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### **BILLINGS AIRPORT SETS RECORDS FOR SECOND YEAR IN A ROW**

The Billings Logan International Airport exceeded the 2018 record high passenger and freight totals during 2019. For calendar year 2018, the passenger enplanements were 451,564 and total passengers deplaning were 453,309, for a total of 904,873 passengers utilizing the commercial airline service at Billings Logan International Airport. In 2019, the passenger numbers jumped with enplaned passengers totaling 474,762 and the deplaning passengers totaling 476,085, for a new total passenger number of 950,847 for the year 2019, or 45,974 additional passengers.

The total weight of cargo/mail transported in and out of the Billings Airport also jumped from last year's 83,157,875 pounds to 101,007,931 pounds resulting in an annual increase of 21.5%.

Kevin Ploehn, Director of Aviation and Transit, stated, "After having record numbers in 2018, it was really exciting to watch 2019 and know that the Billings Airport was going to exceed those record numbers in 2019 for both passengers and freight. December's numbers were exceptional, with passenger numbers 14.3% higher than the year before and freight up 29%. An excellent finish for a great year. Numbers like these show that the region is still doing economically well and folks are taking advantage of the additional air service options the Billings Airport has to offer." He also noted that "In order to continue this record setting pace, all of our Montana neighbors are going to need to make sure they have a Real ID or Passport by October 1, 2020. We really do not want to see anyone denied access to their flight due to improper identification, so spread the word, and make your appointment with the Montana Motor Vehicle Division at a location near you." Mr. Ploehn noted that information is available on Real ID at the State's website [mtrealid.gov](http://mtrealid.gov) or at the Airport's website [flybillings.com](http://flybillings.com).