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Las Vegas Airport to Renovate Runway

Phase one of the project will close McCarran's longest runway for six months

LAS VEGAS – Clark County Department of Aviation has begun the first phase of the most significant capital improvement project to occur at McCarran International Airport since the opening of Terminal 3 – the renovation of the airport's longest runway. Earlier today, Runway 7L/25R was closed to air traffic as crews began the demolition portion of the \$67 million project that will replace the runway's current asphalt with more durable concrete. The project is financed through a combination of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grants and airport-generated funds, not local tax dollars, and will support approximately 250 full-time equivalent construction jobs, including surveyors, contractors, fabricators, engineers and other service providers.

"We've worked very closely with the FAA to develop a plan to allow this work to occur with minimal impact to the airlines and their schedules," said Rosemary A. Vassiliadis, Clark County Director of Aviation. "Under normal circumstances, we do not anticipate travelers will experience flight delays stemming from this work."

Running parallel to Sunset Road and typically handling one-third of McCarran's annual traffic, Runway 7L/25R is located adjacent to another operational runway, as well as several taxiways on which aircraft will continue to travel when making their way to and from McCarran's terminals. This makes for a complex project given the need to move workers, materials and equipment between the construction zone and active airfield, but the Department of Aviation has developed a plan that will allow for the contractor to efficiently accomplish this important work while maintaining safety and security.

At a length of more than 14,500 feet, it will take approximately 12 months to remove the runway's existing asphalt and replace it with concrete. The project will be completed in two, six-month-long periods, the first of which began today focusing on the eastern half of the runway. This will continue through late April 2015/early May 2015, at which time, Runway 7L/25R will reopen to serve McCarran during the peak summer travel season. The second closure period will begin in late October 2015 and focus will be on the resurfacing of the western half of the runway through the project's conclusion in late April/early May 2016.

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MAY 2015 - OCT 2015

TAXIWAY IMPROVEMENT

OCT 28, 2015 - MAY 1, 2016

RUNWAY PHASE II

OCT 29, 2014 - MAY 1, 2015

RUNWAY PHASE I

