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# Media Release

## Billings Chamber and Community Partners Working with American Airlines

### For Immediate Release

Billings, MT, January 14, 2016: The Billings Chamber of Commerce, along with Visit Billings, Big Sky Economic Development and other community partners, continue to advocate for air service growth in Billings, Montana's Trailhead.

For the last several years, the Billings Chamber Air Service Committee has worked diligently to identify specific airlines and flights to expand Billings' air lift. Recent meetings with representatives from American Airlines, United and Delta yielded positive communication. "The airlines each know what Billings is looking for and we know what the airlines need to expand in our market," shared John Brewer, Chamber President and CEO. "For example, American Airlines knows that Billings seeks to secure daily direct service to Dallas/Fort Worth and that our data and research indicate that service would be successful here."

Earlier today, Bozeman announced the addition of a seasonal American Airlines flight to Dallas/Fort Worth. "We are encouraged to see American Airlines expanding to Montana," continued Brewer. "We hope to see the flight in Bozeman go well as that will ultimately speak to the success of the Montana market for American and feed our request for daily direct service in Billings."

Discussions with the Billings Logan International Airport and airlines with potential to serve Billings are ongoing. The community's position as a regional leader, our diverse business population, strong economy and steady year-round demand are strong indicators of Billings' growth potential. The Billings Chamber Air Service Committee is committed to expanding air lift and growing the potential of the community.

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