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DELTA AIRLINES TO SERVE SAWYER WITH JET AIRCRAFT Returns Non-Stop Service to Minneapolis – St. Paul

MARQUETTE, MI – Marquette County and Airport officials are very pleased to report that Delta Airlines is announcing significant changes to scheduled passenger service at Sawyer International Airport.

Beginning on Tuesday, April 6, Delta Airlines will provide twice-daily service to both Detroit Metro and Minneapolis – St. Paul on the very popular 50-seat Regional Jets, with the schedule below available at www.delta.com

“Delta looks forward to providing this market with upgraded service and added connectivity to numerous international and domestic destinations from two key hubs in our worldwide network,” said Karen Zachary, Delta’s General Manager of Network Planning in Atlanta.

Flight #	Arrival	Jet Service Arriving From	Gate	Frequency
3339	10:01 a.m.	Detroit	1	Saturday Only
3359	10:36 a.m.	Detroit	1	Sun – Fri
3357	1:56 p.m.	Detroit	1	Saturday Only
3351	3:20 p.m.	Minneapolis – St. Paul	1	Daily
3349	4:46 p.m.	Detroit	1	Sun – Fri
3366	9:15 p.m.	Minneapolis – St. Paul	1	Daily

Flight #	Departure	Jet Service Departing For	Gate	Frequency
3348	7:40 a.m.	Minneapolis – St. Paul	1	Daily
3356	10:30 a.m.	Detroit	1	Saturday Only
3356	11:15 a.m.	Detroit	1	Sun – Fri
3370	3:30 p.m.	Detroit	1	Saturday Only
3351	3:50 p.m.	Minneapolis – St. Paul	1	Daily
3332	5:20 p.m.	Detroit	1	Sun – Fri

Keith Kaspari, Airport Manager at Sawyer International Airport commented that, “The return of service to Minneapolis – St. Paul is by itself significant. The announcement to serve both Detroit and Minneapolis with multiple flights with all Regional Jet aircraft signifies a new era in air service for passengers flying to and from Sawyer.

The enhanced service to Detroit and Minneapolis – St. Paul on Delta Airlines with Regional Jet aircraft, allows Sawyer to continue the growth and development of Sawyer's air service program, and provides our passengers the frequency of flights, comfort and speed of jet service for both business and leisure passengers to two of the best airports in the United States.

Additionally, scheduled service with larger aircraft will provide an immediate 47% daily increase in available seat capacity, and significantly reduce the weight-restricted flights, and the flights that were often-times in an over-sold condition – both of which were common-place with the former 34-seat turboprop.

The addition of larger aircraft to the two large hub airports from Sawyer will also provide local officials the flexibility to allow large groups to travel to and from Sawyer for events such as World Cup and Olympic Trials for USOC Speedskating events, Marquette Junior Hockey Tournaments, allow administrators from Northern Michigan University to provide enhanced travel accommodations for annual alumni events, and for travel of NMU's numerous athletic teams to name only a few.

In closing, Marquette County and airport officials would also like to say thanks to officials at Delta Airlines for adding a third daily trip to Detroit Metro for the months of July and August, also with Regional Jet aircraft.

This additional flight during the busy summer months of July and August will continue to provide enhanced service to accommodate the annual surge for summer vacation travelers. Marquette County and Sawyer airport officials are asking the region to support this new service rather than travel to larger regional airports like Green Bay and Appleton."

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Sawyer is the Upper Peninsula's premiere commercial service airport, and the airport of choice for both business and leisure travelers. CY-2009 records show that for the fourth year in a row, Sawyer accommodated over 50% of all passengers traveling to or from the U.P.'s six commercial service airports. For more information passengers can call Delta Airlines at 1-800-221-1212 or via Delta's website at www.delta.com for travel accommodations.