

Southwest canceling Reno-San Jose nonstop flight

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In April, Jerry Garrity's commute will go from one hour to at least three-and-half hours.

Garrity, 58, makes multiple trips a month between his home in Reno and his real estate brokerage firm near San Jose, Calif., on Southwest Airlines, which handles more than 50 percent of Reno-Tahoe International Airport traffic.

But the airline will permanently discontinue its two daily nonstop flights between the cities in mid-April. Southwest is the only airline to offer nonstop service from Reno to San Jose and vice versa.

"There has always been a nonstop flight from San Jose to Reno," Garrity said. "And to go for a flight to Los Angeles or Las Vegas and then back to San Jose is turning a 50-minute flight into a four-hour-and-10-minute flight."

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