



Region's Economy Benefits Airports



Raymond Alley is Chairman of the Shreveport Airport Authority

When first appointed to the Shreveport Airport Authority Board of Directors, it was October 2000.

Think about that for a moment - the year 2000. Remember the years preceding that we were all concerned about Y2K? We thought if we could clear that hurdle, our information technology would be safe and it would be clear sailing.

In retrospect, don't you wish that was the only "problem" or concern we have had to deal with over the last eight years?

Despite our best efforts and our use of the most-respected airline industry consultant, none of us had any idea what was in store for us as a nation or our particular region of the country: The Global War on Terror, increased fuel prices, airline mergers and bankruptcies.

While sometimes disconcerting, this is certainly an exciting time especially for Northwest Louisiana. A lot of good things are happening here, including the burgeoning movie industry, the discovery of the Haynesville Shale gas formation, and a strong economy.

Also occurring are the airport's ongoing economic development initiatives at Shreveport Regional such as Project LYNX, the long-awaited groundbreaking and construction of the air cargo ramp and distribution buildings. We also have worked closely with Headquarters Eighth Air Force to assure that our assets and those of the military are complementary of one another especially with new missions being considered by Barksdale such as CBAT (Common Battlefield Airman Training), which has the promise of bringing thousands of troops through our airport and the Shreveport-Bossier communities in unprecedented numbers.

While we have had our share of challenges, we must continue to focus on the positive. As this year's Chairman, it is my intent is to focus on the continued development of Shreveport Regional Airport as the dominant facility of its type in the area.

Given our geographic position between Dallas,

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Shreveport Regional Airport Breaks Ground on Air Cargo Buildings



Mayor Cedric B. Glover, The Shreveport Airport Authority, Federal Express and community representatives join together to break ground for the new cargo facility.

The Shreveport Airport Authority joined Shreveport Mayor Cedric B. Glover and numerous airport tenants Thursday, February 21, to break ground on two new air cargo buildings at Shreveport Regional Airport.

Once the \$7.5 million project is completed, the buildings will measure approximately 56,000 square feet and will house companies such as FedEx, United Parcel Service, DHL, Integrated Airline Services, and the U.S. Postal Service. Those companies will relocate from their existing facilities at Shreveport Regional Airport once the new buildings open in First Quarter 2009.

"Shreveport is an ideal geographical location for logistics companies such as FedEx, United Parcel Service and DHL. The latest expansion of air cargo at Shreveport Regional Airport is another example of our city's incredible infrastructure for logistics companies," said Shreveport Mayor Cedric B. Glover. "Plus, with the continued expansion of I-49 North, the Port of Shreveport-Bossier, and I-69, it is important to have the ability to expand air cargo at our region's airport."

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Jackson, Houston and Little Rock, we are a very strong player - especially as you see the airline industry rightsizing itself in smaller communities in the area. In light of this, we are continuing to aggressively pursue simple retention efforts in light of the overall industry downturn.

Absolutely none of this would be possible without the efforts put forth everyday by our magnificent people who make our airports run so effectively. Our people are some of the finest anywhere. The next time you see them going through their day, stop and say hello and thank them for what they do.

Finally, do not forget that jewel located just north of the central business district that we call Downtown Airport. Shreveport's Downtown Airport is now - based on the number of aircraft based there - the largest, yes, that's right, the largest General Aviation airport in the state of Louisiana!

Yes, the best is yet to come for our area and our airport. Keep watching us grow and, most importantly, keep flying Shreveport!

Sincerely,



Raymond Alley
Chairman, Shreveport Airport Authority

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"The Shreveport Airport Authority has been looking forward to this day for many reasons," said The Reverend Joe R. Gant, past Chairman of the Shreveport Airport Authority. "This project was identified in our previous master plan for both safety reasons and to help airport growth. This new complex will serve as the anchor for our new airport industrial and warehouse park. This new park has great potential to bring even more companies, jobs and growth to Shreveport and the region."



The primary tenant will be FedEx with nearly 26,000 square feet. Sharing the building with FedEx will be Integrated Airline Services with nearly 9,000 square feet. This building will be located on the south side of the facility.

The second building will be located on the north side of the property and will have nearly 21,000 square feet. Tenants will include United Parcel Service, DHL, and the U.S. Postal Service. The Airport Authority will also have additional space available to rent.

