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Public Affairs Highlights and Initiatives May 2017

Government Affairs:

1. Launched TNC pilot program, April 5
2. Attended the Government Social Media Conference, April 10-13
3. Participated in Tabletop Exercise, April 19
4. Attended the Citywide Communications Meeting, April 27
5. Hosted the AAAE Annual Conference, May 7-10

Community Outreach:

6. Attended the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach Expo, April 7-9
7. Displayed the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach vehicle in the concourse March 17 - 27
8. Attended BeachStreets University, April 29
9. Historical Society Long Beach Remembers Pearl Harbor exhibit and Long Beach Airport's contribution continues
10. Volunteers led eight group tours of the airport in March and April
11. Held interviews for prospective volunteers
12. Hosted quarterly luncheon for LGB volunteers
13. Supported the Unity Festival/Dancer in Me program March 30 – April 1
14. Participated with a booth at the Ronald McDonald House Walk for Kids April 23

Media:

15. Long Beach Airport to Allow Rideshare Companies to Pick Up During Upcoming Pilot Program; *Long Beach Post* 3/8/17
16. Long Beach Airport to launch ride-share pilot program; *Signal Tribune* 3/10/17
17. Find out when Uber, Lyft, can start picking people up at Long Beach Airport; *Press-Telegram* 3/10/17
18. Uber and other car-hailing businesses get a tryout at Long Beach Airport; *Los Angeles Times* 3/11/17
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26. Southwest Adds 2 Long Beach Slots; *Orange County Business Journal* 3/22/17
27. Southwest snares two spots at Long Beach Airport; flights to be announced in April; *OC Register* 3/24/17
28. Southwest Airlines to fly from Long Beach to Sacramento; *Press-Telegram* 3/30/17
29. Southwest Will Add Sacramento Flights from Long Beach; *Gazettes.com* 3/30/17
30. Southwest Airlines Adds Sacramento to Growing List of Destinations from Long Beach Airport; *Long Beach Post* 3/31/17
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34. World War II-Era Boeing B-17 To Fly Into Long Beach; *Gazettes.com* 4/9/17
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36. Long Beach Approves Lease with Former Airport Commissioner; *Press-Telegram* 4/12/17
37. Ed Goldman: Sacramento-to-Long Beach flight is most welcome; *Sacramento Business Journal* 4/14/17
38. These Animals Flew Out of Long Beach Airport for a Chance of Life, Thanks to Nonprofit; *Press-Telegram* 4/19/17
39. Social Media:
 - Facebook is up to 15,324 likes and an average reach of 64,158
 - o The best post in March was viewed 4,090 times with 96 reactions, comments, and shares.
 - o Notable events: Southwest's new route to Sacramento International Airport, Pi Day Instagram Sweepstakes, and LGB wins ARN award.
 - o The best post in April was viewed 4,032 times with 48 reactions, comments, and shares.
 - o Notable events: Toyota Grand Prix, TNC Pilot Program, and Dog is my Copilot flight from LGB to no-kill shelters
 - Twitter is up to 10,419 followers
 - o The best tweet in March generated 21,117 impressions, 17 retweets, and 44 likes.
 - o Tweets in March generated over 119,000 impressions

- o The best tweet in April generated 9,496 impressions, 14 retweets, and 40 likes
- o Tweets in April generated over 62,000 impressions
- Instagram is up to 3,233 followers
 - o In March, photo posts averaged 91 likes each and video posts averaged 103 likes each.
 - o The most popular post earned 106 likes and 107 engagements.
 - o In April, photo posts averaged 94 likes and video posts averaged 58 likes each.
 - o The most popular post earned 147 likes and 152 engagements.

Advertising/Marketing:

40. *Long Beach Business Journal*; quarter page, full color ad March 29-April 10 issue
41. *Long Beach Business Journal*; quarter page, full color ad March 14 – 17 issue
42. *Long Beach Section National Council of Negro Women*; half page, full color ad April 2017 program
43. *International Trade Education*; quarter page, black & white ad 2017 Oceans of Opportunity program
44. *School News*; quarter page, full color ad April 2017
45. *Unity Festival/Dancer in Me*; full page, full color ad in program March 2017
46. *Long Beach Chamber of Commerce*; full page, full color ad April 2017 Entrepreneur of the Year program
47. *Long Beach Chamber of Commerce*; half page, full color ad State of Transportation program March 2017
48. *LBLGP 2017 Pride Guide*; half page, full color ad April 2017
49. *Long Beach Park & Rec Connect*; full page, full color ad Spring 2017
50. Updated flight map to include service to Sacramento on Southwest; deleted Alaska service on JetBlue
51. Economic Impact Report brochure, continued updating design
52. Began design for TNC pilot program signage
53. Posted the TNC pilot program on social media

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Long Beach Airport to Allow Rideshare Companies to Pick Up During Upcoming Pilot Program

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A pilot program to allow the operation of rideshare companies at Long Beach Airport (LGB) will begin Wednesday, April 5, the City of Long Beach announced this week.

