck

**TSA Pre✓® ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITY  
IS COMING  
TO THE ROGUE VALLEY INTERNATIONAL -  
MEDFORD AIRPORT**



Rogue Valley International - Medford Airport is excited to announce TSA Pre✓® Enrollment services will soon be coming to Medford. Individuals can begin to pre-enroll and schedule for an appointment ahead of time, which is encouraged. The enrollment services will be on-site in the Airport's Oval Office beginning April 11, 2017, and available through April 22, 2017. Hours of enrollment will be 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Enrollment will not be available Sunday and Monday. Customers can also call the MorphoTrust Call Center at 855-347-8371 to begin the process. Those wishing to enroll online should go to: [www.tsa.gov/precheck](http://www.tsa.gov/precheck).

In addition, walk-in enrollments will also be



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accepted; however, if extended wait times as individuals who have pre-scheduled appointments will be a priority.

Cost to enroll in TSA's Pre✓® program is \$85.00 for a five-year membership. Those applying must have required documentation.

TSA initially rolled out PreCheck in 2011 as a pilot program. Since then it has continued to gain popularity. The program allows expedited screening for individuals who have opted into an increased vetting program. After being approved these travelers are issued a "Known Traveler Number". At participating airports enrolled passengers can experience reduced screening requirements, which allows them to keep their shoes, belts, and outerwear on, and reduces the requirement to remove laptops, liquids and gels. It is much more convenient and minimizes the congestion at checkpoints.

"We have been working on arranging for the temporary services to be available here in Medford for quite some time," stated Airport Director Bern Case. "This will be the opportunity for those individuals who have shown an interest in getting enrolled in the program. It can be done right here in Medford during the two weeks in April."

The Airport is in full support of TSA Pre✓® Enrollment and will be validating parking for those coming to the Oval Office to participate.

**American Airlines**

**ROGUE VALLEY INTERNATIONAL-MEDFORD  
AIRPORT ANNOUNCES NEW SERVICE  
PROVIDED BY AMERICAN AIRLINES**



Officials of the Rogue Valley International - Medford Airport are thrilled to announce new daily service to Sky Harbor International Airport in Phoenix, Arizona, and Los Angeles World Airports by American Airlines beginning June 2, 2017. The flights will be operated by SkyWest flying as American Eagle. Bookings are currently available. Information on flight schedules can be viewed at [www.aa.com](http://www.aa.com). Equipment for these routes will be the Canada Regional Jet 700. The aircraft will have first class and coach seating.

"This is something we've been working on for quite some time for our community," stated Bern Case, Airport Director. "We're definitely pleased that they see the potential for successful service in our market and we will support them however we can."

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**The TSA website has lots of resources for travelers. Click their logo to go there.**



The anticipated route will begin in Los Angeles, stop in Medford, and continue to Phoenix. The turnaround will be Phoenix to Medford and back to Los Angeles.

The Airport has been working to recruit new service, with a focus on Phoenix, since the departure of US Airways in 2008. With American's announcement to provide service to both, it will fulfill the Airport's long-term goal and provide additional service to Los Angeles.

### **Airbuses, 737s will return to Medford**



United Airlines is poised to bring back big birds with plenty of first-class seating to the Rogue Valley. It's been 15 years

since the legacy airline pulled its Boeing 737s off the Medford-San Francisco route, turning over its flights to regional partner SkyWest Airlines.

The first week of April, a 128-passenger United Airbus A319 will arrive from San Francisco International late in the evening and depart at 5:40 each morning. SkyWest operator United Express will handle two other daily departures for the Bay Area.

"It's a reaction to overall increased demand from Medford to everywhere else," Ashland-based air travel writer Ed Perkins said. "The return of mainline service is a good sign for the Medford airport."

Travelers booking flights in recent weeks have had the option, but United has yet to publicize the move. Based on United.com website prices, round-trip fares will still top \$400.

United and United Express formed a dominant combination before Alaska's Horizon Air unit surpassed the carrier in late 2005. In February 2014, United Express dipped to a low-water mark of 9,966 passengers.

Triggered by a switch to 76-passenger Embraer-manufactured E175s in 2015, United Express rebounded in a big way, hauling nearly 27,000 passengers last August.

Airport Director Bern Case said back-to-back record years supported United's decision. "The market is warranting it," he said.

Perkins suggested United's gate issues at San Francisco played a key role in the decision. "United has a capacity problem in San Francisco, because it doesn't have gates," he said. "Without being a fly on the wall, I can only speculate, but I think it's a trade-off between bigger airplanes and lower frequency.



### Real time flight info and schedules



### Travel Tips



### IF YOU GET THIS FAR...

We have a lot in common even though we don't think we do. Watch....



These maps will surprise you.



They'll keep the same number of seats while alleviating congestion at San Francisco."

United also will use Boeing 737s between Medford and San Francisco. On Memorial Day weekend, for example, United will employ a 138-passenger Boeing 737-800, equipped with 16 first-class seats. That's 62 more passengers than the E175s.

The size of the aircraft triggers contract clauses requiring regular United flight crews to make the runs. Delta Global Services, which provides ground crews for United Express and Delta Connection flights, will also handle the legacy airline operations.

United's unions may not have agreed to the arrangement 10 years ago, Case said, but are more willing at this point.

There are other possible factors in the pursuit of market share. Alaska Air Group has completed its acquisition of Virgin America, whose West Coast hub is San Francisco. The Seattle-based airline has yet to integrate the operations, but there is a possibility Alaska could add a Bay Area connection in the future.

"It will be interesting to see if United makes seats available at lower fares," Perkins said. "That's always been the complaint when you're flying from Medford to San Francisco."

Indeed, United flights to Los Angeles, via San Francisco, are cheaper than flights terminating in the Bay Area. "It's the old hidden city thing, where airlines keep prices high to protect fortress hubs and cut prices on connections through those cities," Perkins said.

For years, flights between the Bay Area and Rogue Valley have been plagued by weather cancellations and fog delays that can mess up connections. Case has long held the belief that larger aircraft are more likely to get clearance for takeoff.

"A 30-passenger plane doesn't get near the priority of a 150-passenger plane," Case said. Some travelers have nixed San Francisco as an option all together.

"It's great that there is a bigger plane that opens up more seats," said Brian Mein of Caveman Travel. "I'll have to wait and see what the airline plans on doing and see what actually happens."

*By Greg Stiles  
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Clever - really clever!



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