"This is the second largest project undertaken by the Airport Authority in nearly 40 years," said Director of Airports Roy H. Miller, Jr., A.A.E. "Through the help of the Federal Aviation Administration and working with our tenants, we have two buildings that will accommodate their plans for both today and well into the future."

"This project will help make their operations at Shreveport Regional Airport both more efficient and safer," Mr. Miller said. "I truly appreciate the efforts of our customers in making this project a reality."

The buildings are the final component to the new facilities. Already, the Airport Authority has constructed nearly 10 acres of concrete aircraft parking areas, two taxiway connectors, and a new roadway system to the cargo complex. The Airport Authority, through the Federal Aviation Administration, has already invested nearly \$15 million in improvements in this area.

The general contractor for the project is McInnis Brothers Construction. The architect and engineering firm for the project is Alliance Inc.

Reverend Joe Gant Recognized as Chairman



The Shreveport Airport Authority recognized the Reverend Joe R. Gant at its March 2008 for his service as Chairman of the Board from March 2007-February 2008. Reverend Gant was presented a plaque by new Chairman Raymond Alley, Vice Chairman Ted Roberts and Director of Airports Roy H. Miller, Jr., A.A.E.



From left, Stacy Brown, president of Shreveport-Bossier Convention & Tourism Bureau, Karen Colvin of American Eagle-SHV, Angela Tappe of the S.A.A. Marketing Dept., Raymond Alley, Chairman of the S.A.A.

PRIDE Award

American Eagle and the Shreveport Airport Authority were recognized by the Shreveport Convention & Tourism Bureau at the organization's annual PRIDE Awards (Proud Residents Involved in Developing the Economy) Dinner.

The bureau recognizes excellence in the hospitality and tourism industry. The 2008 PRIDE Awards Gala was held

Thursday, May 15, 2008, at Sam's Town Hotel & Casino.

American Eagle Airlines has consistently added new airlines service to Shreveport Regional Airport since 2001, when most airlines were reducing service. In 2007, American Eagle expanded service several times, including the addition of new non-stop Regional Jet service to Chicago O'Hare International Airport in April 2007, and the addition of a 70-seat CRJ-200 Regional Jets in December 2007. These two expansions added an additional 5,700 seats per month to Shreveport.

Shreveport Receives State of the Art Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Vehicle



Shreveport Regional Airport recently accepted delivery of a new \$828,000 Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) vehicle. The vehicle is a 2008 Oshkosh Striker 3000 crash vehicle. It carries 3000 gallons of water, 400 gallons of foam, and 500 pounds of the clean fire-fighting agent, Halotron I. The unit has six wheel-all-wheel drive, and is capable of traversing all types of terrain, including wet conditions using the Central Tire Inflation System. This system increases or decreases the tire pressure, at the touch of a button, to improve traction by changing the amount of tire surface area touching the ground. This coupled with the Oshkosh TAK-4 independent suspension system, allows for a much quicker and smoother response to all type of ARFF incidents, regardless of their location. The truck is truly "state of the art," with rear-wheel steering assist, which cuts down on rear tire wear, by allowing the rear set of tires to turn in addition to the front tires, thus cutting down on tire wear. Other high-tech innovations include a Forward Looking Infra Red camera, which allows for viewing objects through heavy smoke and fog, and allows the driver to find the hot spots in fires or hidden hot spots, or hot brake situations. It also has the ability to give a temperature read out of the area being viewed. The vehicle is also equipped with a high-definition/resolution color camera with mega-zoom capabilities.



Allegiant Air increased frequency this summer for both the Las Vegas and Orlando-Sanford flights. Both routes will increase to four per week during the summer months.

Fuel Costs Change Complexion of Airport, Airline Industry



Roy H. Miller, A.A.E.

As fuel prices continue to climb, Shreveport's airports are faced with many challenges.

Some of these new challenges are easy to see because they are in the news daily. As of this writing, nine airlines have filed bankruptcy in Spring 2008, of which all but two liquidated assets. Because of the soaring fuel costs, the airline industry is on pace to lose \$7.2 billion this year, its largest loss ever.