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As part of the program, Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) such as Uber, Lyft, Wingz and See Jane Go will be permitted to pick up at LGB; previously they were only allowed to drop off passengers. Previously, users of TNCs could hail them from Long Beach Airport but would have to walk with baggage in tow across Lakewood Boulevard to legally catch their rides.

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The trial run adds TNCs to a list, albeit temporarily, of several hundred bus, van, limousine and luxury car companies approved for pick up at LGB.

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“The TNC pilot program will enhance the travel experience and increase accessibility to Long Beach,” Mayor Robert Garcia said in a statement. “This is a great opportunity to modernize our regulations and allow taxis and ride-share companies an environment to compete fairly while still improving services for travelers.”

TNCs, ground transportation service provides and the public were invited to participate in a February 1 meeting (/news/2000010293-community-input-sought-as-city-works-toward-pilot-program-for-ride-share-companies-at-lgb) to discuss the proposed changes to the airport’s transportation program, as well as the attached fees. A survey conducted by LGB staff also found that 87 percent of the traveling public would use TNCs if made available, according to the release.

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Community Input Sought As City Works Toward Pilot Program For Ride Share Companies at LGB (/news/2000010293-community-input-sought-as-city-works-toward-pilot-program-for-ride-share-companies-at-lgb)

“Our study findings showed that adding TNC travel as an option to our passengers will benefit both travelers and the airport,” Airport Director Jess L. Romo said in a statement. “The pilot program will evaluate usage, infrastructure needs, airport revenue impacts, and enforcement, so we can continue to offer the high level of customer service which we are known for and still strive to provide a level playing field for all ground transportation operators at Long Beach Airport.”

A \$3.00 per-trip fee will be required of TNCs, while fixed permitting fees will be updated for taxis, limousines and shuttles, according to the release.

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Long Beach Airport will start a pilot program to allow operation of transportation network companies, more commonly known as ride sharing, at the airport.

FILE PHOTO

Long Beach Airport (LGB) will begin a pilot program to allow operation of transportation network companies (TNCs), more commonly known as ride sharing, at the airport. Beginning Wednesday, April 5, companies such as Uber, Lyft, Wingz and See Jane Go will be allowed to pick up at LGB as part of the pilot program. Previously, they were only permitted to drop off.

“The TNC pilot program will enhance the travel experience and increase accessibility to Long Beach,” said Mayor Robert Garcia. “This is a great opportunity to modernize our regulations and allow taxis and ride-share companies an environment to compete fairly while still improving services for travelers.”

Long Beach Airport invited TNCs, ground transportation service providers and the public to participate in a meeting Feb. 1 to discuss and gain feedback on the proposed changes to the airport’s ground transportation program and fee structure. Staff also performed a survey of the traveling public, which determined that 87 percent of those travelers at LGB would use TNCs if available.

“Our study findings showed that adding TNC travel as an option to our passengers will benefit both travelers and the airport,” said Airport Director Jess L. Romo, AAE. “The pilot program will evaluate usage, infrastructure needs, airport revenue impacts and enforcement, so we can continue to offer the high level of customer service which we are known for and still strive to provide a level playing field for all ground transportation operators at Long Beach Airport.”

A \$3 per-trip fee will be implemented for TNCs and fixed permitting fees will be updated for taxis, limousines and shuttles.

Source: City of LB

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Find out when Uber, Lyft can start picking people up at Long Beach Airport

By Courtney Tompkins, Long Beach Press Telegram

Friday, March 10, 2017



Drivers for Uber, Lyft and other app-based, ride-hailing services can soon begin picking up passengers at Long Beach Airport.

The coming change is part of a six-month pilot program that will require a \$3 fee for all pick ups and drop offs, similar to policies that have already been implemented in airports across Southern California. The program begins on April 5.

City officials say opening up the transportation market should increase accessibility to travelers.

“This is a great opportunity to modernize our regulations and allow taxis and ride-share companies to compete fairly while still improving services for travelers,” Mayor Robert Garcia said in a statement.

Until now, drivers could drop off passengers, but have been unable to pick them.

Airport Director Jess Romo said the change is partly based on a [recent survey](#) of travelers at the local airport, 87 percent of whom said they would be interested in using ride-hailing services if they were available. For the past few years, drivers say they have picked up airport passengers on Lakewood Boulevard, just outside the airport boundary.

Over the next six months, officials will gauge impacts associated with adding such services and work on ironing out a policy that is fair to all parties.

“We need to find a balance,” Romo said.

In addition to instituting a \$3 per-trip fee, there will be increases to permit and application fees for all taxi, limousine and shuttle providers. Beginning April 5, the fees will double, from \$50 to \$100 per permit and \$60 to \$120 per application, officials said.

Romo had said the City Council would need to sign off on the pilot program before it could begin, but the city attorney told airport officials they could proceed without it, according to airport spokeswoman Stephanie Montuya-Morisky.

