



Horizon Air

Horizon Air was established in 1981 at Seattle/Tacoma, Washington operating routes within the state of Washington. In 1983 Horizon merged with Trans Western Airlines, a commuter airline based in Utah that served Albuquerque and Santa Fe from Denver for a short time in the late 1970's. Horizon was purchased by Alaska Air Group in 1986 and became the primary feeder carrier for Alaska Airlines. In 2004 Horizon began a new feeder contract with Frontier Airlines operating as Frontier Jet Express and initiated service from Albuquerque to Denver on January 5, 2004 using 70 seat Canadair CRJ-700 regional jets. Most aircraft were painted in the standard Frontier Airlines paint scheme with a wildlife emblem on the tail however at times aircraft would serve Albuquerque in the Horizon Air paint scheme. This service continued for nearly four years, ending on November 22, 2007. Frontier had then switched its feeder contract flying to Republic and Lynx Airlines while Horizon returned to flying exclusively for Alaska Airlines.



Horizon Air Canadair CRJ-700 at Albuquerque in the carriers' house livery.



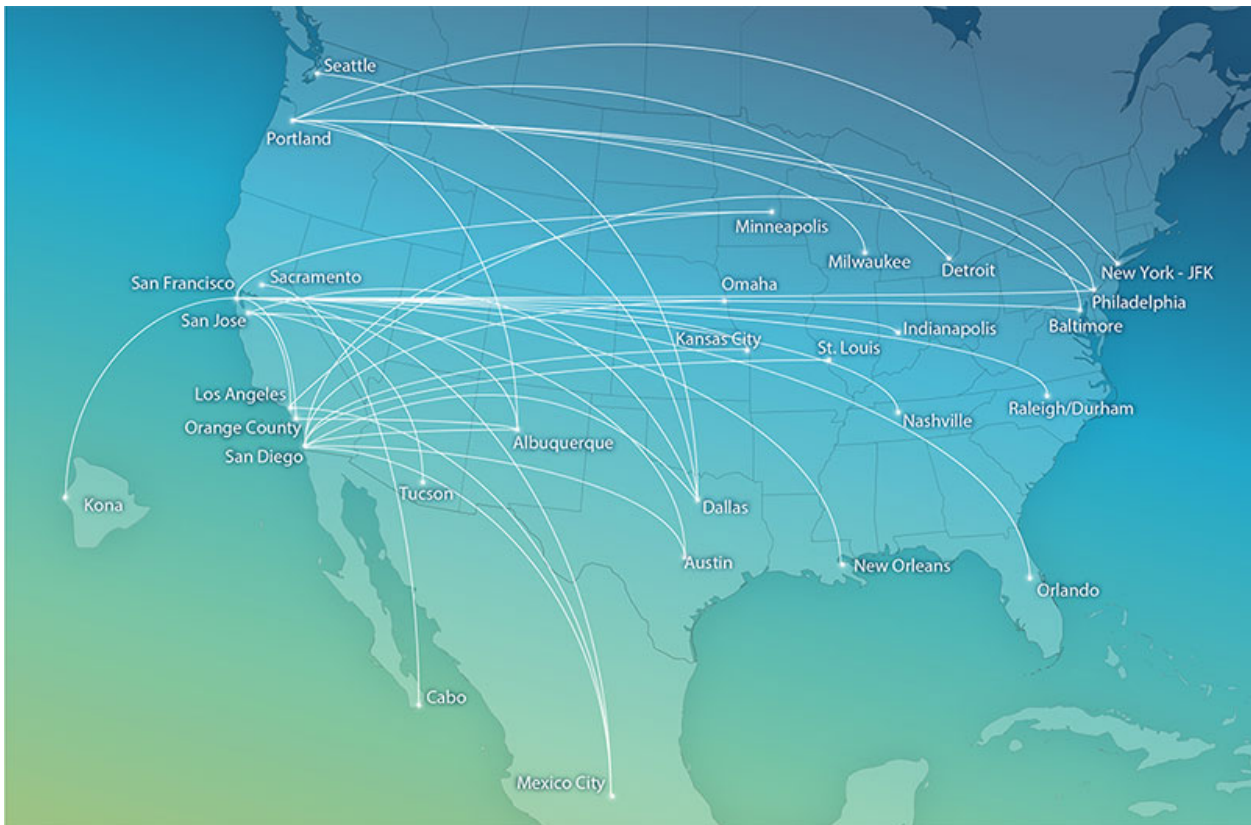
Horizon Air Canadair CRJ-700 in the Frontier Jet Express livery at Albuquerque.



Horizon returned to Albuquerque on August 18, 2017, nearly ten years later, with new service to Orange County, California and Portland, Oregon operating on behalf of Alaska Airlines as Alaska Horizon. One month later a third flight was added to San Francisco and on October 18, 2017 two more new flights began to San Diego and Seattle. The Seattle flight was in addition to the one mainline flight already operated by Alaska Airlines. One daily flight was flown on each new route utilizing 76-seat Embraer-175 regional jets which were new to Horizon as the carrier had only been operating DeHavilland DHC-8-Q400 turbo props for several years. The Orange County, San Diego, and San Francisco flights were discontinued in 2019 and the Seattle and Portland flights began alternating operations with SkyWest Airlines as Alaska SkyWest. All service was suspended upon the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in March, 2020. The Portland flight was reinstated in October, 2020 but replaced with an Alaska mainline jet in March 2022.



Horizon Air Embraer 175 at Albuquerque operating as Alaska Horizon.



Alaska Airlines route map from October, 2017 indicating the new routes from Albuquerque operated by Horizon Air.