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McCarran International Airport's Quarterly Construction Update Summer 2009 Edition



*"Howdy. My name is Dusty Mac,
your guide to what's happening at
the Silver State's busiest airport.
Look inside to check out what's in
store for your future flights through
Las Vegas."*

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These days, folks are seeing lots of construction around McCarran as our team works to bring Las Vegas a better airport.



Top, the new surface of Runway 25L/7R; center, crews dig at Terminal 3; at right, new utility lines to serve T3 are placed beneath Tropicana Avenue.



The Clark County Department of Aviation, which owns and operates McCarran, is ponying up more than \$3 billion for an improvement program that will extend this airport's ability to serve the community for decades to come. And because airport management oversees this place like a business, these changes will be paid for the old fashioned way -- using **airport revenue, not locals' tax dollars.**

While all of the hammering might have some folks itching to start a ruckus, we're kindly asking for your patience. We're confident that you'll find these coming changes will all be worth your while.

We'll soon reach our goals, I promise. But for now, we hope you'll enjoy a brief look ahead at some of the many great projects that we're working hard to complete for your benefit during a future visit to Southern Nevada.

- Dusty Mac

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It's already been a busy first half of 2009, with lots more work still in store by year's end.

Let's get started with a look at some of our recent accomplishments.

In April, crews put the finishing touches on McCarran's **Runway 25L/7R**. This 10,525-foot-long runway had been closed since Nov. 1 so its nearly 20-year-old asphalt surface could be replaced with more-durable concrete. Its reopening means all four of McCarran's runways are back in action, just in time for the summer travel season.

Most of the material removed from the job site was recycled. Overall, crews building the runway and its adjacent taxiways poured as much new material as would have been needed to build a 5-foot-wide sidewalk from Las Vegas to Portland, Oregon.



A Southwest Airlines aircraft is poised for the first departure on McCarran's resurfaced Runway 25L/7R in this photo taken April 29.



One of McCarran's four new Automated Tram System trains makes its way to Terminal 1.

Separately, McCarran and Bombardier Transportation have successfully replaced the **Automated Tram Systems** that run between the airport's main terminal and the C and D Concourses.

With more than 1 million miles spanned, the trams were due for an overhaul. In addition to more-modern passenger cars, the recent upgrades also brought new mechanical and control equipment to the systems. They are now poised to traverse the next million miles -- and beyond.

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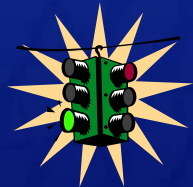
Terminal 3 is steadily rising from the ground.

Thousands of workers have turned a dusty patch of land south of Russell Road into one of the **busiest construction sites in the west.**

This summer, Terminal 3 will continue to take shape as its steel superstructure, surrounding roadways and parking garage edge closer to their scheduled opening three years from now. In the interim, thousands of skilled workers are earning their paychecks on this bustling job site.



Construction workers are busy installing Terminal 3's steel superstructure, roadways and parking garage.



Drivers using Tropicana Avenue will encounter road work through late September as DOA-hired contractors place new underground utility lines.

T3 will need a lot of electricity. That's why we're getting a head start installing the **underground utility connections** that will soon be needed to power this \$2.4 billion project when it comes online in 2012.

Through late September, contractors will be digging along Tropicana Avenue between Interstate 15 and Paradise Road in order to connect McCarran with an NV Energy substation near MGM Mirage's CityCenter development.

During certain hours, this utility work will result in **lane restrictions** that could delay motor vehicle traffic between McCarran and the Strip. Drivers should avoid this area if they're able.

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Our shopping and dining options continue to expand to better serve our customers' needs.



Travelers in McCarran's C Concourse line up to eat at the airport's first Wendy's, pictured above. Sammy's Beach Bar & Grill, below, recently opened nearby.



McCarran's push to add more **nationally branded concessions** is still going strong. This summer, travelers can check out any of several exciting new retail and dining concepts.

Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers and Popeyes Chicken & Biscuits are now serving hungry travelers at McCarran's C Concourse, while those flying through the D Concourse can enjoy restaurant service at the airport's first California Pizza Kitchen.

In June, rock star Sammy Hagar paid a visit to McCarran to help open Sammy's Beach Bar & Grill. Baja Fresh Mexican Grill, Johnny Rockets and Villa Pizza are also coming soon. You'll never have to fly away hungry.



Baja Fresh, California Pizza Kitchen, and Popeyes chicken are among the new dining options at McCarran.

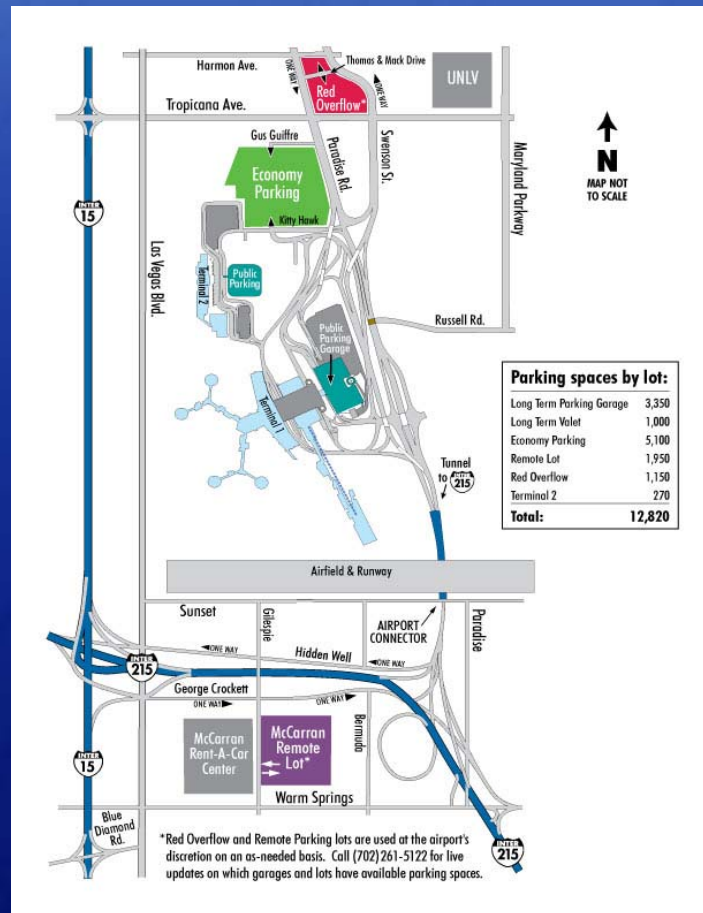
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Traveling out of town this summer? Airport parking has never been easier, with pricing options for bargain hunters or those who prefer the VIP treatment.



McCarran now has nearly 13,000 long-term parking spaces at prices that range from \$8 to \$21 per day.

A lot has changed at McCarran since last summer, so pay close attention if it's been a while since you've hitched your wagon at this airport.

McCarran's **New Economy Lot** is now in use, providing more than 5,000 uncovered parking spaces at a low rate of just \$8 per day.

If you'd prefer to leave your vehicle in the shade, McCarran's garage has nearly 3,400 spaces that cost up to \$14 per day. For a few extra bucks you can upgrade to valet – or choose to have your car washed, waxed and detailed while you're away.

Summer's always a popular time to travel, which means overflow lots may be utilized during peak periods. Call the **Airport Parking Hotline at (702) 261-5122** to see which lots are in use when you're ready to park.