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The Future of Travel: Arriving on-time at Reagan National Airport

Washington, DC (Jul. 9, 2015) – The Museum of Science Fiction, the world's first comprehensive science fiction museum, will open its first public exhibition: "The Future of Travel" at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, Terminal C, Baggage Claim Level beginning today. The four-month exhibition, part of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Arts Program, features a large-scale Orion III spaceplane (I'm assuming this should be 'spaceplane'?) from *2001: A Space Odyssey* built by BP Taylor and retro-futuristic travel posters by artist Steve Thomas.

"We are pleased to present this groundbreaking exhibition, which shows a future that the commercial spaceflight industry is working to make a reality," commented Paul Stimers, member of the Museum's Board of Advisors and Partner with the Public Policy and Law practice at K&L Gates.

In addition to the physical exhibition, airport visitors and people outside of the Washington area will be able to tour the "Future of Travel" via the Museum's new mobile app developed by Museum CIO, Alexandre Carvalho. The app features a companion guide that will provide visitors with exhibition information, an interstellar passport, and their own "boarding pass to the future." The app has an "Expedia-style" Plan-Your-Visit section to selected destinations: the Moon, Alpha Centauri, or Mars to generate a simulated interstellar passport and boarding pass that can be emailed to the traveler – Climb Olympus Mons! Hike the Mars Rover trails! Stay in floating hotels! Remember your sunscreen! Travel to the Moon – Best view of the Earth! Visit the first moon landing monument!

"Today, space tourism is seen as something reserved only for the super rich," said Katherine Kidwell, Museum Associate Curator and Director of Exhibit Planning and Design. "But the day is

approaching when passengers will be able to take a flight to the moon, Mars, or beyond just as easily as they would board a plane today. This exhibition will give travelers a playful and informative view of what it may be like when that day arrives."

The "Future of Travel" exhibition was made possible by generous support from K&L Gates, SmithGroupJJR, and a successful Kickstarter campaign which raised over 200% of its fundraising goal. More information about the exhibition is available on the Museum's website:

<http://www.museumofsciencefiction.org/future-of-travel>

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Arts Program offers diverse regional, national and international rotating exhibits, live performances and public art displays that celebrate the beauty and creativity of the National Capital Region. For more information about the Airports Authority Arts Program visit the [Reagan National](#) and [Dulles International](#) airports "What's New?" pages.

The mobile app is available on iTunes: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/mosf/id991638074?mt=8>

About the Museum of Science Fiction

The nonprofit Museum of Science Fiction will be the world's first comprehensive science fiction museum, covering the history of the genre across the arts and providing a narrative on its relationship to the real world. The Museum will show how science fiction continually inspires individuals, influences cultures, and impacts societies. Also serving as an educational catalyst to expand interest in the science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) areas. The Museum uses tools such as mobile applications and wifi-enabled display objects to educate and entertain. For a full press packet on the Museum of Science Fiction's vision and other information, please visit:

www.museumofsciencefiction.org/presspacket

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