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Hope this clears things up for us. We could use the Passport Card as a substitute for a REAL ID.

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Blair,

Here are two links that better explain the passport cards.

They are NOT valid for international travel by AIR. Rather, they are intended for border state residents who frequently drive/bus/sail to Mexico or Canada or for cruises to the Caribbean.

They are valid forms of ID for US DOMESTIC travel as they are GOVERNMENT ISSUED forms of ID- and that is the requirement (Driver's license, military ID or government issued photo ID, etc). Though, since they are new and not yet in use, I would not be surprised if during the initial roll-out TSA agents are unfamiliar with them. I would still carry a driver's license in the beginning.

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The new passport card which will be coming out in spring 2008. You may begin applying in advance for the new U.S. Passport Card beginning February 1, 2008. See our website
http://travel.state.gov/passport/ppt_card/ppt_card_3926.html
http://travel.state.gov/pdf/ppt_pptCard.pdf