Proposed changes to the ground transportation policy will likely come to council in the fall. Staff may recommend including in the policy the per-trip fee system and a new transponder system that would track drivers' trips, similar to the FasTrak system used on toll roads.

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Uber and other car-hailing businesses get a tryout at Long Beach Airport



Under the pilot program, which will last at least six months, car-hailing companies pay Long Beach \$3 a trip to pick up passengers at Long Beach Airport. Above, a driver displays Lyft and Uber stickers on the front windshield. (Richard Vogel / Associated Press)



By **Hugo Martin**

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Long Beach Airport is the only airport in Southern California that doesn't allow car-hailing businesses such as Uber and Lyft to pick up travelers at the terminals.

That is about to change. The regional airport has announced that it will launch a pilot program, starting April 5, to allow the car-hailing businesses to pick up and drop off passengers at the airport.

"This is a great opportunity to modernize our regulations and allow taxis and ride-share companies an environment to compete fairly while still improving services for travelers," Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia said.

Last year, the city had considered joining every other airport in the region in allowing such businesses but decided to study the idea first.

Until the pilot program starts, the airport allows ride-hailing businesses such as Uber to drop passengers off at the airport but they can't pick up.

Under the pilot program, which will last at least six months, the car-hailing companies pay the city \$3 a trip to pick up passengers at the terminal. Once the pilot program is completed, the Long Beach City Council will consider adopting a law to permanently allow the businesses to operate at the airport, city officials said.

Los Angeles International Airport, John Wayne Airport in Santa Ana, Hollywood Burbank Airport and San Diego International Airport have similar financial arrangements to have car-hailing companies pay a fee of \$2.25 to \$4 per trip.

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This article states that Long Beach Airport is the only airport in Southern California that does not allow car-hailing businesses such as Uber and Lyft to pick up travelers at the terminal. Ontario International Airport is still working on reaching an agreement to allow car-hailing businesses to pick up passengers at the terminals.

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Uber, Lyft to start picking up passengers at Long Beach Airport

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Long Beach Airport is dipping its toe into the ride-hailing business.

The lone holdout among Southern California airports that already let Uber, Lyft and the like pick up passengers at their terminals, Long Beach is launching a pilot program to study the option.

The program will start April 5 and last six months, at which time the Long Beach City Council will consider enacting a law to allow the ride-hailing companies to operate at the airport permanently.

For now, trips to and from the Long Beach Airport will include a \$3 fee.

The pilot “will enhance the travel experience and increase accessibility to Long Beach,” said Mayor Robert Garcia in a statement. “This is a great opportunity to modernize our regulations and allow taxis and ride-share companies an environment to compete fairly while still improving services for travelers.”

Currently Uber and Lyft have been able to drop passengers off at the Long Beach Airport but not pick them up. Instead, travelers have been hailing the services from Lakewood Boulevard outside the airport, reported the Long Beach Press-Telegram.



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Long Beach is the lone holdout among Southern California airports when it comes to allowing ride-hailing services to operate there.

The pilot follows a public meeting to discuss adding ride-hailing services to the airport on Feb. 1 and a survey that found 87 percent of travelers to the Long Beach Airport would use the option if it were offered.

"The pilot program will evaluate usage, infrastructure needs, airport revenue impacts and enforcement, so we can continue to offer the high level of customer service which we are known for and still strive to provide a level playing field for all ground transportation operators at Long Beach Airport," added Airport Director Jess L. Romo, AAE.

Long Beach has historically been protective of its local taxi industry, loosening restrictions on Long Beach Yellow Cab in 2015 to help it compete with the upstart services.

LAX has allowed Lyft pickups since December 2015, followed shortly by Uber. John Wayne Airport in Santa Ana and the Burbank Airport also already allow Uber and Lyft pickups.

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Long Beach Airport commissioner resigns amid conflict of interest investigation

By Courtney Tompkins, Long Beach Press Telegram

Monday, March 13, 2017



A Long Beach Airport advisory commissioner has resigned from his post as vice chair amid an investigation by the California Fair Political Practices Commission over potential conflict of interest violations.

The commissioner in question, Glenn Ray, owns Million Air North, Inc., a company at Long Beach Airport that city officials were looking to sign a [\\$807,000 contract](#) with late last year.

After news of the [pending investigation](#) surfaced in December, the City Council [postponed a vote](#) on the contract, which would have authorized a five-year lease agreement for some 6,000 square feet of office space for city airport workers. That decision is still on hold.

City Attorney Charles Parkin said Ray submitted a resignation letter to the mayor's office on Friday. In it, he said his time on the airport advisory commission was a "tremendous experience" but said he needed to focus his time on "other goals and objectives."

Parkin said there was no indication in Ray's letter that his resignation was related to the investigation.

Ray's term was set to end in 2018. Mayor Robert Garcia's chief of staff, Mark Taylor, said Garcia would work on finding a replacement in the near future.

Ray did not return calls for comment on Monday.

