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SAWYER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ANNOUNCES AUTOMATED PARKING PAYMENT SYSTEM

Beginning October 1, 2009, Sawyer International Airport is launching a new system that allows travelers the ability to pay their parking fees at either an automatic pay machine located inside the passenger terminal lobby, or at pay-in-lane stations positioned within the exit lanes of the main parking lot.

The new system provides motorists a date-and-time stamped parking ticket when entering the parking lot. Passengers can take this ticket with them in their travels and upon returning can choose to pay inside or out.

If opting to use the interior pay station, patrons simply insert their parking ticket. The machine will scan the ticket and calculate the appropriate fee. It accepts VISA/MC, debit cards, cash or coins, and returns a validated exit voucher. Patrons will have 60 minutes to leave once receiving this voucher. The voucher must then be inserted into one of the outdoor pay stations in order to exit the lot.

Some passengers may simply choose to pay outside, by utilizing one of the pay-in-lane options at the exit. Signage will assist motorists in navigating to the proper lane. One lane accepts cash, VISA/MC, debit cards, or voucher; and the other VISA/MC, debit cards or voucher.

This program is another example of how Sawyer International Airport has become an even more convenient choice for travel, says Scott Erbsch, Director of Operations. As easy to use as an ATM, travelers will appreciate the added benefits of being able to pay by debit or credit card which has not been an option in the past.

The new system is anticipated to enhance the use of airport staff versus the cumbersome, manual, payment and fee envelope system currently in place.

When the new automated system comes online, the airport will continue to offer the first two hours of parking free. Rates will remain at a maximum of \$5 per day for the remainder of 2009 and 2010.

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