The long-term effect of the surge in fuel costs remains to be seen. However, many airports are seeing the effects daily with airlines reducing flights, increasing ticket prices and discontinuing discussions about expanding service. The airlines serving Shreveport are rapidly reinventing their business models in order to survive the fuel crisis. This also means its difficult for airlines to discuss adding new markets or adding more service to existing markets.

There have been a few bright rays of sunshine for Shreveport. American Eagle recently committed to adding a 12th daily flight and Allegiant Air doubled its capacity this summer by increasing to four flights each to Las Vegas and Orlando-Sanford International Airports.

However, there remains many other challenges for the airport in Shreveport and across the nation.

The rising costs of energy means more of the airports' budgets are being tapped to pay for vehicles to maintain the airport, including our tractors which are very busy this summer. The heating and cooling costs of the buildings at both airports have also risen substantially.

Despite these obstacles, the Airport Authority remains sensitive to providing the citizens of the community the same high-quality facilities and customer service which have been a source of pride for the City of Shreveport. At the same time, the Airport Authority is looking at many different ways to keep its operating costs to a minimum while still providing great service to our many customers in the Ark-La-Tex Region.

For example, since the completion of our new terminal in 2000, the Airport Authority has reinvested in the terminal with several projects to make it more functional and customer friendly. Recently, another update is to modify the entrance to the QuickPark parking lot and upgrading the service booth for this facility. And in 2007, customers noticed new floor coverings in the center atrium.

The Airport Authority has taken great care to develop the infrastructure of the property to make it attractive to economic prospects, which will not only benefit the Airport, but provide jobs for the citizens of Shreveport and enhance the local economy.

Shreveport is in an excellent position to expand and prosper, and it is the vision of the Airport staff and the Airport Authority Board to follow a path that will make this possible.

Roy Miller

Roy H. Miller, Jr., A.A.E.
Director of Airports

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Downtown at the Airport



Jerry McKinney

The Shreveport Downtown Airport has experienced a lot of growth within the last few years and now has 226 based aircraft and 166 hangars.

There is now a waiting list in excess of 40 people who would like to base their aircraft at Downtown Airport. To continue this growth trend the Airport Authority recently submitted a Request for Qualifications to obtain the services of an architect or engineer to assist in the design of a 12 unit T-Hangar to be constructed between

the ramp at the new T-Hangars and the Perimeter Road on the south side of the airport. In addition, new tenant-owned hangars are in various stages of design and/or construction.

There's a lot of activity at the Downtown Airport for example:

Warbirds recently made a stop at the Downtown Airport. "Warbird Sky Ventures" brought in a vintage PT-19 and T-6 to give rides. They were greeted by numerous enthusiasts anxiously awaiting a ride on the Warbirds. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate and scheduled rides had to be rescheduled for their October 2008 visit.

Please keep in mind the Downtown Airport provides tours to school children enhancing their knowledge of the aviation industry. The students are able to visit Southern University's School of Engine and Air Frame as well as the Power Plant where they see aircraft in many different phases of repair. Students also have the opportunity to sit at the controls of an aircraft.

The Downtown Airport has taken on many faces as the film industry continues to make movies in the Shreveport area. We have been filmed as a Senegalese airport and a Cuban airport. There are two movies scheduled to be filmed here in the very near future, including one directed by Oliver Stone.

The Downtown Airport played host to a three-day Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Aviation Division "Airfield Lighting" Seminar. The seminar was attended by airport maintenance crews from all over the state, and provided detailed information about installing airfield lights, as well as trouble shooting problems.

Runway 5/23 at the Downtown Airport was closed for a couple of hours a day for three days to provide room for the City's Fire Academy to "train the trainer" in safe defensive driving of fire trucks and ambulances. We were delighted to be able to assist the Fire Department

The LPA Group, through an FAA funded project, conducted a pavement condition study. They divided the airport's pavement into 500-foot squares and analyzed each of the squares. Their report will assist in future funding for pavement maintenance.

The FAA will install new Runway End Identifier Lights starting in June for runway 14/32. When installation begins, the threshold will be temporarily displaced until the project is complete. The displacement will be minimum, but in compliance with FAA Part 77 – Obstructions.

