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Don't Labor at McCarran this holiday weekend ***From off-airport baggage check-in to advance insight on the best places to park, these tips will ease travelers' airport experiences over Labor Day and beyond***

LAS VEGAS – Another bustling holiday period is expected at McCarran International Airport with more than 535,000 travelers projected to arrive or depart from Friday, Aug. 31 through Monday, Sept. 3. Despite the crowds, savvy travelers can eliminate many common airport hassles by following a few simple guidelines.

"Travelers probably don't realize how much their actions can influence the way things function at the airport," said Randall H. Walker, director of the Clark County Department of Aviation. "People can't control bad weather or mechanical issues that take time to be fixed. But if they're willing, travelers can take several easy steps that will greatly speed things along when flying out of town this weekend or whenever they next choose to fly."

Savvy traveler tips include:

- When possible, **get a ride** to McCarran with a friend or family member, or use a taxi, bus or shuttle service. McCarran's parking garage fills quickly during peak periods. Construction has also reduced the number of spaces at the Economy Lot near Flight Path Avenue (old Russell Road), requiring some drivers to use overflow lots.
- If you must park at the airport, **call McCarran's Parking Hotline** at 702 261-5122 before you arrive at the airport. This line is staffed 24 hours to tell drivers which garages and lots are in use or closed so that drivers can head directly to the appropriate parking area.
- Travelers flying with Southwest Airlines or United/Ted can **check bags up to 12 hours in advance** of their scheduled departure at The Venetian, Luxor, Las Vegas Convention Center or McCarran Rent-A-Car Center. A small fee applies. Call 702 261-7700 or visit www.baggagagecheckin.com for more information.
- 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 702 261-4636.
- Personal digital assistant or "smart phone" users can **access real-time flight information** at www.flymccarran.com.
- **Do not pack or bring prohibited items** to the airport. For a complete list, visit www.tsa.gov.
- **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 in order to pass through the checkpoint. TSA limits these carry-on items to one plastic bag per traveler.
- Be prepared to **show your boarding pass and valid photo identification** at the security checkpoint. Carry-on is restricted to one bag and one personal item, which includes purses, laptops, briefcases, diaper bags, pillows or camera cases.
- **Valet parking will be full** and closed during peak travel times. Valet customers should call ahead at 702 261-6999, or be prepared to park in either Short or Long Term parking, the Economy Parking Lot or overflow parking.



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