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## **Capital Region International Airport (LAN) opens doors to automated micro market, featuring fresh, Michigan-made food**

*Market Twenty 4 Seven is accessible to all who visit airport*

LANSING, Mich. — (Dec. 16, 2019) — Marking the latest upgrade to the mid-Michigan community’s gateway to international destinations, the **Capital Region International Airport, whose airport code is LAN**, today officially opened a 24/7, automated micro market stocked with fresh, Michigan-made food. Market Twenty 4 Seven is located in the airport’s lobby prior to security, meaning that anyone who visits the airport — even on a lunch or snack break — can access the market without going through the TSA check point.

“The Capital Region International Airport isn’t only a gateway to destinations worldwide — with new enhancements such as this 24/7 market, it’s a welcoming place for even a quick visit by locals not about to board a flight,” said **John Shaski**, chairman of the Capital Region Airport Authority Board of Directors. “These changes allow us to invite the community to spend more time at the airport, even if that day’s journey simply involves a lunch trip down the road for a convenient, healthy meal.”

The market opening comes on the heels of **Capital Brewport**, which opened at LAN in June. Inspired by Lansing Brewing Company, the Capital Brewport features LBC beers and brewery style food. The 2,300-square-foot restaurant, which seats 90, features a contemporary décor with several 55-inch flat-screen TVs for patrons and wall-to-wall windows looking out onto runways.

Upcoming construction projects include a new coffee shop featuring locally roasted coffee, updated amenities including business pods, and a nursing room for mothers traveling with infants. The airport also plans to update its gate holding areas to create spaces reflecting the pride that the airport takes in being the community airport for mid-Michigan.

**Tim Daman**, president and CEO of the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, said that the airport is a key driver of the Lansing region’s recent historic growth, and will be a vital partner as the region continues to succeed.

“With every new improvement, LAN becomes a stronger destination, and that’s good news for our local economy,” Daman said. “We have \$3 billion in upcoming development projects in the Lansing area — we need a strong infrastructure to support our growing community, and we’re excited to see that our airport is up to the challenge.”

Market Twenty 4 Seven will offer a selection of fresh food prepared daily in Michigan as well as an assortment of snacks. The market is self-scan and will allow guests to purchase items through debit card,

credit card, Apple Pay, or a Market card. Options will include homemade sandwiches, seasonal salads, locally made pastries, heat-and-eat soup, and more.

Based in Troy, Mich., Market Twenty 4 Seven is a division of Continental, Michigan's largest food management company.

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*The Capital Region International Airport, whose airport code is LAN, is an important asset in the mid-Michigan community, driving \$1 billion annually in economic impact. The airport welcomes nearly half a million visitors each year to connect throughout the country and the world. In addition to providing corporate and general aviation, the Capital Region International Airport moves 54.4 million pounds of cargo annually and is one of two airports in the state with a federal inspection station. More than 7,300 jobs are dependent on the airport, which also features a 48,000-square-foot warehouse and 582 acres of ready-to-develop land.*