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## **McCARRAN OPENS EXPANDED C/D SECURITY CHECKPOINT**

***More Checkpoint Lanes Mean Better Customer Service and Shorter Wait Times***

Las Vegas – McCarran International Airport showcased its expanded C/D security checkpoint area at a media event on Friday, Aug. 27, 2004. Clark County Department of Aviation Director Randall H. Walker and Deputy Director Rosemary A. Vassiliadis, members of the Nevada congressional delegation and Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officials attended the event.

The C/D security checkpoint was expanded from 12 to 19 lanes. The twelve C/D checkpoint lanes lacked the capacity to handle the increased passenger counts. The remodeled checkpoint's greater capacity will enhance security and customer service, while screening people through the security checkpoint efficiently.

"Customer service was a prime motivation in our acceleration of the construction schedule," said Walker. "With the support of the Clark County Commission Board, and help from our partners, the Nevada congressional delegation and the TSA, we pursued our goal to have the facility open before Labor Day."

Third, behind Los Angeles International Airport and Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, McCarran processes more origin and destination passengers. Ninety-two percent of McCarran's passengers are "origin and destination" traffic, which means virtually every departing passenger must be screened through the security checkpoint.

An important feature of the expansion is the ability to operate the entire area as one checkpoint. During peak passenger traffic times, the three center lanes have the flexibility to be cross-utilized for maximum efficiency and handle C or D gate passengers. Two checkpoint lanes are dedicated "selectee"-lanes for processing passengers requiring additional security screening. Another two lanes are available to process special needs passengers. All of these innovations speed the flow of passengers through the checkpoint.

In addition, the mezzanine area, located on the second floor, in front of the C/D checkpoint was expanded to approximately 19,000 square feet and covers approximately one-third of the south baggage claim area. This special design creates additional queuing space critical to passenger demands. Construction on this \$10 million-dollar project began in September 2003.

The majority of passengers use the C/D checkpoint. In 2003, 10,830,724 used the C/D checkpoint, while the first six months of 2004 show 6,575,391 passengers have been processed through the same checkpoint. McCarran officials expect this year's numbers will surpass that of 2003 and potentially break records.

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