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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AMR CORPORATION

/s/ Charles D. MarLett  
Charles D. MarLett  
Corporate Secretary

Dated: September 3, 2004

### EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit | Description   |
|---------|---------------|
| 99.1    | Press Release |

Exhibit 99.1

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## AMERICAN AIRLINES REPORTS AUGUST TRAFFIC

FORT WORTH, Texas - American Airlines, the world's largest carrier, reported an August load factor of 78.4 percent, the company's second highest August load factor on record. The record of 79.5 percent was set in August of last year. Capacity increased a substantial 5.8 percent year over year, and August traffic grew 4.4 percent compared to year-ago levels.

International traffic increased 14.5 percent relative to last year on 17.2 percent more capacity. Domestic traffic was flat with last year on a slight increase in capacity.

American boarded 8.3 million passengers in August.

Detailed traffic and capacity data are on the following pages:

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### AMERICAN AIRLINES PASSENGER DIVISION COMPARATIVE PRELIMINARY TRAFFIC SUMMARY EXCLUDES CHARTER SERVICES

|                               | AUGUST     |            |           |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
|                               | 2004       | 2003       | CHANGE    |
| REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000) |            |            |           |
| SYSTEM                        | 12,194,272 | 11,685,723 | 4.4 %     |
| D.O.T. DOMESTIC               | 8,139,592  | 8,143,245  | 0.0       |
| INTERNATIONAL                 | 4,054,680  | 3,542,479  | 14.5      |
| ATLANTIC                      | 1,783,746  | 1,565,196  | 14.0      |
| LATIN AMERICA                 | 1,893,645  | 1,668,678  | 13.5      |
| PACIFIC                       | 377,289    | 308,605    | 22.3      |
| AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)    |            |            |           |
| SYSTEM                        | 15,536,571 | 14,685,365 | 5.8 %     |
| D.O.T. DOMESTIC               | 10,323,385 | 10,238,644 | 0.8       |
| INTERNATIONAL                 | 5,213,186  | 4,446,721  | 17.2      |
| ATLANTIC                      | 2,108,600  | 1,906,747  | 10.6      |
| LATIN AMERICA                 | 2,630,900  | 2,176,034  | 20.9      |
| PACIFIC                       | 473,686    | 363,940    | 30.2      |
| LOAD FACTOR                   |            |            |           |
| SYSTEM                        | 78.4 %     | 79.5 %     | (1.1) Pts |
| D.O.T. DOMESTIC               | 78.8       | 79.5       | (0.7)     |
| INTERNATIONAL                 | 77.7       | 79.6       | (1.9)     |
| ATLANTIC                      | 84.5       | 82.0       | 2.5       |
| LATIN AMERICA                 | 71.9       | 76.6       | (4.7)     |
| PACIFIC                       | 79.6       | 84.7       | (5.1)     |
| PASSENGERS BOARDED            | 8,330,187  | 8,433,340  | (1.2) %   |

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SYSTEM CARGO TON MILES (000) 174,323 161,442 8.0 %

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COMPARATIVE PRELIMINARY TRAFFIC SUMMARY  
EXCLUDES CHARTER SERVICES

| YEAR-TO-DATE AUGUST           |             |             |         |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------|
|                               | 2004        | 2003        | CHANGE  |
| REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000) |             |             |         |
| SYSTEM                        | 88,327,144  | 81,454,376  | 8.4 %   |
| D.O.T. DOMESTIC               | 60,327,885  | 58,064,247  | 3.9     |
| INTERNATIONAL                 | 27,999,259  | 23,390,129  | 19.7    |
| ATLANTIC                      | 12,137,809  | 10,393,135  | 16.8    |
| LATIN AMERICA                 | 13,056,904  | 11,036,489  | 18.3    |
| PACIFIC                       | 2,804,546   | 1,960,504   | 43.1    |
| AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)    |             |             |         |
| SYSTEM                        | 117,565,046 | 110,010,440 | 6.9 %   |
| D.O.T. DOMESTIC               | 79,988,133  | 78,265,820  | 2.2     |
| INTERNATIONAL                 | 37,576,913  | 31,744,620  | 18.4    |
| ATLANTIC                      | 14,938,147  | 13,322,604  | 12.1    |
| LATIN AMERICA                 | 19,132,415  | 15,716,291  | 21.7    |
| PACIFIC                       | 3,506,352   | 2,705,724   | 29.6    |
| LOAD FACTOR                   |             |             |         |
| SYSTEM                        | 75.1 %      | 74.0 %      | 1.1 Pts |
| D.O.T. DOMESTIC               | 75.4        | 74.1        | 1.3     |
| INTERNATIONAL                 | 74.5        | 73.6        | 0.9     |
| ATLANTIC                      | 81.2        | 78.0        | 3.2     |
| LATIN AMERICA                 | 68.2        | 70.2        | (2.0)   |
| PACIFIC                       | 79.9        | 72.4        | 7.5     |
| PASSENGERS BOARDED            | 62,283,445  | 60,775,833  | 2.5 %   |
| SYSTEM CARGO                  |             |             |         |
| TON MILES (000)               | 1,443,790   | 1,306,126   | 10.5%   |

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