It is expected that sometime during the summer, SWEPCO will use the grassy area across the street from the Terminal Building as a laydown area for the equipment to be used in the upgrade of their Arsenal Hill Substation. The equipment will be moved into the area and stored until the equipment is needed. A crane with a boom variable from 25 feet to 150 feet high will be used to unload and reload the equipment onto trucks. Airport staff are working with the contractor and the FAA to keep the disruption of flying to a minimum and safe. The contractor has agreed to lower the crane at anytime the airport believes a safety problem exists.

Jerry McKinney, A.A.E.,
Manager of Shreveport Downtown Airport

Downtown Airport Tenant Spotlight

Herman "Dutch" Reyenga



In the early spring of 1934 young Herman G. "Dutch" Reyenga, 5 years old at that time, looked skyward and exclaimed to his Father, "What is that I see up in the sky?" His father looked and told him that it was an airplane. Dutch asked his father, "Are people like you and I in that airplane?" His father assured him, "Yes, people comparable to us are in the aircraft and at least one of them has to be the pilot."

As his early years quickly passed, Dutch never lost the most important mission of his life, which was to become an aviator. In 1945 while serving in the US Army Air Corps at Shepherd Field in Wichita Falls, Texas, Dutch had his first flight lesson after completion of Basic Training. He then was assigned to Scott Field in Bellville, Illinois. While at Scott Field, Dutch attended and graduated from Radio Operators School where he achieved an expertise in transmitting and receiving messages utilizing Morse Code. He was reassigned to Hamilton Field in San Rafael, California as a radio operator where he remained until he became eligible for discharge on Dec. 31, 1946.

In 1947, Dutch graduated from flight school at an Airport by the name of Stoval Field, which was renamed Shreveport Airpark in Shreveport. This airport was located where the Sunset Acres subdivision is today. Dutch said he had such burning desire for aviation, that in late 1948, he submitted an application for employment by the Civil Aeronautics Administration (CAA) the predecessor of the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA).

Dutch accepted a position in the CAA as an Assistant Aircraft Communicator in Lake Charles in March 1949. While in Lake Charles, he did freelance flying. In 1950, Dutch transferred to Shreveport where he worked in the CAA Communication Station and the Control Tower. Both were located at what is now the Downtown Airport.

While employed by CAA, Dutch took a leave of absence and continued to acquire flight time by flying agricultural and business aircraft. In later years, his experience became an asset for advancement in the CAA/FAA. The fallout from a horrific airline accident brought about close scrutiny of the Air Traffic Control System, which resulted in Dutch being designated as "Project Officer" toward establishment of a RADAR Flight Following System. Obviously, he successfully achieved the purpose and intent of that particular goal.

Since the FAA had only limited long range RADAR sites, none of which were equipped with a transponder, a secondary RADAR system was needed. Dutch sought and secured the use of the Air Defense Command RADAR sites. This resulted in a proposal from Dutch to declassify the military WWII-IFF, a secondary RADAR system, i.e., Identification, Friend or Foe, which was used extensively in the European Theater of operation. In reality, it was a type of RADAR Transponder, which could be beneficially used for domestic air traffic control purposes. The proposal was acted upon immediately by the FAA Administrator, who was a former WWII pilot and a USAF General, Elwood R. Quesada. Today the transponder has been upgraded many times over and is used extensively by the FAA-Air Traffic System.

Prior to retirement in 1989, his last duty assignment with FAA was Manager of the Evaluation Staff, Air Traffic Division of the Southwest Regional Headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas, which covers a five state area (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas).



Bill Cooksey named President of Louisiana Airport Managers & Associates for 2008 through 2010

The Louisiana Airport Managers & Associates (LAMA) has named Bill Cooksey of the Shreveport Airport Authority as the organization's 2008-2010 president.

LAMA is a non-profit corporation, formed as a statewide advocate to promote the aviation industry, to provide proper legislation guidance for aviation and airports, and to advise and provide consultation to its members. LAMA represents commercial carrier and general aviation airports in the state of Louisiana, as well as numerous aviation consulting firms.

Heath Allen, Executive Director of the Lake Charles Regional Airport, has been named as the organization's vice president.

"The Shreveport Airport Authority is honored to have a member of its staff serve as president of LAMA," said Roy H. Miller, Jr., Director of Airports for the Shreveport Airport Authority. "Having a North Louisiana representative who understands issues for both general aviation and commercial carrier airports will be a great asset to LAMA."

