

TSA now promises frequent flyers and other savvy travelers special encoded boarding passes. When you qualify and flash it at security stations, and if there are no glitches, you may go thru more quickly in a special line.

Additionally, as TSA promises, you keep your shoes on, as well as belt, watch and other metal items, including electronics. However, the quick-board system still has restrictions, and it may not be in effect when you hit the line, and still isn't offered in every airport.

For instructions on how to sign up and other current info, go to www.tsa.gov/tsa-precheck