

# Air Transport Division



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TO: AA Locals 501 - 590

RE: American Airlines

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

As you know, today American Airlines announced its plan to reduce the operating fleet to levels not seen since 1991. Overall system capacity reductions of 11 – 12% at AMR were announced this past May, which included American Eagle.

The entire industry appears to be under siege with mainline and regional carriers reducing flights, grounding aircraft, closing facilities and implementing significant layoffs. AMR is no exception and is not immune. This may very well result in long term consequences for our members, their families and the communities in which they live.

We will continue to work toward securing as many Voluntary Bridge to Retirements (VBRs) and Stand-in-Steads (SIS) as possible for those so inclined, in order to mitigate involuntary reductions. The situation remains tenuous and fluid at best, and is subject to change with little warning or notice.

We will communicate with your Local leadership in as timely a manner as conditions warrant.

Fraternally,

  
John M. Conley  
Director Air Transport Division

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