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New Passenger Record for Las Vegas' McCarran International Airport in 2017

LAS VEGAS – McCarran International Airport welcomed 48.5 million arriving and departing passengers last year, making 2017 the busiest year in the airport's nearly 70-year history. For a seventh consecutive year the commercial airport serving Southern Nevada posted a year-over-year increase with the 2017 total marking a 2.2 percent upturn from the year prior. The previous passenger record was set in 2007 at 47.7 million passengers.

Over the course of the year McCarran posted multiple all-time-high months, including the best December ever for a total of nine record-setting months in the calendar year. Additionally, October 2017 had the highest single-month passenger volume in airport history. Along with airline passenger traffic, ground transportation set a new milestone of 5.4 million airport pick-ups by taxis and app-based ground transportation providers, an increase of 11.7 percent from the year prior.

"McCarran is a nearly \$30 billion economic engine and our passenger numbers serve as an indicator of the economic health and well-being of Southern Nevada," said Rosemary A. Vassiliadis, director of the Clark County Department of Aviation. "It's always exciting to see record numbers, but I feel this one is rather special for our entire community. We have been cautiously optimistic for many years as our local and national economies have rebounded, and we have worked closely with our federal partners to seamlessly accommodate that growth. This new record is a clear sign of recovery, and it shows that the appeal of Las Vegas remains strong."

Domestic passenger volume grew by 2.4 percent, accounting for 1 million additional Las Vegas passengers for the year. Low-cost carriers Frontier, Sun Country and Spirit Airlines posted substantial growth percentages, as did JetBlue Airways. Perennial market-leader Southwest Airlines ended the year with more than 18 million passengers transported.

International passenger volume was flat at just 0.4 percent growth. Canadian carriers Westjet Airlines and Air Canada served the bulk of international traffic with a combined total of nearly 1.8 million, followed by U.K. carriers British Airways and Virgin Atlantic Airways, which both served fewer passengers than the year prior. Mexico was the third-largest source of international passengers in 2017, and in its first full-year of operations, Hainan Airlines carried nearly 47,000 passengers between Beijing and Las Vegas. Continuing the trend seen in recent years of new service coming from markets outside of the United States, McCarran added direct flights from Munich by new carrier Eurowings; nonstop from Mexico City by Viva Aerobus in 2017; and announced new seasonal service by LATAM Airlines starting in June 2018. The Sao Paulo route will be the first scheduled nonstop flight to Las Vegas from Brazil.

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A record 48.5 million passengers traveled through McCarran International Airport in 2017

ARRIVING & DEPARTING PASSENGERS MONTHLY TOTAL

DECEMBER 2017	DECEMBER 2016	PERCENT CHANGE
3,828,089	3,707,438	3.3%

ARRIVING & DEPARTING PASSENGERS YEAR-TO-DATE (YTD) TOTAL

2017 YTD	2016 YTD	PERCENT CHANGE
48,500,194	47,435,027	2.2%

ARRIVING & DEPARTING PASSENGERS BY CARRIER TYPE

CARRIER TYPE	DEC 2017	DEC 2016	% CHANGE	YTD 2017	YTD 2016	% CHANGE
DOMESTIC	3,491,019	3,395,752	2.8%	43,910,745	42,896,727	2.4%
INTERNATIONAL	263,241	249,812	5.4%	3,584,606	3,568,674	0.4%
WEST SIDE/ HELICOPTERS	73,829	61,874	19.3%	1,004,843	969,626	3.6%

ARRIVING & DEPARTING PASSENGERS TOP FIVE SCHEDULED AIRLINES SERVING McCARRAN

AIRLINE	DEC 2017	DEC 2016	% CHANGE	YTD 2017	YTD 2016	% CHANGE
SOUTHWEST	1,422,887	1,451,718	-2.0%	18,026,559	18,191,363	-0.9%
AMERICAN	363,516	348,402	4.3%	4,605,076	4,738,290	-2.8%
DELTA	296,386	304,575	-2.7%	3,947,632	3,874,849	1.9%
SPIRIT	284,539	253,110	12.4%	3,411,196	3,176,995	7.4%
UNITED	262,483	231,458	13.4%	3,725,862	3,554,493	4.8%

