



COLUMBUS REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

PORT COLUMBUS INTERNATIONAL • RICKENBACKER INTERNATIONAL • BOLTON FIELD

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S&P Raises Rating, Fitch Upgrades Outlook for Columbus Regional Airport Authority

COLUMBUS – The [Columbus Regional Airport Authority](#), which operates three airports in Central Ohio, recently received reports from two rating agencies, with Standard & Poors Rating Services raising its rating to “A+” from “A” while Fitch Ratings affirmed its “A” rating and upgrades its outlook to “Positive” from “Stable.”

As explained in Standard & Poors [detailed report](#) as well as Fitch’s [press release](#), the agencies made their independent decisions based on the Airport Authority’s ability to maintain a very strong financial profile as demonstrated by criteria such as airline diversity, low debt burden and a strong cash reserve. Port Columbus International Airport’s modest Capital Improvement Program, with no planned additional long-term borrowing in the next five years, was also cited as a contributing factor.

“Our strong financial position and findings of the rating agencies demonstrate that our airports are well managed and our strategic financial planning is succeeding,” said the Airport Authority’s Chief Financial Officer, John Byrum. “

The Columbus Regional Airport Authority is dedicated to its mission of connecting Central Ohio with the world through the operation of three airports: passenger-dedicated Port Columbus International (CMH), cargo-dedicated Rickenbacker International (LCK) and general-aviation focused Bolton Field (TZR).

[Port Columbus](#) currently provides 156 daily departures to 34 airports. The nine air carriers at Port Columbus include Air Canada Jazz, AirTran, American, Continental, Delta, Frontier, Southwest, United and US Airways. Cargo-dedicated [Rickenbacker International Airport](#) is located within the Rickenbacker Inland Port, a multi-modal logistics hub known internationally for its impressive network of freight forwarders, cargo airlines, trucking companies, an intermodal facility and a Foreign-Trade Zone. FedEx, UPS, Evergreen, Kalitta and Southern Air, among others move cargo through the international airport.

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