

Mission

The Friends of Ontario Airport is a non-partisan, non-sectarian organization that unites people of all backgrounds into a special group with a common interest in aviation, and in the development and growth of Ontario International Airport (ONT) for the benefit of all persons.

Schedule of Events

NOTICE

All Friends of Ontario International Airport meetings have been **cancelled** until further notice.

Southwest Plans Return with New Route from ONT

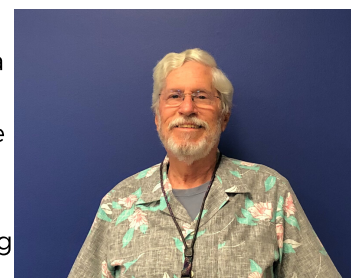
Ontario International Airport (ONT) officials cheered word from Southwest Airlines that the carrier intends to return to its full flight schedule by the end of the year with plans to initiate new, nonstop service between the Inland Empire and Houston's William P. Hobby Airport (HOU) on Nov. 1, 2020. "This is great news for the aviation industry at a time when all of us need good news," said Mark Thorpe, chief executive officer of the Ontario International Airport Authority. "The coronavirus pandemic led to decreases in passenger volumes by 90% or more virtually overnight and caused many to question whether recovery would come within years, much less months." "Air travelers are resilient by nature and Southwest's announcement is a bold and encouraging prediction that they will return to the skies sooner rather than later. Passengers are also reminded to wash hands with soap and water frequently and wear appropriate face coverings while in the airport and during flights. For updated information, please visit:

flyontario.com/press



President's Message

Hello Friends. It's June already and we still aren't able to have a Friends meeting. I don't know when our next meeting will take place, but I will keep you updated. The airport is working at restoring flights while keeping the passengers and employees safe and healthy. I hope each of you are staying safe and hope to see you all soon. Thanks for supporting the Friends.



Escalator Modernization Project

ONT has invested in an escalator modernization project for both Terminal 2 and Terminal 4. The project scope to modernize the airport's four escalators includes providing new electric control, new chain and steps. Included with self-sterilizing UV-C technology, the escalators will be safe for touching. The project is expected to finish by the end of July 2020.

Social Distancing

Social distancing has been implemented throughout ONT, encouraging passengers to stand 6 feet apart at all times. Floor decals throughout the terminals as well as COVID prevention information pull up banners and digital signage continue to remind passengers of the importance of keeping a safe distance during essential travel.



FedEx

The FedEx project includes a new aircraft parking apron area, a sorting facility, ground support staging area, and secondary and maintenance buildings. FedEx expects to complete these improvements by November 2020. Part of the agreement with FedEx was that OIAA had to perform a complete demo of the 51 acres including the existing structures above and below ground. To relocate the current tenants, OIAA had to design and build two new facilities and improve current buildings. A portion of the FedEx project will build a new taxiway, Taxiway A and rebuild the connecting Taxiway B.



DID YOU KNOW?

ONT freight shipments surged by 22% in March 2020

Read more by visiting

<https://ontmktg.info/Friends-Newsletter>



Taxiway A, April 2020



FedEx Sorting Facility Building, June 2019



New aircraft parking apron areas, sorting facility and Taxiway A, May 2020

ONT Donates to CAPSBC

"On behalf of Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County, we are very grateful to Ontario International Airport (OIAA) for their generous in-kind donation of 500 face masks and 250 individual hand sanitizers. As we continue our commitment to serve our communities during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have experienced difficulty in procuring much needed personal protective equipment for our organization. One of our highest priorities is to safeguard our employees, volunteers and the people we serve by having the necessary Personal Protective Equipment as we sort, pre-package food and household items for distribution to those hardest hit by this pandemic. The donation from OIAA came at the perfect time and we consider them a valuable partner in supporting our mission!"

Patricia L. Nichols
President and Chief Executive Officer



Meet Michelle Brantley, Director of Planning at ONT

We are very proud to introduce you to Michelle Brantley, our Director of Planning at Ontario International Airport. She has been at ONT for a year and before that was at Seattle-Tacoma Airport for over 20 years.



Ontario International Airport is her favorite place in Ontario, Ca. She especially loves the view of the mountains from the airport!



Though she likes all types of music...You can find her singing along to contemporary gospel music, her favorite!



Her favorite hobbies include floating in her pool, spending time with her family and SeaHawks football...Go Hawks!



You can find her enjoying working with the project process working group to create our Ontario Capital Program and Project Development Process

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