Total passenger traffic for the month of March was 2,470,105 down .9 percent over March 2013. Domestic traffic was down 3.6 percent. International traffic increased by 14.5 percent.

Commercial operations totaled 21,662, down 2.6 percent over last year. General Aviation totaled 3,528, down 16 percent. Total aircraft movements for the period were 25,190, down 4.7 percent.

Carriers with Top Increases and Decreases in Passengers
Carriers that showed positive growth for the month include:

- Frontier up 16.6%
- JetBlue up 6.8%
- Spirit up 5.4%
- Alaska up .7%
- Delta up .2%

March was the 5th consecutive month of positive growth for Spirit indicating that the carrier has consistently added capacity back into the market.

Airlines with decreases for the month were:

- Caribbean down 23.6%
- American down 14.0%
- Southwest down 8.1%
- US Airways down 7.2%
- United down 4.5%

Domestic Passenger Negative Impacts
Domestic passenger traffic growth continues to be relatively flat. Significant impacts include the continued reduction in capacity by:

1. Southwest/AirTran and American’s cut backs at JFK and Los Angeles
2. Delta’s discontinuation of Memphis service
3. United’s capacity reduction at Washington Dulles

New Domestic Service
New domestic service to New Orleans and Houston by Spirit, and new service to Pittsburgh by JetBlue, should have a positive effect on domestic traffic during the second half of the year.

New International Service
On the international side, FLL has seen significant growth in international passenger traffic. March marked the 4th consecutive month of double digit growth. International traffic will continue to grow with the addition of new service by JetBlue to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic; Montego Bay, Jamaica; and Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago. New international service in July includes London by Norwegian Air Shuttle and the arrival of COPA from Panama City, Panama.
In terms of international capacity, FLL will be the fastest growing large hub airport by the third quarter of 2014. The chart below shows the top 20 airports.

Below is the year to date total passenger traffic and market share of FLL’s top carriers.