



**SHREVEPORT AIRPORT AUTHORITY**  
SHREVEPORT REGIONAL AIRPORT—SHREVEPORT DOWNTOWN AIRPORT  
City of Shreveport



***Delta Air Lines to close Memphis hub  
after summer travel season***

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On Tuesday, June 4, Delta Air Lines announced the upcoming closure of its hub in Memphis effective September 3. This reduction in service will include the elimination of nonstop service to/from Shreveport.

Currently Shreveport Regional Airport (SHV) has two daily departures to and arrivals from Memphis. Delta is already working to determine how and when to increase capacity on its nonstop Atlanta service once the Memphis service is discontinued. This may occur through additional frequency, increasing seat capacity with larger aircraft, or a combination of the two. Any passengers who have travel scheduled connecting in Memphis after August 30th should contact Delta for rebooking.

Airport Management has been in active dialogue with Delta as well as other air carriers to explore additional hub options for SHV. United's nonstop Denver flight is continuing to strengthen and our discussions to expand service are ongoing. Also, there is a potential for additional service aboard American Airlines should the proposed merger with US Airways receive final regulatory approval.

"While we are disappointed to learn of this decision by Delta to discontinue its Memphis service, it was not unexpected, as Delta has been reducing capacity at Memphis for some time now," said Bryant L. Francis, Director of Airports. "Staff is currently attending an industry conference in Atlanta during which meetings with several airlines will be held to discuss the possibility of operating new or expanded service into SHV. We believe these and future discussions will ultimately result in exciting announcements and greatly improved air accessibility for our residents and visitors."

Delta Air Lines has served the Shreveport market since 1931, and continues to carry more passengers to and from Shreveport Regional Airport than any other airline.

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