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Low-cost airline to service Wichita

Wichita is getting new air service.

Low-fare carrier AirTran Airways announced today that it will begin service on May 8th with direct flights from Wichita to Chicago and Atlanta.

The new service is the result of the city's Fair Fares campaign to attract lower cost air service to Wichita. The city will continue to pursue other low-fare carriers.

AirTran will offer three round-trip daily flights between Wichita and Atlanta, and two between Wichita and Chicago. Atlanta is the airline's main hub.

AirTran will use 117-seat Boeing 717 jetliners in its Wichita service.

The Orlando, Florida-based airline provides service to more than 30 other cities in the United States.

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