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RDU Expecting Heavy Traffic for Easter Weekend

RDU Airport, NC - More than an estimated 160,000 passengers will travel through Raleigh-Durham International Airport this Easter weekend. All airlines are reporting high than normal passenger bookings.

This year's expected passenger numbers are significantly higher (40,000 passengers) than Easter weekend, 1999.

"Passengers flying in and out of RDU this Easter 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 parking at RDU go directly to Park and Ride 4 on the North end of the airport across from the cargo facilities. To avoid traffic near the Terminals, travelers are encouraged to access Park and Ride 4 from I-540 and U.S. Highway 70 instead of I-40.

Park and Ride 4 is the airport's largest lot with a capacity of 4,500 paved spaces. For more information on travel tips, parking availability and cost, visit the airport's website at www.rdu.com.

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