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McCarran Adds New Checkpoint Lanes at A/B Gates

Lanes Will Increase Capacity and Create A More Efficient Process

Tomorrow, McCarran International Airport will open two additional checkpoint lanes at the A/B gates for a total of nine. The lanes will increase efficiency for those passengers who need to proceed through the Transportation Security Administration checkpoints.

“McCarran is experiencing a tremendous amount of growth and with the addition of two lanes, the airport will be able to process more passengers during peak times at the A/B gates,” said Randall H. Walker, Clark County Department of Aviation director. “We are doing as much as we can to make the process more efficient for our travelers.”

Air carriers continue to grow and on average McCarran hosts 1066 scheduled daily departures and arrivals. Throughout last year, McCarran registered month after month of record-breaking growth and hosted nearly 41.5 million passengers.

Airport officials have seen an increase in passenger traffic and have strategically developed initiatives to accommodate the ever-increasing visitor volume. While the project took six weeks to design, the construction, including electrical wiring, was completed in 4 days at a cost of approximately \$89,000.

Current airlines' seat capacity at the A/B gates averages an 80 percent load factor, which is equal to more than 14,000 passengers a day. If all nine lanes are staffed at the A/B gates, the average capacity will increase and assist up to approximately 25,000 passengers. The remodeled lanes allow for greater capacity, will enhance security and customer service.

McCarran is the gateway for nearly half of all Las Vegas visitors and a vital component to the local economy.

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