The city attorney's office maintains there was no legal conflict of interest violation with the proposed lease agreement because the advisory body did not consider the contract, nor did the commissioners review it. Still, the city attorney's office sought advice from the FPPC on the issue.

In a Dec. 28 response letter, FPPC general counsel Hyla P. Wagner told Long Beach officials the state agency declined to give advice as the "same or very similar issues are under consideration by the enforcement division."

"Please note that our decision is not a determination of the questions posed in your request," she wrote.

FPPC spokesman Jay Wierenga confirmed on Monday that the investigation is still ongoing, but declined to comment further.

The conflict of interest concerns surfaced late last year after 3rd District resident Laurie Smith began looking into business ties some commissioners had with the Long Beach Airport.

Smith learned Ray is on the board of directors for the Long Beach Airport Association, a lobbying group whose mission is to “advance aviation, economic growth and business diversity.” JetBlue’s general manager Lou Anthony also sits on the board with Ray, and commission chair Karen Sherman is a dues-paying member.

In addition to owning a company that supplies jet fuel at the airport, Ray is managing partner at the Consortium, and Sherman owns Astra Aire, an aviation parts dealer.

Smith shed light on the issue during a time when local officials were considering a proposal (spearheaded by JetBlue Airways) to build a U.S. Customs and Border Protection facility at the airport, which would have initiated international travel to Mexico and Central America.

At the time Smith filed the complaint, the airport commission was readying to recommend the council approve the customs facility at the airport, where, she said, the perceived financial benefits to Sherman and Ray could have corrupted their motivation and compromised the integrity of the process.

“I see the city doing financial business with someone they have appointed to advise them on the development of the airport as a clear conflict of interest,” Smith said. .

The City Council [denied the proposal](#) in January, but the commission may ask elected representatives [to reconsider the issue](#) this week.

On the Airport Advisory Commission agenda for Thursday is an item that, if approved, would recommend the City Council revisit the proposal.

Parkin said, legally, the commission can discuss the issue, as it is airport related, and may write a letter asking the council to revisit the decision but, he said, “the question is whether council wants to take that up or not.”

Given the status of the FPPC investigation, Sherman has said she would recuse herself from the vote on Thursday.

This article has been updated to clarify why Laurie Smith filed the conflict of interest complaints.

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Southwest to increase flights at Long Beach Airport

Move comes as American cuts service level

By Andrew Edwards, Press-Telegram

Thursday, March 16, 2017



Southwest Airlines can increase its presence at Long Beach Airport following American Airlines' move to reduce its service level there, according to a Long Beach city government announcement.

American Airlines, which continues to offer three flights from LGB to Phoenix, surrendered two of its flight "slots" in mid-February. Their decision gives Southwest, which [started flying in and out of LGB](#) last year, an opportunity to snag the abandoned flight slots.

Southwest Airlines flies from LGB to Oakland and also uses temporary slot allocations to fly to Las Vegas and Denver, airport spokeswoman Cassie Chauvel said.

LGB's offer allows Southwest to begin using the additional slots on Aug. 1.

The other carriers serving LGB, JetBlue Airways Corp. and Delta Air Lines, also wanted the flight slots, according to the city. Southwest had priority to receive the slots since city policy gives new carriers a chance to obtain available flight slots on a two-at-a-time basis when multiple carriers want to expand the scope of their business at LGB.

Otherwise, airport officials hand out flight slots one at a time.

Long Beach's airport noise ordinance [establishes a base line level of 50 flight slots](#) that can be offered to commercial airlines. Aside from the two slots being offered to Southwest, there are no unallocated slots at LGB.

American Airlines did not tell airport officials the reason its executives decided to give up two slots.

Airport statistics show, however, that among the three carriers who did business at LGB in 2015 and 2016, American Airlines was the only one to experience a decline in passenger volumes over the course of last year.

American Airlines recorded a 14 percent decline in enplaned passengers at LGB last year. JetBlue and Delta, respectively, recorded 6 percent and 3 percent increases in their volumes of enplaned passengers.

Overall, the number of passengers boarding all flights at LGB increased 13 percent last year.

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(March 16, 2017, 3:25 p.m.) -- LB Airport is offering Southwest Airlines two flight slots, and will put Delta Airlines and JetBlue on a waiting list, as American Airlines has indicated it will reduce its LB Airport flights and is returning two of their five permanent slots. Southwest was offered the two permanent slots "because of their status as a "new entrant carrier" at LGB, a City release states.

[City of LB March 16 release text] Last month, American Airlines advised the Airport that it was reducing service at LGB and elected to return two of their five permanent air carrier flight slots effective February 16, 2017. In accordance with City Council Resolution C-28465, these two permanent flight slots have been offered to Southwest Airlines because of their status as a "new entrant carrier" at the Airport.

