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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 January were 233,505 compared to last year's 223,387. Monthly general aviation operations compared to last year were down 9.3%, (21,706 operations vs 23,939). Monthly cargo volumes were down 11.9% (4,120 tons vs 4,679).

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 January, the Noise Office received 235 complaints from citizens compared to 213 complaints received in the previous month. Twenty-four of the 235 complaints related to operations that were in violation of the City's noise compatibility ordinance. The remaining 211 complaints were related to permissible aircraft activity as defined by the City's Noise Compatibility Ordinance.

Other Airport Activity

As a means to provide an enhanced level of food service to passengers, the Airport Bureau is requesting concepts/proposals for temporary, month-to-month food and

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beverage service within the existing passenger boarding lounges. Proposals will only be accepted from existing airlines (or their contracting food and beverage providers) and the existing Airport food and beverage concessionaire (El Dorado Services). The contract terms will be terminated at such time as the master terminal/food/beverage/gift concessionaire contract is awarded which is expected in June 2005. Contract award for the temporary proposal is expected to be brought to City Council for approval the first week of April.

Currently, there are few remaining developable parcels at the Long Beach Airport. Parcel X2, located adjacent to the Airport Maintenance Yard near Cherry Avenue and 31st Street (Attachment 3), consists of 6.9 acres of which only 3.11 acres is available for development due to FAA airspace restrictions and the Boeing C-17 leasehold. Current zoning for the site is IG with aviation use restrictions. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to identify and select a highly qualified private business enterprise for the development and operation of Parcel X2 for aviation support purposes was released on February 28, 2005. Responses are due by April 6, 2005, and the final award is expected in May.

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

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is not time critical.

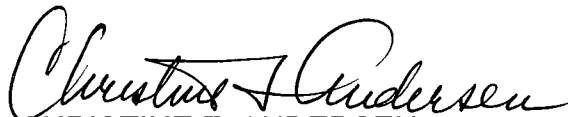
FISCAL IMPACT

None.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments (3)

APPROVED:



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