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## **CITY OF KEARNEY** **PRESS RELEASE** ***For Immediate Release***

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### **Kearney City Council Approves Additional Daily Flight to Chicago**

The Kearney City Council has approved an air service agreement with SkyWest Airlines, operating under the United Express brand, to add a second daily flight between Kearney Regional Airport (EAR) and Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD).

Beginning April 30, 2026, travelers will have access to daily round-trip flights to Chicago, operated seven days a week aboard a CRJ200 aircraft with a typical seating capacity of 50 passengers. The service is scheduled to continue through October 31, 2027, per the terms of the air service agreement.

This new Chicago service is in addition to the existing daily flights to Denver International Airport (DEN). The Denver schedule will remain unchanged, ensuring travelers continue to have reliable access to United Airlines' Denver hub while gaining additional connectivity through Chicago O'Hare.

"This expansion represents another exciting step forward for Kearney Regional Airport and the travelers we serve," said Mayor Nikkila. "The additional flight strengthens our connection to one of the country's busiest hubs, making travel more convenient for residents, businesses, and visitors."

Kearney Regional Airport continues to serve as a vital gateway for central Nebraska, offering access to United Airlines' global network through Denver International and now bringing back Chicago O'Hare.

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