Bill is the Manager of Marketing/Public Relations of the Shreveport Airport Authority, a position he has held since April 1999. In this role, he coordinates the marketing efforts, including properties and economic development, for both Shreveport Downtown Airport and Shreveport Regional Airport.

Airport Police Chief Harold Carpenter Receives Appointment

Shreveport Airport Authority Security Police Chief Harold Carpenter was appointed to serve on the Airports Council International North American Region Public Safety and Security Steering Group for 2008.

The Committee's mission is to enhance the safety and security of airports by providing recommendations to industry and government for public safety and security policies, identifying and promoting best practices for public safety and security, and identifying and/or developing educational and technological resources that help accomplish public safety and security objectives.

Chief Carpenter has served as Airport Police Chief since 1998.



Lieutenant Floyd Mangum Retiring From Airport Police



Here, he is recognized by (pictured from left to right) Chief Harold Carpenter, Chairman Raymond Alley, Floyd Mangum, and Roy H. Miller, Jr.

Floyd Mangum retired from Airport Police after serving the Airport for over 18 years. The Airport Authority will miss Lieutenant Mangum, and wishes him the best on his retirement.



Employee of the Year

Nationwide Parking Company recognizes Dyanne Duncan as Employee of the Year.

Dyanne has worked with Nationwide Parking Company since it began operation in 2002 and was previously with Parking Company of America at Shreveport Regional Airport.

The Shreveport Airport Authority is a department of the City of Shreveport. The board is appointed by the Mayor, currently The Honorable Cedric B. Glover, and is comprised of:

- Raymond Alley (Chairman) • Ted Roberts (Vice-Chairman)
- Keith E. Gamble • Dr. C.O. Simpkins • Reverend Joe R. Gant



Stacy Moritz Promoted to Airport Authority Operations Superintendent

Stacy Moritz was promoted to the Superintendent of Operations. She has been with the Shreveport Airport Authority since October 2006 as a Safety Specialist II. Stacy started her career in aviation in 2005 at Morristown, New Jersey. Stacy recently announced her engagement with Frank Kuba, who is a Louisiana State Trooper.



Joyce Lathan Joins Airport Administration

Joyce Lathan has joined the Shreveport Airport Authority Administrative Division as a Office Associate. Joyce moved to Louisiana from Dallas in 2007. She took early retirement from the Department of Transportation to move here and be closer to her mother. Joyce is married with a son and daughter. Fishing is one of her hobbies. She also enjoys arts and crafts.



Kenneth Hayes Joins Airport Field Maintenance

Kenneth Hayes has joined the Shreveport Airport Authority Field Maintenance Division as a Driver Operator Heavy. Kenneth has lived in Oklahoma for the last 16 years and has moved back home to Shreveport. Kenneth enjoys playing football. He is married to Annette. Kenneth has seven children between the ages of 24-32 and nine grandchildren, ranging from two to fifteen years old.



Delton Love Joins Airport Field Maintenance

Delton Love has joined the Shreveport Airport Authority Field Maintenance Division as a Driver Operator Heavy. Delton is a native of Shreveport. He has served in the Army Reserves for 14 years, and three years active duty in Virginia. Delton is a people person, and likes all sports.



John Harris Returns to Airport Field Maintenance

John Harris has returned to the Shreveport Airport Authority as a Crew Member Grounds assigned to Field Maintenance. John is originally from Shreveport and spent the last year in Hawaii. He graduated in 2003 from the Youth Challenge Program in Minden. His hobbies include kickboxing and practicing Jujitsu. John says that he is proud to be back working at the airport.



Tonette Lee Joins the Airport Police

Tonette Lee has joined the Shreveport Airport Authority as a Security Systems Operator Supervisor. Tonette retired from the Shreveport Fire Department Communications after serving for 18 years. Tonette was the Assistant Chief and Accreditation Manager for the Communications Division. She has an associates degree from Bossier Parish Community College in Computer Data Processing and a Bachelors in Organizational Management from Willey College. She has three children (two daughters and one son) and two granddaughters. Her son is graduating from Louisiana Tech as an Industrial Engineer this year. Tonette loves to read and dance.



