# Veterans Day Weekend Kicks Off Silicon Valley Airport's Busiest Travel Season of the Year

*-- Plan ahead and arrive early for easy, on-time travel --*

**San Jose, Calif.** – Plan ahead and arrive early to Mineta San Jose International Airport (SJC) as record-breaking passenger traffic is expected over the Veterans Day holiday weekend and the year-end holidays that follow. SJC's busiest travel season begins with Veterans Day weekend, starting Friday, November 8 through Monday, November 11, 2019, and continuing through Thanksgiving and the Christmas and New Year holidays.

"Due to the on-going rapid growth of passengers at SJC, we continue to ask our travelers to plan ahead. Before arriving to SJC, have a parking plan and allow for plenty of time to get to your gate," said SJC's Assistant Director Judy Ross.

SJC expects even more passengers traveling through the airport between the Veterans Day and the New Year holidays. The Airport expects to serve 15.5 million travelers by the year-end, compared to 14.3 million passengers served in calendar year 2018. With more passengers, public parking is at a premium as spaces continue to fill on a regular basis. During the most recent three-day Columbus Day weekend, all parking lots closed for seven consecutive hours.

Travelers can check parking availability and rates before heading to SJC in one of two ways:

- Real-time parking status is online at https://www.flysanjose.com/parking, or
- Call SJC's parking services team at **408-441-5570** — anytime, any day.

These additional travel tips will help get passengers to their boarding gate faster:

- Check in online in advance and print a boarding pass. TSA and SJC airlines accept mobile boarding passes, but having a printed pass can be helpful if a mobile device experiences power or connectivity issues;

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- Even with a boarding pass, reconfirm airline flight status before leaving for the airport. Flight schedules may change due to inclement weather at the departure or arrival city, or due to other factors;

- Review the TSA's tips for packing at TSA.gov. If traveling with holiday food, beverages and gifts, leave packages unwrapped as they may need additional screening;

- Arrive to the airport early. SJC suggests arriving 90 minutes before domestic flight boarding time and two hours prior to international flight boarding; and

- Be patient if delays occur.

Need more information before traveling through SJC? Contact SJC at info@sjc.org or **408-392-3600**.

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Mineta San Jose International Airport (SJC) is Silicon Valley's airport, a self-supporting enterprise owned and operated by the City of San Jose. The airport, now in its 70th year, serves more than 15 million passengers annually, with 450 peak daily departures and arrivals on 14 international and domestic carriers to 50+ nonstop destinations. SJC was America's fastest-growing major airport in 2018, based on percentage increase in passengers served. For more airport information, visit FlySJC.com.

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