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Thanksgiving Travel Tips

Sacramento County Airport System is expecting this Thanksgiving to be the busiest ever at Sacramento International Airport. Please keep the following tips in mind when visiting the airport this week.

- Sacramento International Airport plans to use traffic control measures this holiday season. Be on the lookout for uniformed officers directing vehicle traffic.
- Stop circling and save gas! 30 minutes of free parking is offered in Hourly parking on the bottom floor of the Terminal A parking garage, and in the Hourly B parking lot.
- Arrive early. The airlines at Sacramento International Airport recommend arriving 2 hours early for domestic flights and 3 hours early for international flights.
- Check your airline's baggage restrictions, for both carry-on and checked luggage, before coming to the airport. The airlines strictly enforce these limits, especially during the busy holiday season.
- Sacramento International Airport estimates the two busiest days this Thanksgiving will be Wednesday and Sunday, with approximately 40,000 passengers on each day.



November 21, 2005 - People dropping off or picking up passengers at Sacramento International Airport this holiday season should watch for signs and uniformed officers directing traffic.

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Holiday Packages Increase Flights at Mather

To keep up with holiday demand, UPS plans to increase operations at Mather Airport in Rancho Cordova beginning November 22. UPS will continue to have increased flights until the last week in December.

Busy online shoppers and retailers help increase the amount of mail and packages that bring holiday cheer this time of year. Cargo carriers routinely deliver goods such as pharmaceuticals, retail shipments, consumer goods, manufacturing supplies, and more. Next-day air delivery is frequently needed for these types of orders.

The week of December 19th will be the busiest for cargo operations at Mather. UPS plans to add approximately seven flights to its schedule to handle the holiday rush on the peak day of the season. Most additions to the schedule are day flights although some evening and morning flights have been added. Another cargo carrier at Mather, DHL, plans to add a single additional flight on an as needed basis over the holidays.

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New Parking and Shuttle Operator at SMF

On October 25 the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved the selection of a new parking management and shuttle system operator at Sacramento International Airport. The approval authorizes Sacramento County Airport System to negotiate parking management and shuttle bus operations contracts with AMPCO Airpark.

The selection of AMPCO AirPark is the culmination of a Request for Proposal process that began in March 2005. AMPCO AirPark was selected by a panel of professionals who graded each proposal based a standard set of criteria. The company received the highest overall score and offered the lowest-cost proposal. The new management agreement will begin on January 1, 2006.

AMPCO AirPark proposed several new features which will enhance parking and shuttle customer service. They recommend installing a "Drive Cam" driver feedback system in all shuttle buses at Sacramento International Airport. The Drive Cam system is designed to record events on shuttle buses from accidents to customer service incidents. In addition, AMPCO AirPark plans to implement regular customer surveys and a secret shopping program to gauge the quality of service provided

by their employees.

"We are pleased that the Board approved our recommendation," said Lisa Stanton, Deputy Director of Finance and Administration, "we are confident that AMPCO AirPark is the best choice to serve the parking and shuttle needs at Sacramento International Airport."

For details on the parking and shuttle management decision and the supporting documents, visit www.saccounty.net and click on the Board of Supervisors links.

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TSA's Holiday Checklist

The Transportation Security Administration recently released a holiday checklist for air travelers in the United States. Here are some of the tips from their list.

- Double check the contents of your pockets, bags and carry-on luggage to ensure no prohibited items were inadvertently packed. Lighters, firearms, or other weapons are prohibited as carry-on items.
- Firearms placed in checked bags must be properly declared to your airline.
- Take laptops and video cameras out of their cases.
- Do not wrap gifts.
- Do not pack fragile or valuable items in checked baggage. Ship or take them with you in carry-on baggage.
- Put undeveloped film in carry-on baggage. Screening equipment will damage film.
- You are not required to remove your shoes. However, many types of footwear with metal, or thick soles or heels, may require additional screening even if the metal detector does not alarm.
- Do not overpack bags. Closing overstuffed bags can be difficult and may result in that checked bag being delayed.
- Passengers selected for additional screening have the right to request it be done in a private location.

Flight Numbers		September 2005	September 2004	Last 12 Months 2005	Last 12 Months 2004
Passenger traffic at Sacramento International Airport is up 7.3% year-to-date compared to last year. Air freight for the whole Airport System was up 4.3% in September 2005 compared to September 2004.	International Airport				
	Passengers	843,537	769,060	10,101,798	9,328,921
	Air Freight (Tons)	5,912	5,249	67,054	64,806
	Aircraft Operations	15,072	13,799	164,769	164,805
	Executive Airport				
	Aircraft Operations	11,998	11,082	115,288	135,504
	Mather Airport				
	Air Freight (Tons)	5,264	5,463	62,901	64,430
	Aircraft Operations	7,952	7,440	82,860	80,573