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BROOKS AND SOUTHWEST AIRLINES ANNOUNCE NEW NON-STOP SERVICE TO CHICAGO'S MIDWAY AIRPORT

Chicago Midway added; Baltimore/ Washington, Orlando, & Tampa retained

Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today announced that Southwest Airlines, which starts service from the Greater Rochester International Airport (ROC) beginning in April 2013, will launch new non-stop service to Chicago Midway International Airport (MDW).

*"On the heels of the exciting news that Southwest will be fully-functional at the Greater Rochester International Airport this spring, I'm proud to announce that the airline will be adding new non-stop service to Chicago's Midway Airport as well," said **Brooks**. "Chicago Midway is one of Southwest's largest hubs, providing a wide array of travel options to destinations on the west coast. With its larger planes, no change fees, and 'Bags Fly Free' policy, Southwest is doing even more to make our airport Monroe County's 'Gateway to the world.'"*

ROC will retain two daily non-stop flights to Southwest's hub at Baltimore/Washington International Airport (BWI). With Midway and Baltimore combined, ROC will have access to over 97 destinations throughout the Southwest network, including Mexico and the Caribbean. ROC also retains service to Orlando (MCO) and Tampa (TPA), both popular Florida destinations for area travelers. Southwest will be operating a Boeing 737 aircraft, offering more seats to destinations for ROC travelers.

Beginning April 13, 2013, Southwest Airlines schedule from ROC will be as follows:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Departs</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
ROC	MDW	6:00 AM 3:50 PM	2 Daily Flights Service Begins: 4/13/13
ROC	BWI	6:30 AM 7:00 PM	2 Daily Flights Schedule Effective: 4/13/13
ROC	MCO	7:45 AM 2:30 PM	2 Daily Flights Schedule Effective: 4/13/13
ROC	TPA	11:40 AM	1 Daily Flight Schedule Effective: 4/13/13

Chicago Midway is the Midwest hub for Southwest Airlines, offering immense connectivity for travelers heading west from ROC, and is conveniently located 10 miles from downtown Chicago. The Airport offers many passenger amenities and has experienced record growth recently, making it one of the fastest growing airports in the nation for point-to-point travel.

ROC passengers looking to travel between today and April 12, 2013 should continue to book online at www.airtran.com, for passengers looking travel on/after April 13, 2013, tickets are available for purchase at www.southwest.com.

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