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Continued Passenger Traffic Growth for Silicon Valley's Airport in First Quarter 2015

-- Moderate Growth of 3 Percent on Average Reflects Airlines' New and Expanded Service and Economic Health --

San José, Calif. – Passenger traffic grew at <u>Mineta San Jose International Airport</u> (SJC) in February and March 2015 with increases of 3 percent and 3.2 percent, respectively, compared to the same months in 2014. SJC served 656,971 passengers in February and 761,737 passengers in March, both departing and arriving. Previously published passenger numbers for January 2015 reflected a 2.9 percent increase (see release).

The increase in travelers is due to new and expanded nonstop service to several destinations. These include Los Angeles and Seattle on <u>Delta Air Lines</u>, Honolulu on <u>Hawaiian Airlines</u>, and <u>Southwest Airlines</u> with growth to a few of the markets it serves, particularly Chicago/Midway, Los Angeles, Orange County and Seattle.

"Those traveling to and from Silicon Valley and the greater Bay Area continue to choose SJC for convenience, on-time service and the numerous nonstop destinations offered," said Director of Aviation Kim Becker. "SJC represents time and money saved for our business travelers, and convenience and familiarity for our leisure travelers. Airport staff and partners are pleased to continue to offer the world-class experience our travelers have come to know and expect."

The upward trend at SJC is expected to continue into 2015 because of expanded air service choices for Silicon Valley travelers, and continued growth in the local and global economy. Southwest Airlines, SJC's largest carrier, inaugurated daily nonstop service to Dallas Love Field on April 8. <u>Hainan Airlines</u> will launch first-ever nonstop service between Silicon Valley and Beijing, China, on June 15. Hainan will operate five flights per week - Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday - on modern Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft, marking the carrier's entry into the Bay Area market through the convenient SJC gateway.

About Mineta San José International Airport

Mineta San José International Airport (SJC) is Silicon Valley's airport, a self-supporting enterprise owned and operated by the City of San José. SJC served 9.4 million passengers in 2014, a 7 percent increase year-overyear. SJC offers approximately 130 daily flights on 11 domestic and international carriers to 31 nonstop destinations.

SJC's five-star customer service experience sets it apart from other Bay Area and US airports. Airlines and passengers respond positively to SJC's customer amenities, including modern terminal buildings, free and fast WiFi, comfortable seating with built-in power outlets, a luxurious, award-winning lounge open to all travelers, a rental car center conveniently located across from the terminals and Global Entry kiosks to expedite arriving international passengers. Silicon Valley's airport is located in San José, California's third largest city and the nation's tenth largest city. SJC facts can be found <u>here</u>. For more airport information, visit <u>www.flysanjose.com</u>.