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Hartsfield-Jackson Prepared for Labor Day Traffic
Moderate traffic forecast for final summer holiday travel weekend

ATLANTA – Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) officials expect a moderately busy travel weekend this holiday. Labor Day weekend, described as the final summer holiday travel weekend of the year, is considered a busier-than-normal weekend, but does not see the same volume of travelers as Thanksgiving, Memorial Day or Independence Day. Current projections call for 69,000 travelers to be screened Friday, Sept. 2, the busiest day of the holiday weekend. By comparison, more than 82,000 passengers were forecast to be screened on the Friday of Memorial Day this year.

“Working with our partner airlines and the Transportation Security Administration, we’ve substantially reduced wait times over the past several months,” interim Airport General Manager Roosevelt Council Jr. said today. “We’re thrilled with this improvement, and we will work tirelessly to maintain this level of service with constant vigilance and close coordination with all of our stakeholders here at ATL.”

Tropical Storm Hermine may impact travel plans over the weekend. Forecasters expect the storm to reach hurricane strength Friday morning. Though not forecast to reach Atlanta, Hermine could affect travel to East Coast airports through the weekend. Travelers should check with their airlines directly in case flight plans are changed due to inclement weather.

Earlier this week, Hartsfield-Jackson officials announced that wait times in the month of July were the shortest they have been in seven years. Even still, travelers flying during peak periods are encouraged to arrive at ATL two hours before domestic flight departure time. Travelers are also encouraged to download the iFlyATL mobile app or visit www.atlanta-airport.com for the most current information on parking, TSA wait times and departure information.

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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, sustainability, architectural engineering, and construction. ATL is now in the midst of a \$6 billion capital improvement plan, ATL Next, that will modernize the domestic terminal and concourses, create new parking decks, construct a 300-room hotel, Class A commercial office space, add a new runway, new concourse and expand cargo facilities. For more information, go to www.atlanta-airport.com.

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