Delta Air Lines, Inc. and JetBlue Airways also expressed interest in obtaining the two available flight slots and will be placed on a waiting list of incumbent air carriers requesting additional capacity at LGB should additional air carrier flight slots become available. As specified in the Resolution, a lottery will be conducted to determine each carrier's position on the waiting list and they will be advised of flight slot(s) if, or when, they become available for allocation.



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So, under LB's Airport ordinance in terms of LGB's current major commercial carriers (out of the current 41 permanent + 9 supplemental = 50 allocatable flight slots for large aircraft over 75,000 pounds:

- Southwest = 6 (2 permanent + 4 supplemental)
- JetBlue = 35 (32 perm + 3 supp)
- American = 3 permanent (has returned 2)
- Delta = 4 (2 perm + 2 supp)
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Photo courtesy of Southwest Airlines.

Southwest Airlines will soon have two permanent air carrier flight slots at Long Beach Airport after American Airlines announced last month that it was reducing service, city officials said yesterday.

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Up to this point, Southwest was working with four supplemental slots, which are slots that aren't being utilized by other air carriers, LGB spokeswoman Cassie Chauvel said.

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Southwest Airlines Among Three Carriers Awarded New Flight Slots at Long Beach Airport (/news/2000008138-southwest-airlines-among-three-carriers-awarded-new-flight-slots-at-long-beach-airport)

The service reduction leaves American Airlines with three permanent slots. The air carrier did not provide a reason why it was reducing service at the airport, according to Chauvel.

While JetBlue Airways and Delta Air Lines expressed interest in obtaining the two available slots, officials said a city ordinance states that Southwest is eligible to receive the slots because of their status as a “new entrant carrier” at the airport.

“As specified in the Resolution, a lottery will be conducted to determine each carrier’s position on the waiting list and they will be advised of flight slot(s) if, or when, they become available for allocation,” the release stated.

Currently, Delta has two permanent slots and two supplemental, and JetBlue has 32 permanent slots and three supplemental.

Southwest Airlines has not yet announced its destinations, according to Chauvel. Its new slots will be made available August 1.

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SpaceX’s Dragon spacecraft is set to depart from the Long Beach Airport (LGB) to Houston Monday, airport officials announced Friday.

The Dragon is set to return to Earth from the International Space Station (ISS) and splashdown in the Pacific Ocean Sunday around 10:54 AM. It will then depart from LGB on a DC- 9/15 aircraft Monday around 6:52 PM.

Officials are warning that Monday’s departure will be noticeably louder than other aircrafts and will be easily heard in neighborhoods throughout the city.

Onboard the Dragon are around 5,500 pounds of science, hardware and crew supplies. Due to the sensitivity of the cargo onboard, the Dragon will be flown back to NASA headquarters as soon as possible.

The Dragon’s departure from the ISS will be broadcast live on NASA TV beginning at 1:45 AM on Sunday. The Pacific Ocean landing will not be broadcast.

Times for the Dragon’s landing and departure are subject to change.

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Long Beach Airport to host SpaceX Dragon on trip back to Houston

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On Sunday, March 19, the SpaceX Dragon spacecraft is set to leave from Long Beach Airport (LGB) to Houston after it's due to return to Earth and splashdown in the Pacific Ocean. Dragon is set to splashdown at approximately 10:54 a.m., and departs via a DC- 9/15 aircraft on Monday, March 20, at approximately 6:52 p.m. This aircraft is noticeably louder than other aircraft and will easily be heard in neighborhoods near Long Beach Airport. All times are tentative and subject to change.

Approximately 5,500 pounds of science, hardware and crew supplies are onboard Dragon. Due to the sensitivity of the science experiments onboard, the DC-9/15 will depart as soon as possible from LGB to get the material back to the NASA base in Houston.

Live coverage of Dragon's departure from the International Space Station (ISS) will be on NASA TV and on the agency's website beginning at 4:45 a.m. EDT March 19. The splashdown will not be broadcasted.

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Southwest Adds 2 Long Beach Slots

PAUL HUGHES

Wednesday, March 22, 2017



Southwest Airlines Co. gained two permanent slots at Long Beach Airport to add to several slots it has flown from since last year.

Southwest is John Wayne Airport's largest air carrier by passenger total but this year was provided 930,000 fewer seats in JWA's annual seat allocation, and the airline cut seven daily flights in OC.

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The two permanent slots in Long Beach opened up when American Airlines cut back its presence there; other slots opened last year when the airport showed it could add flights under current noise ordinances.

JetBlue Airways and Delta Air Lines had expressed interest in the two permanent slots, but the city granted them to Southwest as a new air carrier at the airport.

Southwest flies to Oakland, Las Vegas, and Denver on its prior slots but hasn't said where it will fly from with the two new ones.



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Southwest snares two spots at Long Beach Airport; flights to be announced in April



Southwest has added two permanent slots at Long Beach Airport.

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As Southwest Airlines dropped flights at John Wayne Airport, it picked up two permanent spots at nearby Long Beach Airport.

The gates became available when American Airlines decided to decrease its presence at the airport.

