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More Than Half a Million Have Used the World's First Self-Service Kiosk
McCarran's SpeedCheck^SM Sets Airport Industry Standard

LAS VEGAS—Since SpeedCheck^SM debuted in October 2003, more than 675,000 boarding passes have been issued from the self-service kiosks that revolutionized the way passengers check-in at McCarran International Airport.

A user-friendly touch-screen interface on each SpeedCheck^SM kiosk seamlessly connects passengers to a participating airlines' proprietary computer system, enabling passengers to check-in, print a boarding pass and proceed straight to the security checkpoint, bypassing the lines at the ticketing counter.

"Because McCarran owns and operates the kiosks, we can provide an unprecedented level of service to our customers while saving the airlines money," said Randall H. Walker, Clark County Department of Aviation Director. "This is a win-win situation for the airport, airlines and passengers."

In the initial launch, the SpeedCheck^SM program provided boarding passes to those traveling with carry-on luggage only. As Phase Two begins early next year, additional kiosks with baggage-tag printing capabilities will be placed at the airline ticket counters enabling SpeedCheck^SM to serve passengers with checked luggage as well.

The kiosks will prove increasingly beneficial when the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) implements the Selectee Checkpoint program at McCarran this fall. The program, designed to enhance security and convenience, transfers the screening of selectees from aircraft boarding gates to security checkpoints where screening equipment and personnel and law enforcement officers are concentrated. All passengers are required to have their boarding passes in hand before entering the security checkpoint.

By the end of July, American Airlines and JetBlue Airways will join the list of participating airlines that includes AirTran Airways, Alaska Airlines, Aloha Airlines, America West Airlines, Continental Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Midwest Airlines, Northwest Airlines, Song, Southwest Airlines, Ted, United Airlines and US Airways.

McCarran has been an active partner in an international consortium of airports and airlines seeking to develop industry standards for common use self-service kiosks, organized through the International Air Transport Association (IATA). SpeedCheck^SM, developed with partners ARINC and IBM, is the first U.S. deployment of this technology, and is the first system in the world to carry multiple airline applications on a common kiosk.

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