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Southern Airways extends service in New Bedford, plans to base New England fleet at airport

New Bedford, Massachusetts— Southern Airways Express has announced that it will expand daily flights on a year-round schedule, and base its New England fleet at the New Bedford Regional Airport. Basing includes aircraft maintenance, fueling, storage, crew basing, and additional jobs based at the airport. This move comes after a successful launch in August, in which New Bedford passenger numbers exceeded all expectations for the Pompano-based carrier. Southern will continue daily flights past the initial October 12 agreement with plans for future expansion.

"Southern Airways launched new service between New Bedford and Nantucket on August 26, 2020. The initial market response to the service from the southeastern Massachusetts community has exceeded our expectations. In line with that, we have decided to extend our service through this winter. We are hopeful that this will allow us to further expand here in the future," said Southern Airways Express Chief Commercial Officer Mark Cestari.

New Bedford Airport Management has seen an increase in private and commuter flights considering the global pandemic. The airline launched in the New England market this year, and New Bedford specifically in late August.

"Southern Airways Express is a welcomed addition to our growing airport. We encourage the public to take advantage of the commercial service options that the New Bedford Regional Airport has to offer," said Scot Servis, director of the New Bedford Regional Airport. "We look forward to growing and expanding service options at the airport over the coming years."

Southern enplanements have enhanced the New Bedford market, with daily service options for both business and leisure travelers.

Southern's new schedule, effective October 14, provides for an early morning departure from New Bedford to Nantucket and a late afternoon return. This schedule will run Monday through Friday, perfectly time for business travelers, tradesmen, and day-trippers to Nantucket. Tickets and E-Coupon Books may be purchased at iFlySouthern.com.

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