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Travel Tips Help Passengers Prepare for Busy Holiday Season **McCarran Officials Expect 1.3 Million Passengers During 11-day Travel Period**

Officials at McCarran International Airport are anticipating approximately 1.3 million passengers during the 11-day holiday period from Friday, Dec. 23, 2005, through Monday, Jan. 2, 2006.

"Parking is one of our biggest challenges during peak travel periods," said Clark County Department of Aviation Director Randall H. Walker. "To avoid the high demand for airport parking during the holidays, travelers should consider making arrangements to get dropped off at the departures curb" he continued. To make airport travel as smooth as possible, Walker offers customers the following travel tips:

McCarran Travel Tips

- Do not wrap packages. Transportation Security Administration screeners will unwrap packages if necessary.
- Do not pack or bring prohibited items to the airport. For a complete list, visit the Transportation Security Administration Web site at www.tsa.gov.
- If locking checked bags, use only a TSA-approved lock. Information on these locks is available at www.tsa.gov.
- Pack all film in carry-on luggage. Screening equipment for checked bags may damage film.
- Pack smart, tagging all luggage both inside and out.
- Before leaving for the airport, call your airline to ensure flight information is correct and that the flight is on time.
- Arrive two hours prior to your scheduled flight.
- Get your boarding pass at any SpeedChecksm self-service check-in kiosk. Passengers traveling with carry-on luggage only can avoid a trip to the ticket counter and go straight to the gate.
- Be prepared to show boarding pass and valid photo identification at the security checkpoint.
- Carry-on is restricted to one small carry-on bag and one personal item, including purse, laptop, briefcase, and diaper bag or camera case.
- Only ticketed passengers are allowed to go through the security checkpoints. To meet unaccompanied minors or assist passengers with special needs, go to the airline ticket counter first for written authorization.

Parking Tips

- Due to heavy demand, airport officials expect Long Term garage parking (\$12 per 24-hour period) to be full and closed intermittently during most of the holiday season. Customers should plan to use Economy Parking on Russell Road. The cost is \$6 per 24-hour period and a courtesy shuttle runs continuously.
- If possible, travelers are advised to take public transportation or make arrangements to get dropped off the departures curb.
- If Economy Parking is closed, airport signage will direct drivers to special overflow lots. A courtesy shuttle will run continuously. Please allow extra travel time.
- Short Term parking (25 cents per 10-minute period) and the passenger pick-up curb will be busy due to the holiday. Before leaving for the airport to pick up someone, check the status of the flight by visiting www.mccarran.com or calling the airline.
- Valet parking will be full and closed during peak travel times. Customers should be prepared to park in Short or Long Term parking, Economy Parking, or be directed to overflow parking lots.
- For 24-hour parking information, call the McCarran parking office at 261-5122 or Valet parking at 261-6999.

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