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Lambert adds new checkpoint lanes at East Terminal 2nd checkpoint will help meet increase in passenger traffic

(St. Louis) Lambert-St. Louis International Airport has opened a second checkpoint location in the East Terminal to increase passenger screening capacity during times of peak demand. The addition of two new security lanes, along with the terminal's original four-lane checkpoint, gives Lambert 50 percent more screening capacity and should improve wait times for passengers flying Southwest Airlines, USA 3000, Air Choice One and charter flights. The new checkpoint is located next to Starbucks on the west end of the East Terminal ticketing level.

The screening expansion project was a joint effort of Lambert and the Transportation Security Administration. The Airport built the infrastructure for the new checkpoint. The TSA has provided all the screening equipment and will determine the operational hours of the extra lanes based on airport and airline needs. The first additional lane opened Monday, Nov. 9. The second additional screening lane will be operational by Thursday, Nov. 12.

During the East Terminal's busiest day in October 2009, more than 7,600 passengers were screened by the TSA. The extra lanes are now in place to meet even higher passenger counts with the upcoming holiday season and additional charter flights this winter for Mexico destinations. The East Terminal will see even more demand beginning next spring when Southwest Airlines plans to add as many as 13 additional flights a day between March and May of 2010.

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