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NEWS RELEASE

Airport Grows, Reduced Parking Rate Departs

TAMPA, FL (November 8, 2004) – Effective today, Tampa International Airport is advising the community that it can no longer reduce the parking rate in the Short Term Garage when the Long Term Garage fills to capacity.

As the community continues to prosper and grow so does the Airport. In fact, Tampa International Airport has experienced eight months of continued record breaking passenger traffic impacting all the Airport's facilities, roadways and parking garages.

In order to have spaces available in the Short Term Garage for the increasing number of customers who need parking for an hour or two, it has become necessary for the Aviation Authority to rescind the policy of providing the less expensive long term parking rates in short term when the Long Term Garage fills and closes.

"Reducing the parking rate is a luxury that we can not provide any longer," explained Al S. Austin, Chairman, Hillsborough County Aviation Authority. "This is a permanent change, not just during the holidays."

The published rate for each facility will be applied regardless of the status of other facilities. When long term closes, travelers will have two self-park choices, convenient short term parking at \$14.00 a day or economical parking at \$7.00 a day in the Economy Lot. Valet parking is available at \$20.00 a day.

Customers, who are not familiar with the parking options or locations at the Airport, are encouraged to visit our website at www.tampaairport.com for more information and maps.

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The Aviation Authority closes the parking garages when they fill to prevent passengers wasting time driving around looking for a nonexistent space. Parking rates are established based on the convenience level of the facility. Parking will always be available but it may not be in the specific facility or at the rate desired.

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