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**DEPARTMENT OF AIRPORTS** 



## PBI Continues to be Recognized as Top U.S. Airport

West Palm Beach, Fla (July 11, 2023) – For the seventh consecutive year, Palm Beach International Airport (PBI) is being ranked among the Ten Best Domestic Airports by readers of *Travel + Leisure*.

"We are very honored by this recognition because we take so much pride in providing passengers at PBI with a world class experience," Palm Beach County Director of Airports Laura Beebe said. "PBI has the most affordable parking of any South Florida major airport, among the shortest TSA screening times of any domestic airport and nearly every budget-friendly airline operates here," she added. "It's the closest and most convenient airport for everyone in the Palm Beaches and Treasure Coast," Beebe said.

PBI was ranked number eight on the publication's list, which asked readers to consider factors such as: access, check-in/security, restaurants, shopping and design.

PBI recently experienced a record number of passengers traveling through the airport – 7.22 million in a 12 month period. In May, the number of passengers increased more than 16 percent from May 2022.

A major expansion is presently underway of Concourse B, which will result in two additional passenger jet bridges, a new 3,000 square foot restaurant space, new terrazzo flooring and new carpeting, an elevated ceiling with glass that reduces heat and glare, an integrated nursing suite, a sensory room for travelers with autism and other sensitivities, expanded restrooms and more.

Photos of PBI and photo simulations of the expansion are available upon request.

## About Palm Beach International Airport (PBI)

Palm Beach International Airport (PBI) serves more than 7 million passengers annually and offers 200 nonstop flights daily and 13 airlines. As a part of PBI's COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan, PBI became an accredited GBAC STAR™ facility and achieved Airport Health Accreditation by Airports Council International.

PBI boasts 5th Best Airport in the World in Conde Nast Traveler's 2022 Readers' Choice Awards and 7th Best Airport in the World in Conde Nast Traveler's 2020 Readers' Choice Awards. PBI ranks Best in the U.S. for Shortest Overall TSA Wait Times by U.S. Customs and Border Protection. For more information, visit: pbia.org and follow PBI on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for updates and announcements.

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