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Enplaned/Deplaned Comparison McCarran International Airport	December-17	November-17	M/M % Change	December-16	YOY % Change	CYTD 2017	CYTD 2016	CYTD % Change
FINAL								
DOMESTIC CARRIERS								
Alaska	100,976	95,377	5.9%	110,796	-8.9%	1,349,916	1,298,831	3.9%
Alliant	201,599	189,324	6.5%	209,443	-3.7%	2,372,950	2,392,200	-0.8%
American	363,516	350,128	3.8%	348,402	4.3%	4,605,076	4,738,290	-2.8%
Delta	296,386	311,295	-4.8%	304,575	-2.7%	3,947,632	3,874,849	1.9%
Elite Airways	3,859	3,885	-0.7%	-	100.0%	11,439	-	100.0%
Frontier	229,624	232,968	-1.4%	181,962	26.2%	2,340,572	1,908,641	22.6%
Hawaiian Airlines	42,671	42,096	1.4%	42,672	0.0%	521,403	507,350	2.8%
JetBlue Airways	95,569	102,999	-7.2%	105,702	-9.6%	1,440,421	1,295,380	11.2%
Southwest Airlines	1,422,887	1,425,568	-0.2%	1,451,718	-2.0%	18,026,559	18,191,363	-0.9%
Spirit Airlines	284,539	292,221	-2.6%	253,110	12.4%	3,411,196	3,176,995	7.4%
Sun Country	20,770	23,749	-12.5%	15,773	31.7%	256,494	194,549	31.8%
United	262,483	303,460	-13.5%	231,458	13.4%	3,725,862	3,554,493	4.8%
Virgin America Inc.	93,661	92,750	1.0%	92,878	0.8%	1,112,904	1,158,924	-4.0%
DOMESTIC CARRIERS	3,418,540	3,465,820	-1.4%	3,348,489	2.1%	43,122,424	42,291,865	2.0%
DOMESTIC CARRIERS - CHARTER								
Alliant	949	-	100.0%	920	3.2%	4,034	4,609	-12.5%
Hawaiian Airlines	-	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	882	-	100.0%
Omni Air International	7,496	7,072	6.0%	7,254	3.3%	88,521	87,286	1.4%
Southwest Airlines	370	-	100.0%	-	100.0%	1,354	885	53.0%
Sun Country	303	248	22.2%	378	-19.8%	1,852	1,897	-2.4%
Worldwide Flight Services Misc.	-	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	69	-	100.0%
DOMESTIC CARRIERS - CHARTER	9,118	7,320	24.6%	8,552	6.6%	96,712	94,677	2.1%
DOMESTIC CARRIERS - COMMUTER								
Compass - Delta	21,689	26,596	-18.5%	25,438	-14.7%	314,524	295,843	6.3%
Horizon - Alaska	-	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	32,244	-100.0%
Skywest - Delta	34,906	31,676	10.2%	3,513	893.6%	320,950	40,755	687.5%
Skywest - United	6,766	4,756	42.3%	9,760	-30.7%	56,135	141,343	-60.3%
DOMESTIC CARRIERS - COMMUTER	63,361	63,028	0.5%	38,711	63.7%	691,609	510,185	35.6%

