

## **Governor Hogan Announces Record Year for BWI Marshall Airport**

### **23.8 Million Passengers Flew BWI Marshall in 2015; International Passenger Traffic Led Growth**

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan today announced that 23,823,532 commercial passengers flew through Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport in 2015, a new all-time annual record. Passenger traffic for the year grew 6.8 percent over 2014. BWI Marshall finished the year with six-straight monthly passenger records. 2015 was the first year in the history of BWI Marshall with more than 23 million passengers.

“The record-setting growth reflects the strength of Maryland and our commitment to ensure that BWI Marshall remains a successful transportation and economic development resource,” said Governor Hogan. “BWI Marshall is a convenient, growing global gateway for the Baltimore-Washington region, and all of Maryland.”

The record 2015 for BWI Marshall was driven in part by growing international passenger traffic. New international airlines and new global routes increased international passenger traffic by 31.9 percent for the year. Total international passengers reached 1,140,144, the first time that BWI Marshall recorded more than one million international passengers in a year.

“We thank our travelers for making 2015 a record year,” said Ricky Smith, Chief Executive Officer for BWI Marshall Airport. “BWI Marshall provides excellent customer service and quality airline choices for residents, businesses, and visitors. We look forward to working with our airline partners to continue our success.”

The previous annual record for BWI Marshall passenger traffic was 22,679,887, set in 2012. A major capital improvement at BWI Marshall continues in early 2016. Multi-phase construction work on the D/E Connector program will support additional international service, along with improved passenger amenities.

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