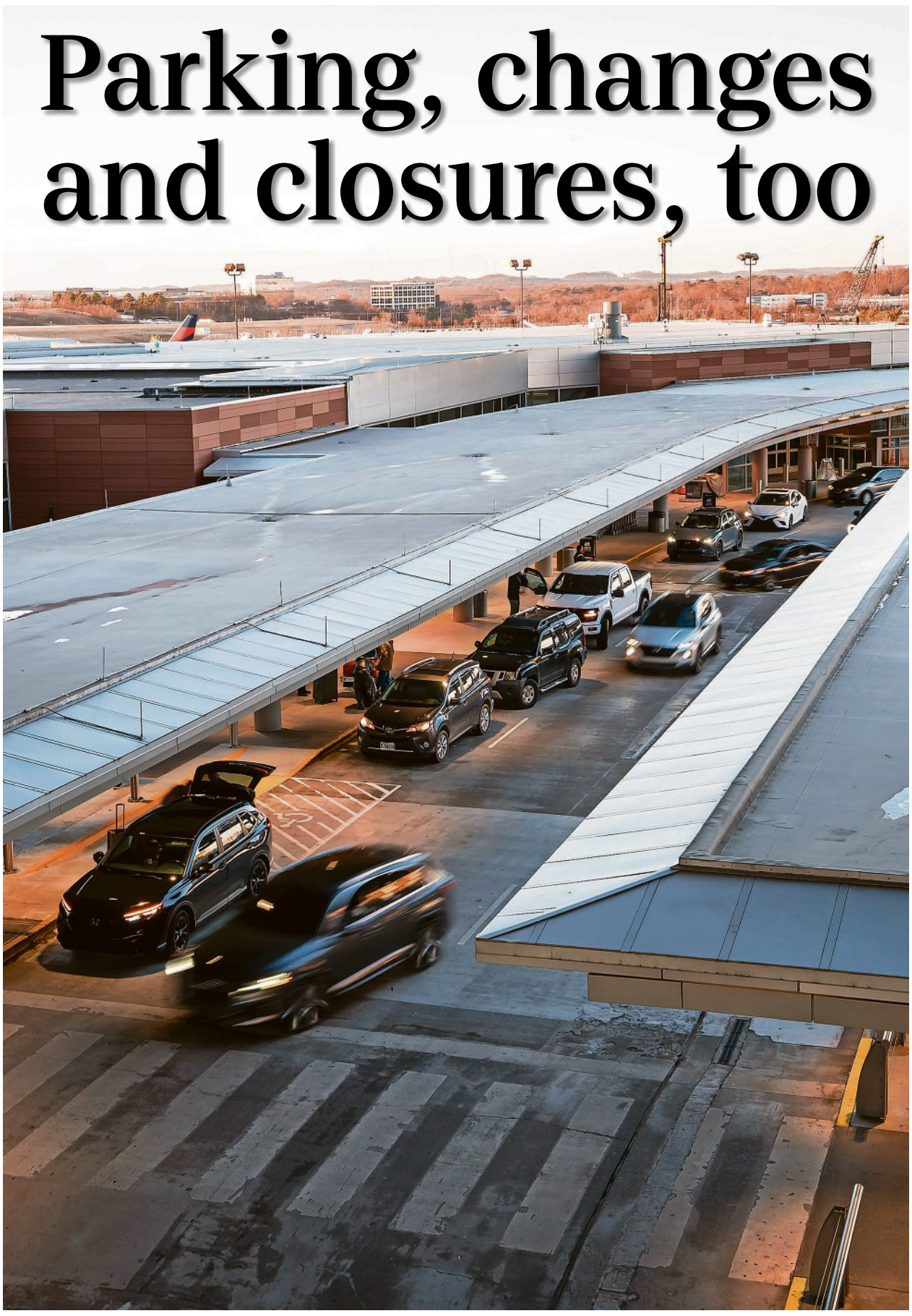


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Parking, changes and closures, too



Traffic passes through arrivals and departures at Nashville International Airport in Nashville on Jan. 15. ANDREW NELLES/THE TENNESSEAN

Data shows CMCSS sees record gains in learning

District celebrating landmark year of academic growth

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Clarksville-Montgomery County Schools are celebrating a landmark year of academic growth after the district received top marks from the state on student improvement during the 2025-26 school year.

For the third consecutive year, CMCSS earned a Level 5 composite student growth score from the Tennessee Department of Education's Tennessee Value Added Assessment System (TVAAS), showing significant growth district-wide in the 2025-26 school year.

TVAAS uses Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) results to measure annual growth, rating schools on a scale of 1 to 5. A Level 1 rating means there was less growth than expected, and Level 5 rating shows students made more academic growth than expected.

"This TVAAS data reflects the extraordinary focus,

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Metro Nashville Airport Authority President and CEO Doug Kreulen, left, introduces Steve Davis, president and CEO of The Boring Co., during a news conference announcing the Music City Loop tunnel project at the Hilton BNA Hotel in Nashville on July 28, 2025. ANDREW NELLES/THE TENNESSEAN

BNA looks different this holiday season

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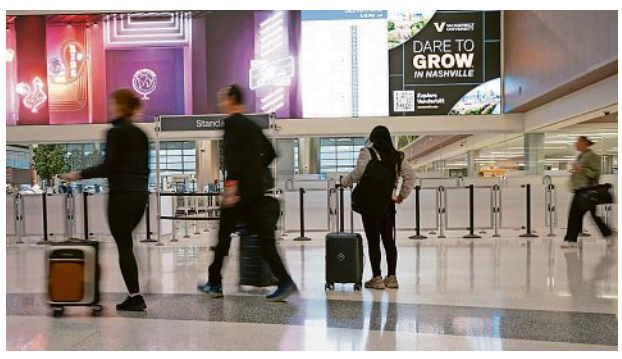
If you haven't traveled through Nashville International Airport since last holiday season, expect some changes this year.

Airport officials have reorganized traffic patterns, changed parking options and policies and begun construction projects that could impact the traveler experience. BNA doesn't expect any changes to cause significant disruptions during Thanksgiving week, but airport representatives warned travelers to allow extra time in their schedule for parking and to consider taking alternate routes to the airport in order to prevent backups at Exit 216A off of I-40 East.

"Thanksgiving is not one of BNA's peak travel periods, and passenger volumes are expected to remain in line with normal travel patterns," a Metro Nashville Airport Authority spokesperson said. "The airport is coordinating closely with its partners to support efficient operations, enhance roadway management and provide a smooth travel experience from curb to gate."

On a typical day at BNA in 2026, between 30,000 and 40,000 travelers pass through the airport.

MNAA began what has grown into $4.5 billion expansion in 2017. The current phase, dubbed New Horizon, is on track to finish in 2029, and until then, Nashville travelers will be able to watch the transformation happen, piece by piece.



Travelers move through Nashville International Airport on Nov. 13. The FAA declared a nationwide ground stop on all flights do to "extraordinary circumstances" and "reasons of safety." DENNY SIMMONS/THE TENNESSEAN

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Boring Co. inks $34M Music City Loop deal

Elon Musk's company will pay airport authority over 40 years

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Elon Musk's The Boring Company took 17 months to finalize its licensing agreement with the Metro Nashville Airport Authority valued at $34 million for a tunnel system that will connect Nashville International Airport with downtown.

The two organizations went back and forth on details of the Music City Loop contract for eight months before airport officials unanimously approved the agreement on February 18. It wasn't until the morning

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