

CITY OF LONG BEACH

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

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 May 2005 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 a 4.0% increase in year-to-date passenger activity. Total passenger counts for May were 266,549 compared to last year's 250,700, an increase of 6.3%. Monthly general aviation operations compared to last year were down 1.0%, (27,726 operations vs. 27,994). Monthly cargo volumes were down 4.7% (4,489 tons vs. 4,708).

Noise Activity - The May 2005 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 May, the Noise Office received 223 complaints from citizens compared to 299 complaints received in the previous month. Of the 223 complaints received, 214 of the complaints pertained to permissible aircraft activity that was not in violation of the City's Noise Compatibility Ordinance.

Further analysis of the noise complaints revealed the following:

- 39% (88 of 223) of the complaints were related to operations between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.;
- 49% (110 of 223) of the complaints were generated by 8 individuals;
- 27% (60 of 223) of the complainants reside in Seal Beach or Huntington Beach;
- 96% (214 of 223) of the complaints were related to operations that were not in violation of the City's Noise Compatibility Ordinance.

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

Other Airport Activity

- The July/August edition of the WAVE provides an update on the proposed Terminal Area Improvements Project and related EIR.
- **Noise Monitoring System Upgrade and Internet Flight Tracking System** – The Airport's six noise enforcement monitors and the new long-range Passur radar were successfully installed and are fully operational. Six additional noise monitors will be upgraded in each of the following two years. Work continues on the creation of the community web site and the installation of SkyTrak-internet flight tracking system. Sky-Trak is expected to be operational in July 2005.
- **Concession RFP**- Interviews for the concession services and the food and beverage concession services were completed and recommendations will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration on July 12, 2005.
- **Parking Enhancements** – Effective June 30, 2005, the Airport Cell Phone Parking Lot, the parking information line (570-2683), reconfiguration of Remote Lot D and the installation of three electronic signboards along Lakewood Boulevard were completed. These enhancements were implemented in preparation for the summer travel season.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

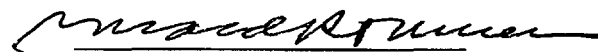


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Attachments (2)

APPROVED:



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