STATEMENT FROM TSA:

To improve the screening process, TSA leverages a number of programs to direct eligible passengers to the TSA Pre✓™ lane, where travelers may receive expedited screening. Managed Inclusion, a risk-based approach, combines the use of multiple layers of security to indirectly conduct a real-time assessment of passengers at select airports. This enables TSA to identify eligible passengers for expedited screening through TSA Pre✓™ lanes, which improves security, efficiency and the passenger experience.

TSA will always incorporate random and unpredictable security measures throughout the airport and no individual will be guaranteed expedited screening.

- This initiative operates at designated checkpoints at different times, depending on passenger volume and other variables.
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- The process uses some or all of the following resources to conduct the real-time threat assessment: Passenger Screening Canine (PSC) teams, Behavior Detection Officers (BDOs), and/or a random generator. TSA uses this during specific time periods and/or locations throughout the day or week, depending on relative queue length in the TSA Pre✓™ lane and/or the standard screening checkpoint lanes.
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- TSA may also increase the use of Explosives Trace Detection (ETD) machines when TSA Pre✓™ is in operation: http://www.tsa.gov/about-tsa/security-technologies

Also see this site:

http://www.tsa.gov/tsa-precheck/likelihood-getting-tsa-precheck

http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/what-managed-inclusion

http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/tsa-risk-assessments

Passengers who have been issued a Known Traveler Number (KTN) by TSA or CBP have generally undergone a vetting process or background check as part of their employment or via a DHS Trusted Traveler program. Since TSA knows more about these passengers they are more likely to be eligible for TSA Pre✓™ screening more often than passengers the agency knows less about.