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New SpeedCheckSM Ticket Counter Expedites Check-In Process for Passengers of McCarran's Second Largest Carrier

America West passengers can save time by using a new SpeedCheckSM counter located in the central ticketing lobby. SpeedCheckSM patrons traveling on America West can now print a boarding pass and check in their bags with the airline from one convenient location. The new, two-position SpeedCheckSM counter is equipped with standard issue, common-use computer equipment, baggage tag printers and a luggage scale.

"Passengers appreciate the convenience of electronic check-in," said Randall H. Walker, Clark County Department of Aviation director. "The airlines like SpeedCheckSM because we own, operate and maintain the kiosks, which saves them money. Our shared customers like SpeedCheckSM because they save time, and we like SpeedCheckSM because it fits into our general philosophy of fostering a common-use operating environment which increases efficiency and enhances flexibility," he said.

SpeedCheckSM is a multiple-airline, self-service check-in system featuring a user-friendly touch-screen kiosk interface that seamlessly connects passengers to a participating airlines' proprietary computer system. The initial deployment of 26 kiosks enabled passengers — with carry-on luggage only — to print a boarding pass and proceed directly to the gate. Today, an additional nine SpeedCheckSM kiosks located in the central ticketing lobby enable Delta and America West passengers — traveling with checked luggage — to also take advantage of the timesaving technology. This latest enhancement to the two-step check-in process enables America West customers to bypass the congestion of the busy ticket counter by checking in their bags from the new location.

Currently, more than 32 stand-alone kiosks are strategically located throughout terminals 1 and 2. Plans are now underway to deploy in excess of 100 additional kiosks, located in banks fronting the ticket counters, which will replace the airlines' proprietary electronic check-in systems. Upon completion by mid-summer 2006, McCarran will be the first airport in the country to feature a fully integrated, multiple-airline, common-use check-in system. The state-of-the-art kiosks issue an average of 36,000 boarding passes a week, with more than 1.75 million boarding passes issued to date since SpeedCheckSM debuted in October 2003.

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). SpeedCheckSM, 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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