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## **Southwest Airlines Begins Nonstop Service to Phoenix**

*Travelers to be Treated to a Party at the Gate*

BIRMINGHAM, AL (October 2, 2024) – Southwest Airlines will launch new nonstop service to Phoenix from Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport (BHM) on Thursday, October 3rd. The flight is scheduled to depart at 3:50pm.

To celebrate the inaugural nonstop to Phoenix, BHM will host a celebration at the departing gate. Travelers can pick up giveaways, snacks, and can register to win Southwest Airlines Gift Cards.

The media is invited to attend the celebration.

**Gate Party – Southwest Nonstop to Phoenix  
Thursday, October 3rd – 1:45pm  
*RSVP is required***

**Please report to the area outside the Event Room on the Departure Level *no later than 1:30*  
Due to security regulations, members of the media will be escorted to the concourse**

In addition to the new Phoenix flights, Southwest Airlines will also add nonstop service to Nashville on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The addition of these two nonstops at BHM come at a time when traffic is growing at a rapid pace. So far this year, total traffic at BHM has climbed 7% and that trend is expected to continue. Last year, BHM welcomed more than 3 million passengers through the airport. BHM is the largest airport in the state of Alabama, now offering nonstop service to 21 airport destinations in 18 cities across the U.S.

**About Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport**

As Alabama's largest commercial airport, Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport has served as a gateway to the sky for 92 years. Governed by the Birmingham Airport Authority, the airport continues to be a catalyst for growth and economic development for the entire region. For more information, visit [flybhm.com](http://flybhm.com) or follow BHM on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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