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**Best airport art? Speediest checkpoints? Readers' polls rank Sacramento International Airport tops in both**

**SACRAMENTO, CA.** — Readers from two national publications have ranked Sacramento International Airport at the top of their lists for airport art and zippy TSA security checkpoints.

Sacramento International Airport placed 10<sup>th</sup> in USA TODAY's Readers' Choice contest for [Best U.S. Airports for Art](#) and 10<sup>th</sup> in the Travel+ Leisure *World's Best Airports* poll for [best security checkpoint](#) in announcements made Wednesday.

The USA TODAY article says that, of the 12 major public art pieces in Terminal B, Lawrence Argent's 56-foot-long, aluminum red rabbit sculpture "Leap" grabs the most attention.

The public art at Sacramento International Airport, including the six installations in Terminal A, has also been featured in the *Wall Street Journal*.

*Leisure + Travel* magazine noted that the deciding factor for many travelers in selecting an airport is whether or not they can get through check-in and security smoothly. The magazine notes that Sacramento International Airport has offered free Wi-Fi since 2006 and that the new terminal is bright and modern.

Sacramento International Airport also has self-service kiosks that allow passengers to check in and print boarding passes, another factor that increases the convenience of air travel.

Travelers now enjoy even more convenience with the addition of the [TSA Pre-Check](#) program at Sacramento International Airport. TSA Pre-Check is an expedited screening program that allows pre-approved airline travelers members of U.S. Customs and Border Protection Trusted Traveler programs to leave on their shoes, light jackets and belts, keep laptops in cases, and stash allowable three-ounce liquids and gels in carry-on bags. Pre-Check is available at both terminals.

“We are gratified that we got these accolades from readers who are customers of Sacramento International Airport,” said John Wheat, Director of Airports. “Both the beautiful environment and efficiency of the TSA checkpoints speak to the superior service experience available at Sacramento International Airport.”

The Sacramento County Airport System, a department of Sacramento County, is responsible for planning, developing, operating and maintaining the county’s four airports: Sacramento International Airport, Executive Airport, Mather Airport and Franklin Field. The regional economic impact of the Sacramento County Airport System is more than \$4 billion annually. For more information, visit <http://www.smf.aero>.

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