



**MAYOR**  
Oscar Leeser

**INTERIM  
CITY MANAGER**  
Cary Westin

**CITY COUNCIL**

**District 1**  
Brian Kennedy

**District 2**  
Alexandra Anello

**District 3**  
Cassandra Hernandez

**District 4**  
Joe Molinar

**District 5**  
Isabel Salcido

**District 6**  
Art Fierro

**District 7**  
Henry Rivera

**District 8**  
Chris Canales

**NEWS  
RELEASE**

11/16/2023

# El Paso International Airport Gears Up for Busy Holiday Travel and Offers Travel Tips

**EL PASO, Texas**—El Paso International Airport (ELP) has seen an increase in the number of passengers this year and anticipates the airport to be busy this holiday travel season.

Year to date, the airport has seen a 9 percent increase in passenger traffic as compared to the same time last year, and a 19 percent increase as compared to the same time in 2019, before the pandemic.

The Thanksgiving travel season is set to begin Friday, November 17, and conclude on Tuesday, Nov. 28.

Throughout this 12-day period, ELP will have nearly 85,000 seats available. The busiest days for ELP are projected to be Wednesday the 22nd and Monday the 27th, based on scheduled flights and available seats.

To assist passengers in having a smooth and pleasant journey, we are offering the following travel tips:

## Plan Ahead

- Visit [TSA.gov](https://www.tsa.gov) to review the prohibited items list as well as identification requirements.
- Check [FlyELP.com](https://www.flyelp.com) to review the airport's hours of operation. The terminal remains limited to ticketed passengers with a flight departing within 4 hours, between the operating hours of 3:30 a.m. and the last flight departure of the day. Exceptions apply to passengers with special needs who require assistance.

## Arrive Early

- Arrive at least two hours before their departure time, with a maximum of four hours. This allows ample time for waiting in queue lines and ensures a stress-free experience.
- Please be aware that the terminal opens at 3:30 a.m. each day and overnight stay is not permitted, please plan your arrival at the terminal accordingly.

## Parking

- Visit [FlyELP.com](https://www.flyelp.com) to review Parking options. We encourage passengers to familiarize themselves with the recent changes made to the parking at ELP. Changes include revised parking fees, updates to the Disabled Veteran Parking policy, and the addition of the West Lot, which is exclusively paid by mobile device.

## Picking up

- The Cell Phone waiting lot is a great way to pick up arriving guests when the short-term lot becomes full. Simply park in the lot located at the corner of American and Piper. Once your guests have claimed their baggage and are ready and waiting at the curb have them call you and you can drive to them within a couple of minutes.

Stay updated with the latest news and announcements from El Paso International Airport by following us on Facebook or Instagram, @FlyELP.

###



Promoting **Transparent & Consistent Communication**  
Among All Members of the Community

**Media contact:** Tammy Fonce  
Strategic Communications Office  
(915) 212-1201