



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
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### RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the attached monthly Airport activities reports. (District 5)

### DISCUSSION

As requested, the following is a report on various activities at the Long Beach Airport.

**Airport Passenger, General Aviation and Cargo Activity** - The Monthly Airport Activity Report (Attachment 1) provides monthly and year-to-date statistics for airline passengers (total and enplaned), aircraft operations by user category, and cargo carrier tonnage. The statistics in general show that year-to-date passenger activity is similar to last year, given the common 41 daily flight average use factors. Total passenger counts for February were 218,796 compared to last year's 209,971, an increase of 4.2%. Monthly general aviation operations compared to last year were down 3.3%, (22,488 operations vs 23,259). Monthly cargo volumes were down 8.5% (4,135 tons vs 4,522).

**Noise Activity** - The Monthly Airport Noise Statistics Report (Attachment 2) details noise complaints based on type of complaint (e.g., related to airline, private jet operations, helicopter). It also identifies specific aircraft noise events that generated five or more complaints and includes a plot map showing complainant location and the number of repeat violations, along with a listing of aircraft operators receiving their fourth or greater violation.

The Airport's Noise Office receives and investigates noise calls and complaints from local citizens and all other sources. In February, the Noise Office received 269 complaints from citizens compared to 215 complaints received in the previous month. Thirteen of the 269 complaints related to operations that were in violation of the City's noise compatibility ordinance. The remaining 256 complaints were related to permissible aircraft activity as defined by the City's Noise Compatibility Ordinance.

This above referenced information is displayed on the Airport's website ([www.lgb.org](http://www.lgb.org)), and is updated on a monthly basis.

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### **Other Airport Activity**

- **Runway 12/30 Rehabilitation Project** - Due to unforeseen rain delays the nighttime closures of Runway 12/30, and the remaining runway lighting/instrumentation work, will continue through late-April.
- **Electrical System Upgrade** - The upgrade of the Airport's electrical systems is on schedule, and we anticipate a completion date in late-June. At the end of April, additional power capacity will be brought online that will allow the airlines to begin utilizing their electric ground service equipment.
- **Airport Information and Noise Abatement Center** - Planning for the Airport Community Information and Pilot Safety Center is continuing. The proposed 1,800-square foot location at 4237 Donald Douglas Drive is under master lease to Million Air, Inc. A request to enter into a lease agreement with Million Air is scheduled for City Council approval on April 19, 2005. The Airport Center would provide general airport information, runway safety, security and noise abatement information to the community, passengers and pilots. Training classes for the upcoming internet flight tracking system will also be conducted at the center.
- **Noise Monitoring System Upgrade and Internet Flight Tracking System** - In August 2004, the City Council approved a contract with Lochard Corporation for the upgrade of the Airport's noise monitoring system, its eighteen noise monitors, and the installation of SkyTrak, an internet flight tracking system. Phase One of the project, which includes the replacement of the six noise enforcement monitors, installation of a new long-range radar and the SkyTrak system is expected to be completed by late April.
- **Aviation Noise Abatement Committee** - The Aviation Noise Abatement Committee (ANAC), which was created by City ordinance and is composed of airport businesses and community members, worked in conjunction with Airport staff to create a homeowners information brochure (attached). While the brochure provides information to existing homeowners, ANAC's intent is to widely distribute the brochure to prospective Long Beach homeowners. Copies of the brochures will be mailed to each licensed real estate office and/or Long Beach-based realtor. Copies will also be made available to City Council offices, public libraries, and parks and marine facilities. A supply of brochures will be made available to the Neighborhood Resource Center and distributed to neighborhood organizations.
- **Concession Update** - Following the Council discussion in March, the proposal to establish an interim concession agreement for food and beverage service in the existing passenger boarding lounges has been terminated. It is still anticipated that a new long-term master terminal/food/beverage/gift concessionaire contract will be awarded in June 2005.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments (3)

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