Southwest will get announce its routes in April and get the slots Aug. 1.

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In February, American Airlines told the airport it would reduce its service by two slots. The slots were offered to Southwest because it is a new carrier, the airport said in a press release. It debuted at the airport last year.

Delta Air Lines and Jet Blue Airways also expressed interest.

Nine commercial slots opened at the Long Beach Airport in December 2015 after studies showed the airport could add the flights without violating Long Beach's noise ordinances.

Of the nine new slots, Southwest was offered four, JetBlue was offered three and Delta two.

Southwest added four daily flights to Oakland in last June.

Southwest lost nearly 1 million seats at John Wayne Airport this year. In the past, unused capacity from other carriers was claimed by Southwest. Other carriers, including Delta, United and Alaska, requested additional capacity for 2017, leaving fewer supplemental seats for Southwest.

The airlines eliminated flights to Mexico City, Austin, Kansas City, Portland, St. Louis and Seattle and will end flights to Puerto Vallarta on April 25.

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Southwest Airlines to fly from Long Beach to Sacramento

By Andrew Edwards, Press-Telegram

Thursday, March 30, 2017



Southwest Airlines plans to begin regular flights from Long Beach to Sacramento in August, Chief Executive Gary Kelly announced Thursday.

Flying to the state capital is Southwest Airline's first move in Long Beach to add flights, on a long-term basis, to a new destination after [beginning air service from Long Beach to Oakland](#) last year. And Southwest's leaders are eager to expand service to additional cities if those opportunities arise.

"I've committed to the mayor that if more slots become available, we will fly them," Kelly said Thursday at City Hall, with Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia at his side.

Although Southwest also flies to Las Vegas and Denver from LGB, the airline only has the available flight "slots" at LGB for those destinations on a temporary basis.

Kelly doesn't want to sacrifice any of Southwest's five slots devoted to Oakland trips in order to fly to Las Vegas or Denver.

Long Beach's airport noise control law limits the number of flights at LGB based on observed noise levels around the airport. At present, LGB officials allow passenger airlines to make use of 50 daily flight "slots" at LGB.

A recent arrival

Southwest's status as the newest carrier to do business at LGB gave the airline an advantage in securing additional flights. American Airlines notified LGB officials of its [decision to give up two flight slots](#) in mid-February, and the carrier's message to LGB did not provide a reason for the decision.

Jet Blue Airways Corp. and Delta Air Lines are the other two carriers at LGB, and both wanted to take over the former American Airlines slots. City policy, however, gives airlines that are new to LGB the chance to pick up available slots in pairs.

Although Southwest's leadership is intent upon increasing the scope of its business at LGB, JetBlue still offers more flights to and from LGB than any other airline.

The City Council made a surprise decision in January to [reject JetBlue's request to build a federal inspections facility](#) at LGB that would have allowed international flights at the airport.

Garcia said at City Hall that JetBlue has not communicated whether its leaders plan to alter their service levels at LGB following the council's decision.

In response to a request for comment Thursday, JetBlue reiterated a past statement expressing its displeasure in the council's decision.

"We are profoundly disappointed that after years of delay and a city-mandated study validating the safety, security and economic positive nature of the project, that the City Council would reject the development of a Federal Inspection Station at Long Beach Airport," the company said, using similar words to those previously attributed to senior vice president of government affairs Rob Land. "JetBlue will evaluate its future plans for Long Beach and throughout the greater Los Angeles area."

JetBlue had no updates related to any Long Beach-specific changes to its business strategies.

The noise issue

Airport neighbors who opposed the prospect of international flights at LGB warned that such a change for LGB could threaten city government's ability enforce its own noise law if the federal government ever intervened in favor of airlines seeking greater access to LGB and international markets. A city-commissioned study, however, concluded LGB could add international flights within the scope of Long Beach's noise control law.

Jacobs Engineering, which conducted the study, estimated that building a customs facility at LGB would have cost \$17 to \$21 million. [The study projected](#) international flights at LGB could generate more than \$36 million worth of new economic activity.

Southwest does offer international flights Caribbean and Latin American airports, but Kelly's and Garcia's remarks during Thursday's announcement stressed the airline's willingness to work within local restrictions.

"They completely understand what our noise ordinance is all about in Long Beach," Garcia said.

Editor's note: This story has been updated to provide the correct wording of JetBlue's statement.

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Southwest Will Add Sacramento Flights From Long Beach

Harry Saltzgaver Mar 30, 2017



—Gazette photo by Harry Saltzgaver

Southwest Airlines CEO Gary Kelly, right, listens to Mayor Robert Garcia at a press conference Thursday to announce flights from Long Beach to Sacramento.

Southwest Airlines CEO Gary Kelly was in Long Beach to say the airline would use its two new flight slots to add two daily Sacramento flights.

Perhaps more importantly, Kelly made it clear that he is ready to fill as many flight slots as he can get — always within the Long Beach noise ordinance.

