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Ramp renovations to close portions of C gates ***Those who fly with Southwest Airlines should check their flight's gate***

McCarran International Airport will soon begin a lengthy renovation of the ramp areas near its busy C Concourse, requiring many Southwest Airlines flights to shift to the nearby B Concourse. To avoid any unnecessary delays within the terminal, McCarran management is encouraging outbound travelers to remember to check their gate assignments before they make their way toward the security checkpoints.

"Southwest Airlines has operated from the C gates for more than a dozen years, and its frequent customers have become very familiar with the airline's location at McCarran," said Clark County Director of Aviation Randall H. Walker. "Over time, many travelers have become used to heading to the C gates before they first check to see at which gate their flight will depart. But that routine needs to change because soon a very significant percentage of Southwest flights will no longer be departing from the C gates. The solution is to log on to McCarran.com, or take a moment to read one of the many flight information display screens available within the airport."

On July 27, seven of the C Concourse's 19 gates will be temporarily closed in preparation for the forthcoming ramp renovation, which will replace the existing asphalt with a more-durable concrete surface. This work will continue in phases until all of the C Concourse's ramp areas are replaced. Work should conclude in mid-2012.

Additional portions of the C Concourse will later be closed in phases, though the majority of the C Gates will remain open as construction occurs outdoors within the ramp area. The remainder of Southwest's flights will be housed at gates B-9 through B-15, and at gates B-19 through B-21. These B gates can be accessed on foot from the C Concourse using a bridge located behind the C Annex Security Checkpoint. Spirit Airlines, Virgin America and some WestJet flights were also relocated within the B Concourse as a result of this construction.

A small percentage of Southwest flights currently operate out of the B Concourse at McCarran.

The C ramp rehabilitation project will cost approximately \$29.3 million to construct. The Federal Aviation Administration will provide more than \$15.7 million toward those costs through Airport Improvement Program grants; the remainder will be financed using revenue generated by airport operations, not local tax dollars.

The Clark County Board of Commissioners in July awarded the C ramp contract to North Las Vegas-based TAB Contractors Inc. During its busiest periods this project will support up to 60 full-time construction workers.

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