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AIRPORT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Presidential visit to impact surface traffic near McCarran Friday afternoon and early Saturday; alternate routes advised

Protective measures associated with President Barack Obama's visit to Las Vegas this weekend will temporarily curtail public access to certain roadways near McCarran International Airport.

Travelers whose flights are scheduled to leave Las Vegas late Friday afternoon or early Saturday morning are advised they could encounter delays caused by temporary road closures associated with the movement of the presidential motorcade. To avoid missed flights, those flying out during these periods should arrive at the airport up to two hours in advance of their scheduled departure time.

Departing travelers – and those picking up or dropping off others at McCarran late Friday or Saturday morning – are also encouraged to access the airport by way of Paradise Road, heading south from Tropicana Avenue. This will avoid the expected temporary closures of the Airport Connector Tunnel.

Local drivers who regularly utilize the tunnel for their commute should find an alternate route.

Air Force One is scheduled to arrive at McCarran between 5 and 6 p.m. Friday, and ground traffic near the airport will be subject to periodic interruption as late as 8 that evening. President Obama is slated to leave Las Vegas at approximately 10 a.m. Saturday, with traffic again subject to short-term disruptions between the hours of 7 and 10 a.m. Ground traffic will return to normal once Air Force One has taken off from McCarran.

Law enforcement agencies will work to limit the length of any road closures in order to minimize their impact to drivers. However, those who can temporarily avoid traveling near McCarran during these periods are encouraged to avoid the area. The Sunset Road viewing area will also be temporarily closed to the public during periods when the president is nearby.

Commercial airline traffic headed into or out of McCarran will not be impacted by the presidential visit, with the exception of limited periods in which all aircraft movement is frozen for a few moments shortly before and after Air Force One arrives and departs. Significant flight delays are not expected.