"We will add two daily nonstops to Sacramento on Aug. 1," Kelly said. "If more slots become available, we will fly them... Long Beach is not only a way to serve our current customers, but to add even more."

Kelly and Mayor Robert Garcia stressed that Southwest had no interest in challenging the flight ordinance that currently limits the number of commercial takeoffs in a day to 50. Southwest began Long Beach flights to Oakland last year, and has been flying to Las Vegas and Denver using temporary slots without advertising them.



American Airlines recently released two slots it had been flying, and it was announced two weeks ago that Southwest had been awarded those slots as the newest commercial carrier. All available slots have been taken, with JetBlue Airlines controlling most of them.

There has been no indication that JetBlue is considering reducing service at Long Beach, according to Garcia. Last year, JetBlue pushed for a request to allow international flights out of Long Beach, but was turned down by the City Council earlier this year.

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Service to Sacramento will be offered twice daily, in each direction, seven days a week, said Brad Hawkins, spokesman for Southwest Airlines. The new flights are made possible by two permanent slot pairings.

The airline received two permanent flight slots earlier this month (/business/trade-transportation/2000010587-southwest-airlines-gains-two-permanent-flight-slots-at-long-beach-airport), but hadn't announced the destination until this week.

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"We don't have any other announcements currently planned, but we are always looking to match flights with demand," Dan Landson said, spokesman for Southwest Airlines, when asked if any other cities would be added in the near future.

Currently, Southwest offers service to and from Oakland four times daily, and on a day by day basis, additional flights to Las Vegas, which are offered on weekends depending on availability of unused slots, according to Hawkins.

"We're doing a lot of work with the City to make use of any slots that other carriers are either squatting on or not giving back – as California's largest airline has a lot of demand for service from our five LA Basin airports and the four we serve in the Bay/Capital," Hawkins added.

Editors note: this announcement was updated at 5:00PM on 3/31/17 to include more details given by Southwest Airlines spokesman Brad Hawkins.

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Southwest Adds Sacramento From Long Beach

PAUL HUGHES

Friday, March 31, 2017



Southwest Airlines will fly to Sacramento from Long Beach Airport starting in August.

Long Beach Airport last year added nine slots after noise studies found the facility could do so and stay within local ordinance limits. It awarded Southwest five of those slots and the carrier added the

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airport to its network.

The air carrier flies to Oakland from those five positions; it later added flights to Las Vegas and Denver on weekend slots that go unused by package carriers FedEx and UPS.

Ten days ago it got two more spaces when American Airlines gave them up; those are the spaces it will use to fly to Sacramento.

JetBlue Airways and Delta Air Lines had expressed interest in the two permanent slots, but the city granted them to Southwest as a new air carrier at the airport.

Southwest said it would add flights if more positions at the airport open up.

John Wayne Airport near the end of last year cut Southwest's seat allocation by 930,000 and the carrier eliminated seven daily flights from JWA.



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Southwest Airlines adding Sacramento to Long Beach flight

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(Photo: DANIEL SLIM/AFP/Getty Images)

Southwest Airlines plans to add two nonstop, daily flights between Sacramento International Airport and Long Beach Airport starting Aug. 1.

The airline announced the new routes at an airport presser Thursday. Southwest also added a flight to Spokane International Airport.

Besides these new routes, expanded service from Sacramento to San Diego and Seattle starts June 5 as well.

Here are the flight times:

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Weeks after airport commissioner resigns, \$900K contract with him back up for approval

By Courtney Tompkins, Long Beach Press Telegram

Saturday, April 8, 2017



The City Council on Tuesday is poised to approve a \$900,000 contract with a former Long Beach airport commissioner, weeks after [he resigned](#) from his post as vice chair.

The five-year agreement would authorize Long Beach to rent office space from Glenn Ray, who owns an aviation company on Donald Douglas Drive.

The proposed agreement had been [on hold](#) since December, when Long Beach officials learned the [Fair Political Practices Commission \(FPPC\) was investigating](#) Ray and commissioner Karen Sherman for potentially skirting state conflict of interest laws.

Ray resigned from the commission on March 10.

The investigation was prompted by resident Laurie Smith, who filed complaints with the FPPC and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's public integrity division. Smith was concerned with the commissioners' business ties to the Long Beach Airport as the city considered a controversial proposal to build a U.S. Customs and Border Protection facility that would have allowed international travel.

In her complaints, she argued the commissioners' financial interests could have motivated them to recommend supporting the project.

As an advisory body, the commission could not have authorized the project, a proposal [the council ultimately rejected](#) in January.

When Ray left the commission last month, he did not mention the investigation in his resignation letter. He told the mayor's office he was leaving to focus on "other goals and objectives."

Though the city owns the 5.7 acres of land the building sits on, Million Air North holds the master lease through January 2023.

Now, airport executives want Long Beach to rent some 6,000 square feet of office space from Ray's firm for the duration of the lease, or a five year, five month term. If approved, 32 airport employees currently housed in the historic Terminal building would move down the road to Ray's building.

