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Soaring into the Future: LAS Takes Off with Major Modernization Upgrades

The Clark County Department of Aviation (CCDOA) is gearing up for a series of projects to modernize Harry Reid International Airport (LAS). Last year, the airport welcomed an impressive 57.6 million guests, and the momentum shows no signs of slowing down, with over 43.5 million passengers served from January through September 2024. With travel demand on the rise, LAS continues working to maximize the airport's footprint with improvements to enhance the guest experience and meet the growing needs of our region.

Current Projects:

- **Baggage Handling System (BHS) Upgrades:** The BHS upgrades began in the Summer of 2024 to reduce wait times for checked luggage, improve circulation, and reduce congestion. While most of the work is being done behind the scenes, this three year-long project includes upgrading conveyors, relocating power, removing and replacing the oversized curbside conveyors and adding new column covers. Upgrades to the infrastructure and technology, along with new column wraps with LED screens are scheduled for completion by end of 2026.

Upcoming Projects:

- **High-T Bypass Lane Installation:** An additional traffic lane will be constructed on southbound Paradise Rd., south of Tropicana Ave., allowing for continuous flow of traffic for airport-bound guests, bypassing the Russell Rd. traffic signal and alleviating congestion. Construction is planned to begin following the 2024 Formula 1 Las Vegas Grand Prix (Nov. 21-23), in early December.
- **Terminal Areas: A & C Gate Building Additions:** A and C gate additions will provide more food and beverage, as well as shopping options for guests to enjoy. The A gates addition will be along the east side of the corridor past gate A5 and across from the B Lounge, for an extra 7,380 sq. ft. of space. The C gates addition will be between gates C16 and C19, adding 14,754 sq. ft. of space. Construction is scheduled to begin December 2024.
- **Jet Bridge Refurbishment:** As part of the modernization, all 113 jet bridges will be refurbished to elevate the overall guest experience with updated LED lighting and modern floors that shine with a sparkly Las Vegas aesthetic. Additionally, each bridge's exterior for D and E Gates will be coated with a thermal-reflective coating to help keep them cooler during the summer months. This project is scheduled to begin in mid-2025 and will be phased to ensure minimal impact to operations.

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About Harry Reid International Airport

Harry Reid International Airport (LAS) and the four general aviation facilities including Henderson Executive Airport, North Las Vegas Airport, Jean Sport Aviation Center and Overton-Perkins Field, are owned and operated by the Clark County Department of Aviation. For more information on LAS, or the full system of airports, please visit HarryReidAirport.com. For timely information and airport updates, please visit our social media channels [@LASairport](#).