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## NEWS RELEASE

### **Silicon Valley's Airport Welcomes Wingz - First Transportation Network Company Permitted to Pick up Travelers**

*-- Benefiting Silicon Valley Residents, Businesses and Visitors --*

**San José, Calif.** – Mineta San José International Airport (SJC) marked an important milestone today by announcing an agreement with Wingz – the first Transportation Network Company (TNC) permitted to both pick up and drop off travelers on airport property.

Now, Silicon Valley residents, businesses and visitors have more ground transportation options to choose from at SJC with Wingz being the first TNC authorized to operate at the airport. Wingz rides are arranged as follows:

- Travelers can schedule a ride to and from SJC via the Wingz website, [www.wingz.me](http://www.wingz.me), at least two hours in advance,
- Within minutes, travelers receive via email ride and driver details,
- Upon landing at SJC, the traveler notifies the driver when ready to be picked up,
- The driver proceeds to pick up the traveler at the airport's designated ground transportation pick-up area.

"I am thankful to Wingz, Airport staff and the San José Mayor and Council for their thoughtful approach and collaborative efforts to offer the first Transportation Networking Company services to our travelers," said Director of Aviation Kim Becker. "Allowing TNCs to operate at

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Silicon Valley's airport has always been a priority, and now we are able to ensure the safety and security of our travelers with this newly approved business model for SJC."

"We are thrilled to expand our service to the South Bay through Mineta San Jose International Airport," said Wingz co-founder and CEO Geoff Mathieux. "We praise the City of San Jose and airport officials for their collaboration and open mindedness to authorize Wingz to provide a unique ground transportation service to people who live in or visit Silicon Valley."

Wingz and all other future TNCs permitted to operate at SJC pick up travelers at designated areas at the ground transportation islands as follows: Stop 7 for Terminal A and Stop 5 for Terminal B. Signage will direct travelers to the TNC pick up areas. All TNCs are authorized to drop off passengers at the departures curbsides of both terminals.

SJC staff continues to communicate and collaborate with other TNCs to reach agreements to begin operations at the Airport.

**About Wingz**

Wingz is a marketplace that connects local drivers with travelers who need to pre-book rides to or from the airport. All prices are guaranteed upon booking. Rides are accepted and provided by Wingz' local drivers using their own cars. As local residents, these drivers have a vast knowledge of their cities and provide travelers with a localized social experience. All drivers have had their backgrounds and DMV records checked. In addition, all vehicles are inspected by licensed automotive repair facilities and Wingz carries a \$1M per incident liability insurance policy. Wingz ([www.wingz.me](http://www.wingz.me)) was founded in 2011 and is based in San Francisco. Wingz' free mobile application is available for download on the App Store or Google Play.

**About Mineta San José International Airport**

Mineta San José International Airport (SJC) is Silicon Valley's airport, a self-supporting enterprise owned and operated by the City of San José. SJC served 9.6 million passengers in Fiscal Year 2015, a 5.4 percent increase year-over-year. SJC offers approximately 150 peak daily flights on 13 domestic and international carriers to 35 nonstop destinations.

SJC's five-star customer service experience sets it apart from other Bay Area and US airports. Airlines and passengers respond positively to SJC's customer amenities, including modern terminal buildings, free and fast WiFi, comfortable seating with built-in power outlets, a luxurious, award-winning lounge open to all travelers, a duty free store offering an enhanced shopping experience, a rental car center conveniently located across from the terminals and Global Entry kiosks to expedite arriving international passengers. Silicon Valley's airport is located in San José, California's third largest city and the nation's tenth largest city. SJC facts can be found [here](#). For more airport information, visit [www.flysanjose.com](http://www.flysanjose.com).