



# EL PASO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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## EL PASO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ANNOUNCES 4.1% PASSENGER TRAFFIC GROWTH FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

### El Paso, Texas – Monday, April 21, 2008 – El Paso International Airport Records 3rd Straight Month of Growth in 2008

The El Paso International Airport is pleased to report March 2008 passenger traffic is up 4.1% from March 2007. This is a total of 300,476 passengers in March 2008 versus a total of 288,550 passengers in March 2007. Year-To-Date (YTD) March 2008 passenger traffic remains at 5.1% above March 2007 YTD. The daily number of outbound seats for the month of March was 7,536 and daily flights numbered 67.

"Air traffic is a function of a community's economic vitality and as a testament to this, EPIA has experienced 5% plus growth year to date", said Patrick Abeln, Director of Aviation. "In an airline industry that is struggling financially and seeking consolidation and reduction of capacity (seats), this growth is an indicator of the strength of El Paso's regional economy."

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