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O'HARE WELCOMES AUSTRIAN AIRLINES BACK TO CHICAGO

Featuring non-stop service from Chicago to Vienna

CHICAGO - The Department of Aviation announces the return of Austrian Airlines to O'Hare International Airport. The carrier, which had previously operated at O'Hare until October 2001, resumes non-stop service from Chicago to Vienna.

"We are pleased to welcome Austrian Airlines back to O'Hare Airport," said Chicago Aviation Commissioner Nuria I. Fernandez. "This carrier further enhances O'Hare's robust international service, with non-stop and direct service to 205 cities worldwide."

Austrian Airlines' Chicago flights will depart O'Hare Airport six times weekly using a Boeing 767 aircraft. A major feature of Austrian Airlines' plans include an all new Business Class service offering a variety of innovations including cocoon seats that convert into flat beds and six-course gourmet menus created by Austrian and international chefs and refined by a professional, on board chef.

"This will be Austrian's fourth North American gateway," said Paul Paflik, Austrian Airlines' General Manager in the Americas. "It represents a major expansion of our transatlantic service."

Austrian Airlines is set to mark its 50th anniversary in 2008 and currently operates the only non-stop flights from Chicago to Vienna.

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The Chicago Airport System 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 to learn more about the Chicago Airport System.

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