

City subsidizes international flights

The city of Portland will spend \$300,000 to help Delta Air Lines keep operating nonstop international flights at PDX, Mayor Sam Adams said Monday.

The city will use money originally budgeted to support regional air service within Oregon, Adams said.

"The governor's office found a way to cover that," Adams said. "So we're using this to give to the Port of Portland to help maintain the Tokyo service."

The Port, which operates the airport, is already paying Delta \$3.5 million in hopes of preserving the flights until they can return to profit as the recession ends. Adams said international service helps retain companies such as Daimler, whose employees can fly nonstop between Portland and Amsterdam on planes that also fly the Tokyo route.

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