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TSA South Security Checkpoint at ATL to Close Temporarily May 4

Renovation of checkpoint to take approximately three weeks; TSA to redeploy staff to mitigate closure

ATLANTA – Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) officials today announced a threeweek-long renovation of the South Security Checkpoint at ATL. The checkpoint will close temporarily beginning May 4 at 7 p.m. The Transportation Security Administration, working with ATL and Delta Air Lines, will install and calibrate new automated security screening lane equipment. TSA will redeploy staff and open additional lanes at other security checkpoints during the temporary closure.

The renovation and installation is part of a collaborative initiative among ATL, the TSA and Delta Air Lines to develop long-term innovative solutions to enhance security effectiveness with reasonable checkpoint wait times for passengers.

During the closure, TSA will maintain current staffing levels and will deploy personnel to operate additional lanes at other checkpoint areas.

As a reminder, passengers should arrive at the terminal at least two hours before their scheduled departure time. Those parking at ATL or traveling with oversized baggage should also budget additional time.

Passengers can also help expedite their screening by not overstuffing their the carry-on bags, checking TSA's website (<u>https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/prohibited-items</u>) to ensure they're not carrying prohibited items, and remembering to place large electronic devices in separate bins at the security checkpoint.

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Hartsfield-Jackson (ATL) is the world's most traveled and most efficient airport, serving more than 101 million passengers annually with nonstop service to more than 150 U.S. destinations and nearly 70 international destinations in more than 45 countries. ATL boasts a direct economic impact of \$34.8 billion in metro Atlanta and a total direct economic impact of \$70.9 billion in Georgia. The Airport is the largest employer in Georgia, with more than 63,000 employees. The Airport is a frequent recipient of awards of excellence for concessions, operations, architectural engineering and construction – including the 2013 Global Efficiency Excellence Award from the Air Transport Research Society, 2013 Project of the Year, Architectural Category for the Maynard H. Jackson Jr. International Terminal from the American Association of Airport Executives Southeast chapter and the 2012 Best Airport in North America, Business Travel Award from the Business Traveler Magazine. ATL has completed more than \$6 billion worth of capital improvements, including a new, energy-efficient rental car center, a gold LEED-certified international terminal and aesthetic and functional upgrades to its concourses, people movers and parking services. For more information, go to www.atlanta-airport.com. Check out the Airport's YouTube channel by visiting www.youtube.com/AtlantaHartsfield, follow us on Twitter (@ATLairport) and become a fan on Facebook (Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport).

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