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# **SANTA MARIA AIRPORT ANNOUNCES NEW AIR SERVICE TO PHOENIX**

Santa Maria Airport is excited to announce American Airlines will begin twice daily nonstop flights between Santa Maria and Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport starting October 15. Flights will be operated on 76-seat regional jets offering 12 first class seats and 64-coach seats operated by SkyWest Airlines.

"We're excited about the new partnership with American Airlines and the announcement of the return of connecting hub service from Santa Maria. With over 250 daily departures to more than 100 destinations, our customers will be able to enjoy convenient connections from Santa Maria to the world" says Martin Pehl, General Manager of the Santa Maria Public Airport District. "This service announcement is the result of continued efforts by the airport staff, community, military, and business leaders to bring back hub service to Santa Maria after nearly a decade. Special thanks to the airport's partner agencies including the City of Santa Maria, the Santa Maria Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Commission."

Santa Maria Airport offers free parking just feet from the terminal, offering the easiest and most cost-effective travel experience in the Central Coast. The Santa Maria Airport is a major generator of economic development in the region, comprising of 2,500 acres and has the longest commercial runway on the Central Coast. Santa Maria Airport is proud sponsors of the annual AirFest, supporters of the Honor Flight, home to U.S. Customs and will be the future home of the Planes of Fame Air Museum.

Tickets are available for purchase immediately through American Airlines, on its website [aa.com](https://www.aa.com), using American's mobile app, or by contacting your local travel professional.

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