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Press Release: American Airlines Starts Service at Santa Maria Airport

Santa Maria Airport is proud to announce American Airlines has officially started serving the airport with nonstop service to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport on October 15, 2025. The two daily roundtrip American Eagle flights will be on 76-seat regional jet aircraft offering 12 first class seats and 64 coach seats.

"This is a great day for the Santa Maria Valley and the Central Coast as a whole," said Martin Pehl, General Manager of Santa Maria Airport. "The whole region, including the City of Santa Maria and Vandenberg Space Force Base, have been pushing for a return of hub service at Santa Maria for nearly a decade. With free parking, short security lines and competitive fares, there's never been a better time to fly from Santa Maria!"

"Whether it's going to Phoenix for Spring Training or seeing family or connecting to the more than 100 destinations that American Airlines serves from Phoenix, this new service will help our residents' quality of life as well as bring new business to the Santa Maria area," says Nash Moreno, President of the Santa Maria Public Airport District. "Flying from Santa Maria allows passengers to be just minutes from home, saving both time and money by flying local."

"Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport is excited to welcome the first passengers on the Santa Maria route, and for the access the flights will provide from Phoenix to the Santa Maria Valley," said Phoenix Aviation Director Chad Makovsky. "Whether they're visiting Phoenix or connecting to the more than 140 domestic and international destinations through America's Friendliest Airport®, we'll make sure customers have a great experience."

Flights are available to purchase on American Airlines' website aa.com, on the American Airlines app, or through your local travel professional. Flights at Santa Maria are operated by SkyWest Airlines on behalf of American Airlines. For more information about Santa Maria Airport, please visit us online at santamariaairport.com