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Plan Ahead To Travel Smart This Thanksgiving Season ***Holiday Air Traffic is Expected to Surge; These Tips Can Help Reduce the Hassle***

LAS VEGAS – Thanksgiving is always a busy period for North American travelers, and this could be the busiest year on record. The Air Transport Association of America said U.S. airlines expect to carry more than 2 million passengers per day this holiday season, including an estimated 750,000 who will pass through McCarran International Airport from Wednesday, Nov. 22 through Monday, Nov. 27.

“From crowded parking lots to confusion about the Transportation Security Administration’s latest rules on carry-on baggage, there are plenty of obstacles that could delay unprepared travelers this Thanksgiving,” said Clark County Director of Aviation Randall H. Walker. “Now more than ever, we’re asking people to plan ahead before they leave home for the airport. Travelers should also arrive here at least two hours before their flight’s scheduled departure.”

Travel Tips

- Liquids, gels and aerosols should be placed in checked luggage whenever possible. If those items must be personally carried through a security checkpoint, they should be stored in containers sized 3 ounces or less, and be placed within a one-quart sealable clear plastic bag. **Items that do not meet these specifications must be surrendered in order to pass through the checkpoint.**
- Travelers are limited to one plastic bag filled with liquids, gels or aerosols. It must be placed on the security checkpoint’s conveyer belt for screening much like a pair of shoes or laptop computer.
- Do not bring wrapped packages to security checkpoints. TSA screeners may need to inspect what’s inside.
- Be prepared to show your boarding pass and valid photo identification at the security checkpoints.
- Carry-on is restricted to one bag and one personal item, which includes purses, laptops, briefcases, diaper bags, pillows or camera cases.
- Do not pack or bring prohibited items to the airport. For a complete list, visit www.tsa.gov.
- If locking checked bags, use only a TSA-approved lock. Information on these locks is also available at www.tsa.gov.
- Only ticketed passengers are allowed to go through security checkpoints. To meet unaccompanied minors or assist a disabled traveler, please visit your airline’s ticket counter in advance to obtain written authorization.

Parking Tips

- Due to heavy parking demand, travelers are urged to take a taxi or bus, or ask a friend or relative to drop them off when visiting McCarran this holiday season.
- McCarran’s Long Term parking garage should be full and closed during most of the Thanksgiving weekend. Uncovered Economy and Overflow parking lots are located east of the airport along Russell Road, though they too are expected to fill around Thanksgiving due to heavy local travel volume.
- Shuttles will run continuously between uncovered parking areas and the airport’s terminals. Travelers using uncovered lots should set aside at least 30 additional minutes to travel to or from the airport.
- Short Term parking and the passenger pick-up curb will also be busy. Before coming to the airport to pick someone up, please check their flight status by visiting www.mccarran.com or calling 261-4636.
- Travelers with personal digital assistants or “smart phones” can access real-time flight information at www.flymccarran.com.
- 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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