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RDU expecting heavy traffic for Memorial Day Weekend

RDU Airport, NC --- With all the major airlines reporting heavy passenger bookings, officials at Raleigh-Durham International Airport are expecting an extremely busy Memorial Day weekend.

“Passengers flying in and out of RDU this Memorial Day weekend need to give themselves plenty of time to catch their flights,” said RDU Public Affairs Manager Mike Blanton. “Construction, earlier check-in times by airlines, tighter parking availability and stricter carry-on baggage rules, will all make it necessary for passengers to plan for extra time. Smart travelers will get to the airport at least two hours before their scheduled flight this weekend,” Blanton recommended.

Airport officials also suggest that passengers flying out Friday or Saturday go directly to Park and Ride Lot 4 on the North end of the airport across from the cargo facilities. To avoid traffic near the Terminals, travelers are encouraged to access Lot 4 from I-540 and U.S. Highway 70 instead of I-40.

“Park and Ride Lots 1,2 and 3 are expected to fill completely sometime Thursday,” said RDU Parking Manager Melissa Harden. “To save time, it would be best if people would go directly to Park and Ride Lot 4,” she emphasized.

Park and Ride Lot 4 is the airport’s largest lot with a capacity of 4,500 spaces. Beginning in early July, work on a \$3.5 million project to pave the 29-acre lot will begin. Paving and drainage improvement work is expected to be complete before the busy fall Holiday travel season. For more information on travel tips, parking availability and cost, visit the airport’s website at www.RDU.com.

Raleigh-Durham International Airport was used by 7.2 million passengers last year and is currently served by 14 major airlines and 10 regional carriers. More than 500 scheduled commercial flights fly in and out of the airport daily.

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