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McCarran Reopens Runway 7L/25R
Las Vegas airport completes Phase II of renovation project ahead of schedule

LAS VEGAS – The Clark County Department of Aviation reopened Runway 7L/25R at McCarran International Airport today – ahead of schedule and in advance of the peak summer travel season. The runway had been closed to air traffic since October 28, 2015, when crews began the second phase of a $65 million project to replace the runway's asphalt with more durable concrete. At a length of more than 14,500 feet, Runway 7L/25R is McCarran's longest runway and typically handles one-third of the airport's annual traffic. Over the course of the project, more than 200,000 cubic yards of concrete were poured to create the new 22-inch-deep runway.

"We saw tremendous growth in passenger traffic at McCarran in 2015 despite our longest runway being closed for nearly half the year," said Rosemary A. Vassiliadis, Clark County Director of Aviation. "I am so pleased that this work was completed with minimal impact to the airlines and our customers, and look forward to continuing this growth trend with our airport functioning at full service. With an economic output of $28.4 billion annually, McCarran is one of the most important economic assets in Southern Nevada and an essential part of our hospitality and tourism industry."

The project was financed through a combination of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grants and airport-generated funds, not local tax dollars. Over the course of its two phases, this project supported approximately 250 full-time equivalent construction jobs, including surveyors, contractors, fabricators, engineers and other service providers.

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