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Airport Offers Travel Tips for Busy Thanksgiving Week

McCarran Officials Advise Passengers to Allow Extra Time for Parking

Officials at McCarran International Airport, the sixth busiest airport in North America, are forecasting approximately 1.1 million passengers moving through the airport during the nine-day Thanksgiving holiday period from Sunday, Nov. 20 through Monday, Nov. 28.

"Parking will be one of the biggest challenges our passengers face this Thanksgiving," said Clark County Department of Aviation director Randall H. Walker. "We expect Long Term garage parking to fill early. Travelers should allow additional time for parking, going to the ticket counter and security checkpoint."

Travel Tips

- Do not wrap packages. Transportation Security Administration screeners will unwrap packages if necessary.
- Arrive two hours prior to your scheduled flight.
- Be prepared to show boarding pass and valid photo identification at the security checkpoint.
- Carry-on is restricted to one small carry-on bag and one personal item, including purse, laptop, briefcase, diaper bag or camera case.
- Do not pack or bring prohibited items to the airport. For a complete list, visit the Transportation Security Administration Web site at www.tsa.gov.
- If locking checked bags, use only a TSA-approved lock. Information on these locks is available at <u>www.tsa.gov</u>.
- Only ticketed passengers are allowed to go through the security checkpoints. To meet unaccompanied minors or assist disabled passengers, go to the airline ticket counter first for written authorization.

Parking Tips

- Due to heavy demand, airport officials expect Long Term garage parking (\$12 per 24-hour period) to be full and closed during most of the Thanksgiving weekend. Customers should plan to use the Economy Parking Lot on Russell Road. The cost is \$6 per 24-hour period and a courtesy shuttle runs continuously.
- If the Economy Parking Lot is filled and closed, airport signage will direct drivers to special overflow lots. A courtesy shuttle will run continuously. Please allow extra travel time.
- Short Term parking (25 cents per 10-minute period) and the passenger pick-up curb will be busy due to the holiday. Before leaving for the airport to pick up someone, check the status of the flight by visiting www.mccarran.com or calling the airline.
- Valet parking will be full and closed during peak travel times. Customers should be prepared to park in either Short or Long Term parking, the Economy Parking Lot or be directed to overflow parking lots.
- For 24-hour parking information, call the McCarran parking office at 261-5122 or Valet parking at 261-6999.

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