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## ***LANE CLOSURES TO IMPACT AIRPORT TUNNEL***

***Necessary road work will reduce tunnel traffic to one lane in each direction next week; alternate routes strongly suggested***

Traffic within the McCarran International Airport Connector Tunnel will be significantly disrupted over a five-day period next week to allow workers to advance their critical efforts to link the tunnel's lanes to the roadways that will eventually serve McCarran's new Terminal 3.

**Beginning at 9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 9, traffic in the tunnel will be reduced to just one northbound and one southbound lane. Heavy delays are expected, and non-airport traffic is strongly encouraged to utilize another route. Tunnel traffic will be returned to its recent two-lane (northbound) and three-lane (southbound) configuration by 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14.**

"We recognize this work will be a temporary inconvenience for drivers who regularly use the tunnel for their commute, but we have to take these necessary steps now to prepare the tunnel and its surrounding roadways for the opening of Terminal 3 in less than two years," said Clark County Aviation Director Randall H. Walker. "We appreciate people's patience and ask local drivers who can avoid the tunnel to seek an alternate route, especially during the coming week's closures."

Alternate north-south routes that bypass the tunnel could include Interstate 15, Las Vegas Boulevard South, Frank Sinatra Drive or Eastern Avenue. Inbound airport traffic is encouraged to access McCarran using the right (west side) lanes of Paradise Road while heading southbound from Tropicana Avenue.

The Airport Connector Tunnel was built in the early 1990s and was paid for using airport revenue, not local tax dollars. The current road work is a critical component of McCarran's ongoing development of Terminal 3, a \$2.4 billion airport expansion that is scheduled to open in mid-2012. Upon completion, T3 will add 14 gates and other infrastructure necessary for McCarran to reach its ultimate sustainable capacity of approximately 53 million annual arriving and departing passengers.

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