Charles Harrison Joins the Airport Police Staff

Charles Harrison has joined the Shreveport Airport Authority as a Patrol Officer. Charles is originally from New Orleans and relocated to Marshall, Texas, after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. He has been in Law Enforcement since 1986. He previously worked for the New Orleans Sheriff Department and the Marshall Texas Police Department. He is married with three children.



Steve Putman Joins Airport Operations

Steve Putman has joined the Shreveport Airport Authority as an Operations Safety Specialist II. Steve is originally from Hammond, Indiana. He served in the Army for three years as an Airborne Infantryman in Italy. Steve graduated from Louisiana Tech with a Bachelor's Degree in Aviation Management. He has been married to his wife Jesse for four years.



Michael Johnson named the Branch Manager for Enterprise at Shreveport Regional

Michael Johnson was named the Branch Manager March 18, 2008. He has worked for Enterprise since July of 2005. Michael is a native of Shreveport. He attended Captain Shreve High School, and Northwestern State University where he received his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. His hobbies include exercising, photography, hunting and soccer. Michael is married to Laura.



Steven Vrbka named Assistant Manager for Enterprise at Shreveport Regional

Steven Vrbka has joined the Enterprise team at the Shreveport Regional Airport as assistant manager after working previously at the Bert Kouns location. He has worked for Enterprise for two years now and really likes his job. He was born and raised in Bossier City and is getting married in August. Steven's hobbies include hunting, fishing, and playing sports.



Northwest names Ronald Cottie Station Manager for Northwest

Ronald Cottie was named the Station Manager for Northwest. He has worked for Northwest since July 2002. Ronald is originally from Kentucky, and has lived in Shreveport for six years. He has five children. Ronald is a Minister at Praise Temple Full Gospel Baptist Church and his hobby is fishing.



Vicky Poe Joins Anita Chretien at the Shreveport/Bossier Convention and Tourism Booth

Anita Chretien has been working for the Shreveport/Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau for 4 years. She is the Visitor and Information Specialist at the Shreveport Regional Airport. Vicky Poe is joining her from the Louisiana Office of Tourism and Welcome Center in Greenwood. The center is currently being remodeled and Vicky, Tourist Councilor, will be working in the Regional Airport until the renovations are complete.

American Eagle Adding 12th Daily Flight, Customer Perks at Shreveport Regional

American Eagle Airlines is adding more seats and customer benefits for travelers using Shreveport Regional Airport.

Beginning September 3, 2008, American Eagle will add a 12th daily flight at Shreveport Regional Airport. The flight will increase American's daily presence at Shreveport to 11 daily flights between Shreveport and DFW International Airport and one daily flight between Shreveport and Chicago O'Hare International Airport.

The new flight is aboard a 50-seat Embraer 145 Regional Jet. The addition will mean American Eagle will operate 10 daily jet flights and two Saab 340 turboprop flights.

"I truly appreciate American Eagle expanding jet service in Shreveport, especially when the economic climate is extremely difficult for airlines," said Shreveport Mayor Cedric B. Glover. "American has recognized that Shreveport has a diverse and growing economy that depends on good airline service. With support from our community and region, we can continue to build on the airline's efforts."

In addition, American Eagle is adding Business ExtrAA triple bonus points for small- to medium-sized businesses in



Shreveport which enroll in the airline's Business ExtrAA program. The program is free and provides triple points for registered companies flying between Shreveport and Chicago.

To register, go to www.businessextraa.com and use the Promo/Referral Code: SHV2008. Registration and effective dates are May 6, 2008-December 31, 2008.

"The Shreveport Airport Authority is thankful for American Eagle adding the 12th daily flight and continuing with its new daily Chicago non-stop jet service," said Raymond Alley, Chairman of the Shreveport Airport Authority. "American has remained

committed to Shreveport during both good and bad economic times. It is critical that our community rally behind the airlines such as American which serve Shreveport at a time when the airline industry is reeling financially due to high oil prices." Mr. Alley also asks that travelers and businesses strongly consider using the new Chicago Regional Jet service.

"To maintain and expand airline service here, we must also support this new route by flying on American through Chicago. Now is a great time to either visit Chicago or connect through Chicago to help this route remain viable for Shreveport."



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