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Gary / Chicago International Airport Celebrates 400th International Flight
New Key Milestone for Airport Since U.S Customs and Border Facility Opened in 2018

(Gary, IN) – On May 14th, 2023, Gary / Chicago International Airport (GCIAG) celebrated its 400th international flight, capping a new key milestone since GCIAG opened its U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) facility in October of 2018. GCIAG's CBP facility has provided the airport the opportunity to expand its state-of-the-art aviation services worldwide. International air travelers now have the ability to fly into GCIAG without needing to clear customs elsewhere first.

"Post-pandemic operations have rebounded strongly and are on pace to exceed prior operations," **said GCIAG Authority Chairman Pete Visclosky**. "While we take this moment to celebrate our 400th international flight landmark, the airport is also committed to continuing to evolve and bolster our offerings for international travel."

In 2015, the airport began a series of infrastructure investments, starting with the extension of their main runway. GCIAG's runway now extends nearly 9,000 ft – the second longest runway in the region after O'Hare International Airport. This expansion has allowed the airport to service larger, heavier aircraft arriving from national and since GCIAG's CBP facility addition, international destinations. After formally approving a long-term lease and easement agreement with United Parcel Service (UPS) in May of 2020, express air shipment operations began at the airport. These infrastructure investments have allowed GCIAG to provide critical and logistical support for the region and truly become a beacon for growth in Northwest Indiana.

"The airport continues to be a pillar for the Northwest Indiana region – ushering in economic development and creating jobs," **said Executive Director Dan Vicari**. "Our CBP facility addition, and prior and subsequent infrastructure investments have allowed for the airport to expand upon our operation and service capacity."

A little over four years after the opening of the CBP facility, GCIAG has now averaged approximately seven (7) landings per month from a total of 34 different countries, spanning across four (4) continents.

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CBP Instructions for Airport Users

The facility is an on-call General Aviation CBP facility. Pilots or flight departments are required to notify U.S. CBP officials at least 24 hours prior to arrival at GYY and an estimated time of arrival required. Facility officials can be reached at 773-948-6330. All pilots and passengers must clear U.S. Customs and immigration inspection upon entering the United States from a foreign country. The maximum number of crew and passengers per aircraft that will be allowed to clear customs is 20 individuals total. All user instructions and fees can be found at [FlyGYY.com/us-customs-facility](https://flygyy.com/us-customs-facility).



About Gary/Chicago International Airport

Located minutes from the shores of Lake Michigan and just 25 miles from downtown Chicago, Gary/Chicago International Airport (GYY) is a full-service airport and a premiere destination for corporate and weekend flyers in the Chicago metropolitan region and Northwest Indiana. To learn more, visit the airport's new website at FlyGYY.com.