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INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS								
ABC Aerolineas dba Interjet	18,548	15,725	18.0%	17,535	5.8%	173,281	101,741	70.3%
Aeromexico	15,264	18,790	-18.8%	19,525	-21.8%	200,474	282,614	-29.1%
Air Canada	62,252	75,362	-17.4%	60,176	3.4%	865,264	832,015	4.0%
British Airways	20,215	26,536	-23.8%	21,907	-7.7%	320,580	333,734	-3.9%
Condor Flugdienst	3,922	4,159	-5.7%	3,810	2.9%	88,375	80,268	10.1%
Copa Airlines	8,227	8,511	-3.3%	8,185	0.5%	97,748	95,517	2.3%
Delta	-	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	3,028	1,465	106.7%
Delta	-	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	3,009	-	100.0%
Edelweiss	-	2,920	-100.0%	-	0.0%	54,447	49,887	9.1%
Eurowings	-	598	-100.0%	-	0.0%	19,951	-	100.0%
Grupo Aereo Monterrey S.A. de C.V.	-	-	0.0%	1,992	-100.0%	95	15,418	-99.4%
Magnicharters	4,182	3,661	14.2%	4,336	-3.6%	46,993	4,336	983.8%
Hainan Airlines	9,765	9,893	-1.3%	8,993	8.6%	116,240	98,963	17.5%
Korean Airlines	11,471	10,901	5.2%	10,989	4.4%	55,869	69,059	-19.1%
Norwegian Air Shuttle ASA	-	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	12,996	-100.0%
Sunwing Airlines	924	4,074	-77.3%	1,139	-18.9%	136,291	109,932	24.0%
Thomas Cook Airlines	12,384	20,185	-38.6%	12,271	0.9%	284,183	307,205	-7.5%
Virgin Atlantic Airways	6,324	-	100.0%	-	100.0%	6,324	722	775.9%
Vivaerobus	15,063	13,897	8.4%	19,847	-24.1%	176,444	232,673	-24.2%
Volaris	70,895	79,783	-11.1%	57,555	23.2%	921,950	936,073	-1.5%
Westjet Airlines	259,436	294,995	-12.1%	248,260	4.5%	3,570,546	3,564,618	0.2%
INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS - CHARTER								
Air Canada	88	-	100.0%	-	100.0%	5,980	42	14138.1%
Swissport Misc. Charter	-	1,292	-100.0%	1,552	-100.0%	4,363	3,817	14.3%
Universal Weather	-	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	197	-100.0%
INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS - CHARTER								
	88	1,292	-93.2%	1,552	-94.3%	10,343	4,056	155.0%
INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS - COMMUTER								
Aeromexico Connect	3,717	-	100.0%	-	100.0%	3,717	-	100.0%
INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS - COMMUTER								
	3,717	-	100.0%	-	100.0%	3,717	-	100.0%

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FINAL									
Other Terminals									
Atlantic Aviation	22,820	23,442	-2.7%	11,612	96.5%	185,928	142,712	30.3%	
Maverick Helicopters	16,363	17,518	-6.6%	16,934	-3.4%	243,291	268,880	-9.5%	
Papillon Airways	1,864	2,672	-30.2%	2,266	-17.7%	38,174	48,172	-20.8%	
Signature Flight Support	16,494	18,768	-12.1%	17,304	-4.7%	272,562	275,130	-0.9%	
Sundance Helicopters	16,288	19,080	-14.6%	13,758	18.4%	264,888	234,732	12.8%	
Other Terminals	73,829	81,480	-9.4%	61,874	19.3%	1,004,843	969,626	3.6%	
GRAND TOTAL	3,828,089	3,913,935	-2.2%	3,707,438	3.3%	48,500,194	47,435,027	2.2%	
	3,828,089	3,913,935		3,707,438		48,500,194	47,435,027		
Domestic	3,491,019	3,536,168	-1.3%	3,395,752	2.8%	43,910,745	42,896,727	2.4%	
International	263,241	296,287	-11.2%	249,812	5.4%	3,584,606	3,568,674	0.4%	
West Side/Helicopters	73,829	81,480	-9.4%	61,874	19.3%	1,004,843	969,626	3.6%	
TOTAL Passengers	3,828,089	3,913,935	-2.2%	3,707,438	3.3%	48,500,194	47,435,027	2.2%	
Total Domestic & International	3,754,260	3,832,455	-2.0%	3,645,564	3.0%	47,495,351	46,465,401	2.2%	
Terminal 1	2,626,841	2,626,808	0.0%	2,597,119	1.1%	33,007,284	32,715,789	0.9%	
Terminal 3	1,127,419	1,205,647	-6.5%	1,048,445	7.5%	14,488,067	13,749,612	5.4%	
Total Terminal 1 & 3 Carriers	3,754,260	3,832,455	-2.0%	3,645,564	3.0%	47,495,351	46,465,401	2.2%	
A Gates	202,548	189,324	7.0%	210,363	-3.7%	2,376,984	2,396,809	-0.8%	
B Gates	640,261	648,613	-1.3%	616,040	3.9%	7,917,836	7,724,836	2.5%	
C Gates	1,067,535	1,069,176	-0.2%	1,088,788	-2.0%	13,521,273	13,644,407	-0.9%	
D Gates	1,345,225	1,406,219	-4.3%	1,224,107	9.9%	16,971,094	16,090,025	5.5%	
E Gates	498,691	519,123	-3.9%	506,266	-1.5%	6,708,164	6,609,324	1.5%	
Total A,B,C,D & E Gates	3,754,260	3,832,455	-2.0%	3,645,564	3.0%	47,495,351	46,465,401	2.2%	
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