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**RDU's new commercial curb lanes easing congestion**

RDU Airport, NC — RDU's Park and Ride buses, hotel and motel shuttle buses and rental car shuttle buses have been moved from the curbside next to Terminal A to a new three-lane commercial curbside. Since opening the commercial curbside in front of Terminal A last weekend, officials with the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority have reported significant reductions in traffic congestion for passengers approaching the Terminal areas. This has provided more curbside space next to Terminal A for private passenger vehicles to use while loading and unloading.

A new bypass lane was also included as part of the commercial curb system to allow passengers more convenient access to Terminal C, Park and Ride Lots 2 and 4, General Aviation, Observation Park and other areas on the north end of RDU. The three new lanes are part of the airport's \$40 million, 2,700-space parking deck project that is currently underway.

The commercial curb opened in time for the additional shuttle bus traffic generated by the U.S. Open golf championship in Pinehurst and the 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games. All major airlines at RDU are reporting heavier than normal passenger loads during the next two weeks as a result of these two major international events.

To meet Federal Aviation Administration security requirements, RDU officials remind passengers that the curbsides at both Terminals are for loading and unloading only. All unattended vehicles left on the terminal curbs will be towed at the owner's expense.

Raleigh-Durham International Airport is currently served by 14 major airlines and 10 regional carriers. More than eight million passengers are expected to use the airport this year.

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