



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **BIGGER PLANES COMING TO AIRPORT** **First Class Seats and More Flights via American Airlines**

Travelers in and out of Corpus Christi International Airport (CCIA) will have more choice when they fly starting on June 12<sup>th</sup>. American Airlines is sending some bigger planes to CCIA. The aircraft are MD-80's which offer first class seating, more seats and more capacity than what is currently offered at CCIA.

"We are thrilled that our customers can now book first class seats out of CCIA," said Fred Segundo, Director of Aviation at the airport. "It's a great day for our customers and a wonderful sign that American Airlines has confidence in this market now and in the future," said Segundo.

The first MD-80 will arrive at CCIA at 9:50PM, June 11<sup>th</sup>. That plane will overnight at the airport and will be the first American Airlines departure the next morning. American has also added an additional flight to the daily schedule, starting June 12<sup>th</sup>. The addition of 2 MD-80 arrivals and departures each day will mean a net gain of 250 seats daily. "American has committed to the service through August," said Segundo. "If the community is successful at filling the additional seats, we can expect to keep the additional capacity going in to the Fall."

**First MD-80 Scheduled Arrival: 9:50PM, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

**First MD-80 Scheduled Departure: 7:00AM, June 12<sup>th</sup>**

Members of the media who would like to be at the airport for the first arrival or the first departure of the MD-80's should contact Kim Bridger and arrange for an escort for the photo op.

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