

# **BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport Celebrates New Low-Fare International Service from WOW air**

## **Airline Starts Service to Iceland with Easy Connections to Other European Cities**

Maryland government, transportation, and business leaders this evening will welcome WOW air and the start of new international air service between Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport and Iceland. The low-fare Icelandic airline will launch service to Reykjavik on Friday night, with easy connections available to a number of European destinations.

“This new service is good news for tourism in Maryland, and it will provide our residents and businesses with easy access to Europe,” said Maryland Governor Larry Hogan. “New international air service at BWI Marshall Airport will help grow our economy.”

WOW air first announced in October 2014 that it planned to start service at BWI Marshall in June of 2015. Due to high traveler demand, the budget airline later announced that it would begin its BWI Marshall flights on May 8, about a month earlier than the original schedule. During the peak summer months, WOW air will operate its flights five days per week from BWI Marshall, which is one additional weekly flight than the airline’s original plan.

“International service continues to climb at BWI Marshall Airport,” said Paul J. Wiedefeld, Chief Executive Officer for BWI Marshall Airport. “The addition of WOW air further strengthens our position as an international gateway that offers convenient, efficient service and low fares.”

The WOW air flights between BWI Marshall and Reykjavik will operate with Airbus A321 Extended Range aircraft. WOW air offers easy connections for BWI Marshall travelers to Amsterdam, Berlin, Copenhagen, Dublin, London, and Paris.

International passenger traffic has grown steadily in recent years at BWI Marshall. For the first quarter of 2015, international passengers increased more than 22 percent. The WOW air service to Iceland is among a growing number of international routes for BWI Marshall in 2015. This summer, Southwest Airlines will operate to seven international destinations. Southwest began service to San José, Costa Rica in March and will begin flights to Los Cabos, Mexico in June. Condor has added a third weekly flight between BWI Marshall and Frankfurt, Germany for the summer of 2015.

Construction work on the D/E Connector program is now underway. This multi-phase development will support added international service at BWI Marshall.

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