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## **US Airways To Offer Nonstop Flights To Philadelphia From Ford International**

**Grand Rapids, MI, June 11, 2004** – US Airways has announced it will begin daily nonstop roundtrip regional jet service between Grand Rapids and Philadelphia, PA on August 8, 2004. This will bring to 15 the number of nonstop destinations offered at Gerald R. Ford International Airport.

US Airways Express carrier Mesa Airlines will operate the new service using 50-seat Canadair Regional Jets. Flights will depart Grand Rapids at 7:00 a.m., and will arrive in Philadelphia at 8:41 a.m. Return flights will depart Philadelphia at 8:05 p.m., and will arrive in Grand Rapids at 10:16 p.m.

“This new flight will not only bring our customers in Grand Rapids nonstop service to one of the largest business and tourism destinations on the East Coast, but also provide convenient connections to many of our Caribbean destinations,” said Andrew P. Nocella, US Airways vice president of network and revenue management.

US Airways Express carrier Trans States Airlines currently operates four-times-daily nonstop roundtrip regional jet service between Gerald R. Ford International and Pittsburgh, PA.

Gerald R. Ford International is home to 12 airlines offering more than 140 flights per day, and serves more than 5,700 passengers daily.

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