AMERICAN AIRLINES INC Form 8-K January 06, 2009

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D. C. 20549 FORM 8-K **CURRENT REPORT** Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Date of earliest event reported: January 5, 2009 American Airlines, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) Delaware 1-2691 13-1502798 (State of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.) Fort Worth, Texas 4333 Amon Carter Blvd. 76155 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) (817) 963-1234 (Registrant's telephone number) (Former name or former address, if changed since last report.) Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions: [] Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) [] Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events

AMR Corporation is filing herewith a press release issued on January 5, 2009 by American Airlines, Inc. as Exhibit 99.1, which is included herein. This press release was issued to report December traffic for American Airlines, Inc.

SIGNATURE

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.

American Airlines, Inc.

/s/ Kenneth W. Wimberly Kenneth W. Wimberly Corporate Secretary

Dated: January 6, 2009

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Description

99.1 Press Release

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FOR RELEASE: Monday, Jan. 5, 2009

AMERICAN AIRLINES REPORTS DECEMBER TRAFFIC

FORT WORTH, Texas – American Airlines reported a December load factor of 79.2 percent, an increase of 0.4 point versus the same period last year. Traffic decreased 8.2 percent and capacity decreased 8.6 percent year over year.

Domestic traffic decreased 9.6 percent year over year on 11.8 percent less capacity. International traffic decreased by 5.7 percent relative to last year on a capacity decrease of 3.2 percent.

American boarded 7.3 million passengers in December.

AMERICAN AIRLINES PASSENGER DIVISION COMPARATIVE PRELIMINARY TRAFFIC SUMMARY EXCLUDES CHARTER SERVICES

December

	Decemen				
		2008	2007	CHANGE	
REVENUE PASSENGE	R MILES (000)				
SYSTEM		10,320,561	11,237,764	-8.2	%
	D.O.T. DOMESTIC	6,416,039	7,095,430	-9.6	
	INTERNATIONAL	3,904,522	4,142,334	-5.7	
	ATLANTIC	1,471,143	1,598,295	-8.0	
	LATIN AMERICA	1,980,242	2,088,718	-5.2	
	PACIFIC	453,137	455,321	-0.5	
AVAILABLE SEAT MII	LES (000)				
SYSTEM	` ,	13,030,684	14,253,769	-8.6	%
	D.O.T. DOMESTIC	7,924,082	8,980,955	-11.8	
	INTERNATIONAL	5,106,602	5,272,814	-3.2	
	ATLANTIC	1,873,329	1,962,879	-4.6	
	LATIN AMERICA	2,669,298	2,731,753	-2.3	
	PACIFIC	563,975	578,182	-2.5	
LOAD FACTOR					
SYSTEM		79.2%	78.8%	0.4	Pts
D.O.T. DOMESTIC		81.0	79.0	2.0	
INTERNATIONAL		76.5	78.6	-2.1	
ATLANTIC		78.5	81.4	-2.9	
LATIN AMERICA		74.2	76.5	-2.3	
PACIFIC		80.3	78.8	1.6	
PASSENGERS					
BOARDED		7,277,173	7,923,725	-8.2	%
SYSTEM CARGO TON					
MILES (000)		134,673	179,969	-25.2	%

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YTD December

		2008	2007	CHANGE
REVENUE PASSENGER M	MILES (000)			
SYSTEM		131,730,196	138,420,711	-4.8 %
	D.O.T. DOMESTIC	83,288,032	89,861,756	-7.3
	INTERNATIONAL	48,442,164	48,558,955	-0.2
	ATLANTIC	19,342,737	20,012,548	-3.3
	LATIN AMERICA	23,587,855	22,939,361	2.8
	PACIFIC	5,511,573	5,607,047	-1.7
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES	S (000)			
SYSTEM	•	163,491,258	169,861,601	-3.8 %
	D.O.T. DOMESTIC	101,816,192	108,523,067	-6.2
	INTERNATIONAL	61,675,066	61,338,534	0.5
	ATLANTIC	24,598,295	24,951,564	-1.4
	LATIN AMERICA	30,340,731	29,621,586	2.4
	PACIFIC	6,736,041	6,765,385	-0.4
LOAD FACTOR				
SYSTEM		80.6%	81.5%	-0.9 Pts
D.O.T. DOMESTIC		81.8	82.8	-1.0
INTERNATIONAL		78.5	79.2	-0.6
ATLANTIC		78.6	80.2	-1.6
LATIN AMERICA		77.7	77.4	0.3
PACIFIC		81.8	82.9	-1.1
PASSENGERS BOARDED		92,770,940	98,165,082	-5.5 %
SYSTEM CARGO TON				
MILES (000)		2,005,230	2,122,031	-5.5 %

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