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Plan ahead before flying this Thanksgiving week ***These helpful tips could improve your holiday travel experience at McCarran***

LAS VEGAS – Traveling during Thanksgiving week can be stressful. But with some simple advance planning, you'll avoid many of the most common holiday hassles whether you're flying out of McCarran International Airport, or simply visiting the airport to pick up or drop off someone else over the next several days.

The Clark County Department of Aviation projects close to 600,000 travelers will pass through McCarran from Wednesday, Nov. 25 through Monday, Nov. 30. The airport's busiest days this holiday period will occur on Wednesday, Sunday and Monday, when passenger counts are expected to easily exceed 100,000 per day.

"We recognize that for many, this is the only period of the year in which some individuals will set foot in an airport or climb aboard a plane," said Randall H. Walker, director of the Clark County Department of Aviation. "Yet even the most seasoned travelers can be frustrated with the heavy crowds, unexpected flight delays and rushed nature that are so often associated with holiday travel. For those reasons, we're encouraging everyone to exercise patience, and to plan ahead to prepare for a safe and smooth holiday travel experience."

The following information could help improve your holiday travel experience at McCarran:

Parking Tips

- **For 24-hour parking information please call McCarran's parking office at 261-5122.**
- Additional details on airport parking (including maps, fees and oversized vehicles sites) are available at www.mccarran.com
- McCarran's Long Term parking garage and Valet Parking areas tend to fill early over Thanksgiving weekend.
- An uncovered Economy is located off of Paradise Road just (south of Tropicana). McCarran's Remote Lot on Giles Street (just north of Warm Springs Road) will open on Wednesday to accommodate additional demand.
- Travelers using uncovered lots should set aside at least 30 additional minutes to be shuttled to or from the airport.
- Short Term parking and the passenger pick-up curb will also be busy. Before coming to the airport to pick someone up, please check their flight status by visiting www.mccarran.com or calling 261-4636.
- Travelers with personal digital assistants or "smart phones" can obtain real-time flight information at www.flymccarran.com.
- Road construction is occurring near the Airport Connector Tunnel, though the tunnel is NOT scheduled to close at any time.

Travel Tips

- Remember that many airlines are now charging fees for each piece of checked luggage. Consult with your airline for details.
- Liquids, gels and aerosols should be placed in checked luggage whenever possible. If those items must be personally carried through a security checkpoint, they should be stored in containers sized 3 ounces or less, and be placed within a one-quart sealable clear plastic bag. **Items that do not meet these specifications must be surrendered.**
- Do not pack or bring prohibited items to the airport. Visit www.tsa.gov for a complete list.
- Do not bring wrapped packages to security checkpoints. TSA screeners may need to inspect what's inside.
- Be prepared to show your boarding pass and valid photo identification at the security checkpoints.
- Carry-on is restricted to one bag and one personal item, which includes purses, laptops, briefcases, diaper bags and pillows.
- Only ticketed passengers are allowed to go through security checkpoints. To meet unaccompanied minors or assist a disabled traveler, please visit your airline's ticket counter in advance to obtain written authorization.



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