



## **DSM PICKS UP SOME NEW SEATS**

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“We have seen modest capacity reductions from a few carriers, and now, we are actually seeing some add capacity at Des Moines International (DSM)”, offers Airport Spokesperson Roy Criss. He continues, “I have been saying that I think we will see a **‘shift in capacity’** as well as straight reductions. Those whom the community makes profitable are willing to add service.”

Continental has added almost 100 seats per week on its twice-daily Houston service by switching from a 37-seat Regional Jet (RJ) to one that has 50 seats. Departure times stay the same, while the aircraft is upgraded.

Comair, the Delta Connection, will add two additional daily flights to Atlanta (ATL) on November 3. That will give central Iowans five choices of departure times from DSM to ATL. The new departure times are 3:50pm and 5:40pm. All are 50-seat RJs.

Adds Aviation Director Craig Smith, “Many airports, some much bigger than DSM, have seen carriers completely leave their communities. I think it is a **testament to central Iowans** that we are seeing about 700 seats being added per week at DSM after the initial capacity reduction announcements. Fuel is still a critical element and we see capacity start to come back.”

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