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Silicon Valley's Airport Sets a New Record with 15.7 Million Passengers Served in 2019

-- America's fastest-growing major airport over the past four years --

San Jose, Calif. – [Mineta San Jose International Airport \(SJC\)](#) passenger traffic continued to soar in 2019, with nearly 15.7 million departing and arriving passengers - a 9.3% increase with 1.3 million more customers choosing Silicon Valley's airport compared to 2018. Over the past four years, SJC has continued to be America's fastest-growing major airport.

"This marks the second consecutive year of record-breaking passenger totals for Silicon Valley's airport. This growth is due to our airlines being responsive to our travelers' needs by providing more flight options around the globe, the airport's close proximity to Fortune 500 companies, and SJC's convenience, efficiency and on-time reliability," said John Aitken, SJC Director of Aviation.

SJC travelers in 2019 enjoyed more nonstop destinations; the opening of six more gates to accommodate continued growth; the opening of a second common-use lounge; and new and exciting food, beverage and retail concessions. In addition, SJC became the first U.S. airport to offer all-digital, in-terminal advertising.

In 2020, SJC customers can expect even more nonstop destinations, more connections to a broader global network and more choices to eat.

"With the strength of our local economy and commitments from our airline partners to provide more flight choices for Silicon Valley travelers, we are excited for the opportunities in 2020 and beyond," added Aitken.

2019 Year in Review

In 2019, SJC marked another milestone by serving a record-breaking 1.3 million more passengers. Here's a look back at new flights we added that contributed to this growth:

ROUTE TYPE	NONSTOP DESTINATION	AIRLINE
Domestic	Everett (Seattle area)	Alaska
	El Paso	Southwest
	Honolulu, Oahu	Southwest
	Kahului, Maui	Southwest
	Long Beach	Southwest
	Nashville	Southwest

SJC opened a variety of passenger amenities to provide more food and beverage choices and retail:

Terminal A	Terminal B
Beer Union San Jose	Tumi
Hudson News	Rip Curl
The Club SJC (Airport Dimensions Lounge)	Chick-Fil-A
Hudson Grab & Go	Great American Bagel
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	Island Brews
	Cafe X (robotic coffee bar service)

More 2019 Accomplishments:

- Six new gates opened in Terminal B to support current and near-term passenger growth.
- Construction began on a new multi-level garage to expand Economy Lot 1 (long-term parking) adding 900 spaces and expected to open in early-2021.
- Commissioning a fleet of 10 battery-electric, zero-emission buses to transport passengers and their luggage between SJC's parking lots, rental car center and terminals. SJC's deployment is a first for a California airport and among the largest deployments for a U.S. airport.
- In partnership with Clear Channel Airports, SJC was the first U.S. airport to launch an all-digital, in-terminal advertising program.
- Reached a new 10-year agreement with airlines serving SJC that reinforces their commitment to the Silicon Valley market.

2020 Look Ahead

SJC travelers will enjoy new global connections already announced to begin in 2020:

ROUTE TYPE	NONSTOP DESTINATION	AIRLINE – Start Date in 2020
Domestic	Lihue, Kauai	Southwest – 1/19
	Kona, Hawaii	Southwest – 1/21
	Austin (new 2x daily service)	American – 4/7
	Boston (adding daytime service)	JetBlue – 6/11
	Detroit (additional daily service)	Delta – 7/6
International	Puerto Vallarta, Mexico	Alaska – 3/19
	Toronto, Canada	Air Canada – 5/4

Additionally, All Nippon Airways (ANA) will shift its daily San Jose -Tokyo service from Narita International Airport to **Haneda International Airport**, closer to central Tokyo.

Exciting food and beverage concessions planned for SJC in 2020:

TERMINAL A	TERMINAL B
Starbucks (expansion)	SJ Mac+Cheese
Gordon Biersch (expansion)	Dish Dash
Shake Shack	Trader Vic’s (full-service restaurant)
	Trader Vic’s Outpost (to-go)

For SJC’s 2019 year-end activity report, visit <https://www.flysanjose.com/financial-reports>.

SJC: Transforming How Silicon Valley Travels

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 71st year, served nearly 15.7 million passengers in 2019, with a total of 476 peak daily departures plus arrivals on 13 international and domestic carriers to 50 nonstop destinations. SJC was America’s fastest-growing major airport the past four years, based on percentage increase in passengers served. For more airport information, visit <https://www.flysanjose.com>.