

FedEx Express is very appreciative of the opportunity to present information to the FAA on August 4, 2004 concerning its flight operations at Chicago-O'Hare International Airport ("ORD"). FedEx is especially supportive of the FAA's attempt to obtain congestion relief by voluntary actions of the air carriers which operate at ORD.

As we stated at our meeting of 4 August, FedEx operates a handful of flight operations (four) during the congested hours of 0700-2100L. The majority of our flights occur during the less-congested late night/early morning hours. Our daytime operations, however, are critical to the economic well-being of the Greater Chicago Metropolitan Area because those operations bring large volumes of U.S. Mail into ORD, as well as FedEx shipments. FedEx does not have the option of reducing its limited operations during the congested hours, nor does it have the present capability of delaying those flights. Therefore, FedEx respectfully requests the FAA to recognize the importance of these operations, and continue to allow us the flexibility to operate during times which are necessary for the timely delivery of both U.S. Mail and FedEx products. In addition, depending upon market conditions, it may become necessary in the future to add additional flights to ORD. If the FAA ultimately adopts measures to restrict or cap arrivals into ORD, FedEx respectfully requests that air carriers which transport critical cargo and U.S. Mail shipments be afforded the maximum flexibility to arrive at times which facilitate the timely delivery of those shipments to individuals and businesses in the Chicago area.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and your thoughtful consideration of the comments of FedEx Express. Please do not hesitate to call upon us if further information is needed or further discussions are warranted.