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Connecticut Airport Authority Marks 10th Anniversary

Windsor Locks, Connecticut (June 27, 2023) – On Saturday, July 1, 2023, Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA), the state’s leader in aviation, is turning ten.

The quasi-public agency was created by Governor Dannel Malloy and the Connecticut General Assembly in 2011, with the Connecticut Airport Authority formally taking control of its six airports in July 2013. The agency was established to develop, improve, and operate Bradley International Airport and five of the state’s general aviation airports, including Danielson, Groton-New London, Hartford-Brainard, Waterbury-Oxford and Windham airports.

“Over the last decade, our airports have thrived as we have worked to maximize their potential in Connecticut,” said Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E., Connecticut Airport Authority Executive Director. “This has resulted in better travel options for our community, easier access into the state, job creation, opportunities for our partners and ancillary businesses, and national recognition. However, we are not done yet, and we look forward to an exciting future.”

As a quasi-public agency, the Connecticut Airport Authority has been able to efficiently and effectively execute its strategies, which is key in a rapidly evolving, competitive, and often challenging aviation industry.

Highlights from the last ten years include:

Bradley International Airport

- Nine years of passenger growth (with one year impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic)
- 35% increase in nonstop flight destinations
- Reestablishment of transcontinental and transatlantic service
- Diversification of airlines, including recruitment of the airport’s first ultra-low-cost carriers, with now a total of 11 airlines operating at the airport
- Expansion of cargo operations, with nearly 3 billion pounds of cargo processed

- More than \$375 million worth of projects completed to streamline and enhance travel
- \$3.59 billion of total economic impact generated annually, representing an increase of \$1 billion compared to the last economic impact study
- Six consecutive years of national recognition by leading travel publications
- The airport's operations remain self-funded

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- Formed key partnerships, drove development, and undertook projects to increase airport capacity and maximize use
- Made more than \$60 million investments into general aviation airport infrastructure improvements
- \$400 million total economic impact generated
- Key projects across all airports include: Runway rehabilitation and addition of Fixed Base Operator (FBO) at Danielson Airport; addition of FBO at Hartford-Brainard Airport; expansion of facilities at Groton New London Airport; major taxiway and runway rehabilitation project, expansion of facilities, including two new FBO's and U.S. Customs facility at Waterbury-Oxford Airport; and addition of fuel farm and FBO at Windham Airport.

For more information about the Connecticut Airport Authority, visit www.ctairports.org or the dedicated anniversary landing [page](#).

About The Connecticut Airport Authority

The CAA was established in 2011 to develop, improve, and operate Bradley International Airport and the state's five general aviation airports (Danielson, Groton-New London, Hartford-Brainard, Waterbury-Oxford, and Windham). The CAA Board consists of 11 members with a broad spectrum of experience in aviation-related and other industries, as well as government. The goal of the CAA is to make Connecticut's airports more attractive to new airlines, bring in new routes, and support Connecticut's overall economic development and growth strategy.

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