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### **Passenger traffic at CLE remains down for September 2009**

**CLEVELAND, Nov. 4, 2009** — Passenger traffic at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE) for the month of September 2009 totaled 760,335 down 4.34% or 34,516 passengers, compared to September 2008. The number of passengers traveling through the airport in September averaged 25,345 daily.

“For the first time since airlines began making their flight reductions due to spiraling fuel costs and the slowing worldwide economy, we are beginning to see a slowly improving picture for passenger traffic and demand for the end of year and first quarter 2010,” said Airport Director Ricky Smith. “The pace of year over year reductions in passenger traffic at CLE should continue to slow.”

Year-to-date passenger traffic (January – September 2009) totaled 7,358,678, down 15.28% or 1,326,854 passengers.