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**Automated screening lanes come to the security checkpoint  
in Terminal 3 at Las Vegas McCarran International Airport**

LAS VEGAS – Officials with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and Las Vegas McCarran International Airport (LAS) today announced that automated screening lanes have been installed and are in use at Terminal 3. This state-of-the-art checkpoint technology enhances security efficiency while decreasing the amount of time travelers spend in the security screening process.

Passengers departing Las Vegas from Terminal 3 can expect to see these new lanes in the TSA security checkpoint. Currently, there are three automated screening lanes installed at LAS.

"To meet the challenges of an evolving security threat environment, TSA and its industry partners need to continuously adapt screening technologies, processes, and systems," said Steve Karoly, TSA's Acting Assistant Administrator for the Office of Requirements and Capabilities Analysis. "The automated screening lanes that are now in use at McCarran will improve effectiveness and efficiency in the security checkpoint while also enhancing the passenger experience."

"The safety and security of everyone at McCarran International Airport is always our top priority," said Rosemary Vassiliadis, Clark County Director of Aviation. "Second only to security is customer service, and we are happy to partner with the TSA to explore this new technology that has the potential to improve upon both."

The automated screening lanes offer several new features designed to improve the screening process for travelers going through the security checkpoint including:

- Stainless steel countertops designed specifically to enable several passengers to place their items in bins simultaneously;
- Automated conveyor belts that move bins into the X-ray machine tunnel and return the bins to the front of the security checkpoint;
- Automatic diversion of any carry-on bag that may contain a prohibited item; this diversion to a separate location allows other bins containing other travelers' belongings to continue through the screening process uninterrupted;
- Bins that are 25 percent larger than a typical bin and are able to hold a roll-aboard bag;

- Unique Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags that are attached to each bin, allowing for additional accountability of a traveler's carry-on property as they move throughout the security screening process;
- Cameras that capture photographic images of the contents of each bin and are linked side-by-side to the X-ray image of a carry-on bag's contents.

TSA continues to collaborate with vendors, airlines, airports, and the counter-terrorism community to expand the number of automated screening lanes in use at airports across the country. To date, TSA has overseen installation of 76 lanes in TSA security checkpoints at six different airports. In addition to LAS, the airports include Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, Chicago O'Hare International Airport, John F Kennedy International Airport, Newark Liberty International Airport and Los Angeles International Airport.

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