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McCARRAN ANNOUNCES AIRPORT-WIDE CARRY-ON POLICY

Travelers Asked to Limit Carry-Ons to One Bag and One Small Personal Item to Expedite Process During Heightened Security

MEDIA: A phone briefing regarding this issue will be held at 11 AM PST. To participate in this media only briefing, please call 795-8855.

Beginning Wednesday, October 10 at 4:00 AM, all travelers departing McCarran International Airport will be asked to limit carry-ons to one bag and one small personal item (purse, fanny pack, etc.). Airport officials, along with airlines operating at McCarran, decided to adopt this policy in order to expedite passenger travel through the airport during heightened security procedures.

"All our evidence suggests that McCarran is the first major airport to see traffic rebound to any kind of normal level," said Randall H. Walker, Director of Aviation. "So in a way, we're the 'test case' for what airports all over the country will experience as travelers return."

During peak times, long lines have formed at McCarran at airline ticket counters and security checkpoints, creating wait times of several hours, in some instances. Airport and airline officials have been working together to develop strategies for alleviating lines while ensuring that Federally-mandated security procedures continue without interruption.

"Our priority is to make sure that travelers coming through McCarran have as smooth and safe an experience as possible," said Walker. "While those of us who live in Southern Nevada see the long lines as a positive economic indicator for our community, we also want to alleviate customer frustration and expedite things as much as we can. We appreciate our customers' patience as we work to address these issues together."

Signs indicating the new carry-on policy will be posted throughout the airport beginning today. Hotels, travel agents and other related agencies have also been advised of the new policy.



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