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## **MIDWAY WELCOMES VOLARIS AIRLINES WITH NEW NONSTOP SERVICE TO GUADALAJARA**

CHICAGO – The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) today welcomed new service between Guadalajara and Chicago Midway from Mexico-based carrier Volaris Airlines. The inaugural flight to Midway International Airport this afternoon was celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Volaris Airlines will offer nonstop daily service between Chicago Midway International Airport and Guadalajara International Airport on an Airbus 319 aircraft with seating for 144 passengers. The daily flight to Guadalajara will depart Midway at 3:05 p.m. and arrive at 7:35 p.m. The flight from Guadalajara will depart at 9:45 a.m. and arrive to Chicago Midway at 1:35 p.m. Volaris will offer connections from Guadalajara to Mexico City and Toluca.

“On behalf of Mayor Richard M. Daley and the Chicago Department of Aviation, it is a pleasure to welcome our newest airport partner, Volaris Airlines,” said Aviation Commissioner Rosemarie S. Andolino. “Midway is the nation’s premier airport for convenient, point-to-point, value fare service. Volaris’s emphasis on customer service, affordability and convenience fits in perfectly at our airport.”

Enrique Beltranena, Volaris Managing Director and CEO; Agustin Rodriguez de la Gala, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of Mexico; Sergio D. Suárez, Federacion Jalisciense President; and Mayor Ronald M. Serpico, Village of Melrose Park joined with officials from the CDA for a ribbon-cutting ceremony this afternoon in Concourse A at Midway.

“We are glad that with this inauguration more Mexicans will be able to come to Chicago - a city of world-class status and unsurpassed beauty, to visit relatives, to enjoy the many attractions in the vicinity or to do business to benefit both our countries,” said Beltranena. “Tourists will discover two cities full of tradition, culture and a refined cuisine; businessmen will find partners willing to work and create opportunities together.”

Chicago is the fourth U.S. destination for Volaris Airlines. The carrier also serves Los Angeles, San Jose and Oakland. With the addition of Volaris, Midway now has six passenger airlines providing service to 53 cities.

For more information about Volaris Airlines please visit the website at [www.volaris.com.mx/Inicio.aspx?culture=en-US](http://www.volaris.com.mx/Inicio.aspx?culture=en-US).

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The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit [www.flychicago.com](http://www.flychicago.com) to learn more about the Chicago Department of Aviation.

The CDA continues to incorporate and expand sustainable initiatives for airport planning, operations and maintenance, and concessions and tenants in accordance with the CDA Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM) Version 2.0, released in November 2010. To view case studies, lessons learned and new technologies, and for more information on the SAM, please visit [www.airportgoinggreen.org](http://www.airportgoinggreen.org).

The O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), introduced by Mayor Richard M. Daley in June 2001, transforms O'Hare's airfield from an outdated system of intersecting runways into a modern parallel runway configuration. The program will reduce overall delays at the Airport by 79 percent, and bad weather delays by 95 percent. It will create 195,000 new jobs and \$18 billion in additional economic activity each year. Please visit [www.oharemodernization.org](http://www.oharemodernization.org) to learn more about the OMP.

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Editors Note: Photos Attached. Higher resolution images available upon request.



Photo 1 caption: Commissioner Rosemarie S. Anolino welcomes the Chicago Department of Aviation's (CDA) newest airport partner, Volaris Airlines to Midway International Airport this afternoon.

Photo credit: Chicago Department of Aviation.



Photo 2 caption: Commissioner Rosemarie S. Andolino receives a plaque from Volaris Airlines Managing Director and CEO, Enrique Beltranena and Volaris Staff. Commissioner Andolino was joined by Agustin Rodriguez de la Gala, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of Mexico; Mayor Ronald M. Serpico, Village of Melrose Park; and Mr. Sergio D. Suarez, Federacion Jalisciense, President.

Photo credit: Chicago Department of Aviation.