



The City of Merced Announces Essential Air Service Agreement with Advanced Air

Merced, Calif – October 13, 2021- City and airport officials announced today that the Department of Transportation (DOT) has selected Los Angeles based [Advanced Air](#) as the community's Essential Air Service (EAS) provider for Merced Yosemite Regional Airport (MCE).

Beginning January 1, 2022, Advanced Air will provide 24 weekly flights from Merced: 12 roundtrips to Las Vegas McCarran International Airport (LAS) and 12 roundtrips to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). Additionally, Advanced Air's flights will align with YARTS bus schedules to Yosemite.

"The City of Merced anticipates a productive relationship with Advanced Air," stated Matthew Serratto, Mayor of the City of Merced. "As more people look for opportunities to travel, we anticipate increased interest in our community. We look forward to convenient scheduling at affordable rates and promoting more travel opportunities to and from Yosemite. Additionally, air service should be vital to the economic growth of our City. We foresee local job growth along with economic activity and opportunity," concluded Serratto.

"Merced is one of the gateways to Yosemite, a quintessential American attraction that millions of people love to visit," said Levi Stockton, Founder & President of Advanced Air. "We are proud to be selected as the City's airline and look forward to investing in the community, bringing tourism to the area, and serving the residents of Merced and the Yosemite Valley."

About Merced Yosemite Regional Airport

The Merced Yosemite Regional Airport (MCE) offers a short commute, free parking, simple check-in, and professional TSA baggage inspection services. The airport also provides facilities for general aviation aircraft, corporate hangars, and a Gateway Air Center for private aviation.

About Advanced Air, LLC

ADVANCED AIR is a world-class, Los Angeles based airline carrier offering a gamut of aviation services including regional semi-private commercial service, private charters,



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aviation management, corporate travel and property management services. It owns and operates out of the award-winning fixed base operator (FBO), [JET CENTER LOS ANGELES](#), located in Hawthorne, CA, covering a total of 90 acres and 200,000 square feet of hangar space. Its real estate is commonly used for public and private events.

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