

MEDIA RELEASE

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**Meadows Field hosting press conference this Thursday to launch inaugural  
American Airlines mainline flights and terminal upgrades**

Meadows Field Airport will be holding a press conference on Thursday, October 6, at 11:00 a.m. to welcome the first American Airlines mainline flight to Bakersfield from Dallas-Fort Worth.

American Airlines is upsizing their morning and mid-day flights from a CRJ 900 to their Air Bus 319. This larger aircraft will increase comfort for local passengers, including first class seating with added amenities. Each flight will provide an additional 50 seats for passengers, along with Wi-Fi and AC power. Overall, increasing Meadows Field's departing seating by 3,000 per month.

Additionally, this upgraded service will bolster local job opportunity at one of the largest companies in the world.

"American is excited to introduce mainline service between Meadows Field Airport and Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport this month," said Philippe Puech, American Airlines Director of Short-Haul Network Planning. "We're bringing larger aircraft and more seats to Bakersfield in direct response to customer demand. The American team looks forward to connecting more customers to the southern San Joaquin Valley with our upgraded service."

Meadows Field Airport and American Airlines will be partnering to highlight this exciting event and will allow media to get special footage of the aircraft landing and passengers deplaning. The Kern County Fire Department will also be on hand with a special welcome and celebration.

Airport staff will also take media on a tour throughout the terminal to showcase recent improvements.

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