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John Glenn International selected for launch of new airline, Breeze Airways

COLUMBUS, OH – Today, the Columbus Regional Airport Authority (CRAA) announced that Breeze Airways will soon begin service out of John Glenn Columbus International Airport (CMH).

“Breeze Airways considered multiple locations to start their business. By choosing John Glenn International to begin their journey, Breeze recognizes the benefits of working with one of the world’s top-rated airports, located in the heart of the thriving Columbus community,” said Joseph R. Nardone, President & CEO, CRAA. “Breeze Airways’ emphasis on technology, ingenuity and kindness is a perfect fit for our airport and our dynamic community.”

Breeze Airways is the fifth airline start-up launched by aviation entrepreneur David Neeleman, founder of JetBlue, Azul, WestJet and Morris Air. The low-cost airline will offer point-to-point flights from 39 nonstop routes between 16 cities in the Southwest, Midwest, Southeast and Eastern US.

“Together, we created Breeze as a new airline merging technology with kindness,” said Neeleman. “With seamless booking, no change or cancellation fees, up to 24-months of reusable flight credit and customized flight features delivered via a sleek and simple app, Breeze makes it easy to buy and easy to fly.”

Nonstop routes served by the airline begin in July out of CMH:

- Charleston, South Carolina (July 8)
- Hartford, Connecticut (July 22)
- New Orleans, Louisiana (July 16)
- Norfolk, Virginia (July 22)
- Tampa, Florida (July 3)

“Thanks to our air service development team, and our economic development partners—including One Columbus and JobsOhio—we continue to position Columbus as a world-class destination where any business would want to land,” said Nardone.

“Our growing air service capacity aligns with the needs of our growing business community,” said Andrew J. Ginther, Mayor, City of Columbus. “Businesses are gaining direct access to all these cities, expanding opportunities to connect, grow and thrive, further positioning Columbus as America’s Opportunity City.”

“We’re so excited to congratulate the Columbus Regional Airport Authority and all those who worked so hard on this endeavor,” said Kevin L. Boyce, President, Franklin County Commissioners. “And we’re also glad to welcome Breeze Airways to the Central Ohio family. We’re so grateful to have you as part of our community. We look forward to making Breeze Airways the best airline that it can possibly be.”

The airline’s investment in the 14th largest city in the US gives our region a competitive advantage in attracting and retaining jobs, with an estimated \$81 million annual economic impact.

“We are so excited to join Breeze Airways in announcing that Columbus will be one of the airline’s direct flight offerings,” said Mike DeWine, Governor, State of Ohio. “This is great news for Ohioans, and it’s

great news for Ohio businesses. This investment is another indicator that Ohio's economy is strong, and we are on the road to recovery.”

About CRAA

The [Columbus Regional Airport Authority](#) connects Ohio with the world by managing and operating passenger-focused [John Glenn Columbus International Airport \(CMH\)](#), cargo-focused [Rickenbacker International Airport \(LCK\)](#), and general aviation airport Bolton Field (TZR). To discover how CRAA is helping travelers safely return to flying amid the pandemic, visit [FlyColumbus.com/beyondready](https://www.flycolumbus.com/beyondready). Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

About Breeze Airways

Founded by aviation entrepreneur David Neeleman, [Breeze Airways](#) is a new low cost airline offering point-to-point flights from smaller secondary airports, bypassing hubs for shorter travel times. Breeze's team is a group of aviation experts and fanatics, working day and night to build a 'Seriously Nice' airline. Breeze's mission is to make the world of travel simple, affordable and convenient, using technology, ingenuity and kindness to improve the travel experience.

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