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FedEx Express flies more than 650 planes from Memphis International in Tennessee and has seen an increase fueled by consumers stuck at home.

Cargo noise soars amid online buying

For those who live near airports, surge in sales can be a headache

By Amy Zipkin
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The last time Congress approved legislation dealing with airport noise complaints was 30 years ago, when the biggest concern was older, inefficient planes.

But the law, the Air Noise and Capacity Act of 1990, couldn't anticipate an online world of overnight, and even same-day, delivery or the din it would bring to neighborhoods near the airports used by cargo planes.

Cargo flights had already been rising rapidly in the past four years. In recent weeks, as the spread of the coronavirus has forced people indoors and fueled on-line shopping, those flights have become crucial to cargo companies and even to passenger airlines. As travel has plummeted, air carriers like United, American, Southwest and Delta have begun using their aircraft for some cargo operations.

"The growing number of communities across the country with 'shelter in place' orders has caused more people to order goods online, since retail stores and shops are often closed," said Henry Harteveldt, founder of Atmosphere Research Group, a travel industry advisory firm in San Francisco.

"While we may have adjusted to new customs about how we live, such as social distancing, we still expect to receive the items we buy on-line fairly quickly," he said.

'Cargo doesn't care'

According to the U.S. Bureau of Transportation Statistics, the average number of daily domestic cargo flights rose to 1,571 last year from 1,321 in 2015. And it's not just that the number of flights is increasing. Cargo jets often fly around the clock to meet tight delivery schedules.

Unlike people, "cargo doesn't care where it connects or when it flies," Harteveldt said.

People who live near airports care, though. Cindy L. Christiansen, who lives in the Boston area, said she heard two cargo planes just before 4:30 on a recent weekday morning as they landed at Boston Logan International Airport. A statistician, she makes her own noise maps using Google Maps and incorporates data from Massport, the authority that owns the airport, as well as the Federal Aviation Administration and Flight Aware, a tracking service.

"At night, I assess the likelihood of having planes at 4 a.m. based on the predicted weather conditions," she said. If the likelihood is high, she turns on a white noise machine.

To accommodate the demand, cargo carriers are investing in an intricate network of airport hubs, air planes and vehicles.

Amazon, for example, is investing nearly \$1.5 billion in a new cargo hub at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, which is expected to open next year with a fleet of 70 planes. It will try to compete with UPS,

which has more than 260 planes at its Worldport hub in Louisville, Ky., and with FedEx Express, which flies more than 650 planes from Memphis International in Tennessee and has been investing heavily there.

All the expansion means that "there's more flight activity by smaller aircraft," said Robert Mann, an industry analyst and consultant. "Cargo are logistics, so you want to use 24 hours a day if you can and because you can," he added. Once a carrier has a hub and crew, he said, it can make more trips at lower cost.

More flights added

While passenger airports are usually near population centers and leisure attractions, cargo carriers require proximity to warehouses, roads and rails. But cargo planes are increasingly flying out of geographically remote airports, Harteveldt said. And those secondary airports welcome the extra money that freight brings.

"Cargo shipments are a silent revenue driver," said Atif Elkadi, deputy executive director of Ontario International Airport, one of a constellation of airports in Southern California. Freight helped the airport weather the financial crisis more than a decade ago, when passenger traffic dropped over 45 percent.

Airports nearby noticed. In 2018, March Air Reserve Base received approval for Amazon Air to operate five cargo arrivals and departures a day; currently it runs three. Last year, the San Bernardino International Airport Authority Commission approved a new \$200 million air cargo facility at that city's airport. Officials estimate deliveries will add \$5 million in annual revenue. Currently, there are 30 to 70 flights a week, depending on the season; it anticipates adding about 50 daily flights.

In October, Amazon Air opened a regional hub with multiple flights daily at Fort Worth Alliance Airport, which is also a FedEx hub.


Mindful of potential noise problems, the FAA awarded an \$8 million grant to the airport late last summer to study the effect of those flights on nearby residents. Though the initial assessment showed there was no significant effects, two neighborhoods needed further study, said Christian Childs, director of aviation operations.

'Anxiety-producing'

In Boston, Logan airport continues to operate 24 hours a day. In 2014, neighbors filed a lawsuit complaining about an increase in noise when the airport adopted new departure procedures but lost their case. Still, they have been able to file individual complaints with the airport.

Christiansen, one of the residents who brought that suit, said the noise continues to affect her most in the late afternoons and weekends, when she wants to be outside gardening.

"It's anxiety-producing, not anxiety-calming, to be out there," she said. "With social distancing, my neighbors and I can't get close enough to hear each other."



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