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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (PIE) Advisory – Limited Parking for Holiday Season and Construction Updates

In the past two years, the airport significantly expanded long-term/economy parking from 1172 to 2171 spaces. Additionally, a new cell phone lot opened to help alleviate curbside congestion. With PIE in its fifth consecutive year of double digit growth and expecting a record year of over 2 million passengers by the end of 2017, additional parking will be constructed in 2018.

This past Thanksgiving holiday the airport experienced its highest demand for parking and came close to reaching capacity. The demand for parking in the coming weeks is anticipated to exceed what was experienced over Thanksgiving. As a result, the airport is issuing a travel advisory to passengers flying out of PIE from December 18 – 29 of a potential shortage of parking and strongly encourages passengers to make arrangements to be dropped off and picked-up at the airport. Parking information and maps can be found on <http://www.fly2pie.com/directions-parking/parking-information>. Passengers are strongly encouraged to arrive 2 hours prior to their departure to allow for sufficient time to get their gate.

Additionally, portions of the terminal building are currently under renovation to expand seating capacity and add future concession amenities. Renovations are anticipated to be completed in fall 2018. We appreciate our customers' patience during the construction.

Over the next few years, the Florida Department of Transportation is constructing the Gateway Express Project Toll Road overpass adjacent to the airport. Construction around the airport may result in travel delays. Beginning in 2018, the airport will be changing its internal roadway system and parking lots related to changes from the Gateway Express Project.

The airport is in process of updating its Airport Master Plan to develop short, mid, and long range plans for development to meet future growth. For updates, visit [piemasterplan.com](http://piemasterplan.com).

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