The city attorney's office on Dec. 19 had sought legal advice from the FPPC on the pending contract, but to date, has not received "any information to suggest when an opinion from the FPPC might be issued," according to a staff report on the item.

FPPC spokesman Jay Wierenga provided a letter sent to Dec. 28 the city attorney's office, in which the agency said it would not provide advice to Long Beach because an investigation was already underway.

Richard Anthony, the deputy city attorney who reviewed the lease, could not be reached for comment.

In the response letter, FPPC general counsel Hyla P. Wagner told city officials they may decline to provide advice "if it would be inappropriate or otherwise not in the public interest to do so."

"Please note that our decision is not a determination of the questions posed in your request," Wagner wrote.

The City Council meets Tuesday at 5 p.m., at 333 W. Ocean Blvd.

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World War II-Era Boeing B-17 To Fly Into Long Beach

Emily Thornton Apr 9, 2017

People can hop aboard the World War II Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress "Madras Maiden" from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 15 and 16, at the Long Beach Daugherty Field Airport (Ross Aviation FBO, 3250 Airflite Way).

The Oklahoma-based nonprofit Liberty Foundation is providing the 2017 Salute to Veterans Tour, which will offer public flights during morning hours and ground tours in the afternoon. Flights are 45 minutes, 30 of which are in-flight, and cost is \$410 for Liberty members, \$450 for non-members. People can become members for \$40 and receive the discount for family and friends.



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Emily Thornton

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Motorcyclist dies after crash with semi-truck near Long Beach Airport

By Jeremiah Dobruck, Press-Telegram

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A motorcyclist died after crashing into the back of a semi-truck near the Long Beach Airport Wednesday morning, according to police.

Investigators believe the motorcyclist was headed southbound on Lakewood Boulevard around 7:50 a.m. when he collided with the back of the truck near Conant Street, police said.

The motorcyclist suffered serious injuries in the crash, police said, and Long Beach Fire Department paramedics declared him dead at the scene.

The truck's driver stayed at the crash scene, police said.

Southbound Lakewood Boulevard was closed for a few hours while police investigated the crash, but it reopened before 1 p.m., according to an alert from the department.

Authorities asked anyone who witnessed the collision to call detectives at (562) 570-7355.

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Long Beach approves lease with former airport commissioner

By Courtney Tompkins, Long Beach Press Telegram

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A former Long Beach Airport commissioner's resignation prompted Long Beach officials to reconsider — and ultimately approve — a [\\$900,000 lease agreement](#) with him that had been [on hold](#) for months, after the Fair Political Practices Commission said it was investigating a complaint alleging conflict of interest.

Though the state commission has not concluded its investigation of Glenn Ray, City Attorney Charles Parkin said on Wednesday that the city “firmly believes” there was no conflict of interest in entering a contract with a commissioner who had no authority to approve the contract.

“We’ve had similar situations with city employees or commissioners and the FPPC has said as long as that person didn’t participate in the decision making for the agreement, then there was no issue,” he said.

Ray served as vice chair of the Airport Advisory Commission, a mayor-appointed body that advises the City Council on airport-related issues.

Parkin said the city attorney’s office sought an opinion on this particular case in December, but the FPPC’s legal division declined to provide advice because an investigation already was underway.

In a response sent to the city attorney’s office, FPPC General Counsel Hyla P. Wagner told officials the state commission may decline to provide advice “if it would be inappropriate or otherwise not in the public interest to do so.”

That left things in a holding pattern until Ray resigned from his post March 10. Not long after, airport executives asked if the city could take another look at the agreement.

“We really were going to wait for this to run its course,” Airport Director Jess Romo said. “But then Mr. Ray voluntarily resigned from the commission, which gave us the opportunity to ask the city attorney ‘Does this in any way change the condition and provide an opportunity to bring it back to City Council?’”

The five-year lease approved Tuesday allows Long Beach to rent about 6,000 square feet of office space from Ray’s company, Million Air North.

Pending some office improvements, including new cubicles and other upgrades, a few dozen employees in the airport's security, engineering and accounting divisions are expected to move into the new offices in August and remain there until at least January 2023, Romo said.

As airport staff has expanded, he said, the department has been in "dire need" of new office space. Some employees are currently housed in the historic Terminal building and others are working from a portable facility that was only meant to be temporary.

"We're always very tight for space," he said. "From a staffing standpoint, we really try to make sure our staff has appropriate space that fits their functions and helps them do the great work folks do out here."

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Ed Goldman: Sacramento-to-Long Beach flight is most welcome

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I was pleased to read, right here in the Business Journal, that not only is Southwest Airlines going to start offering direct flights to Long Beach (in August) but also just in time for the annual reunion of my high school drama department buddies (in September).

Over the past few years, I became increasingly annoyed that I couldn't get there from here, at least on Southwest. Apparently there was some circuitous multi-stop route I could take — like, from Sacramento to Phoenix to Las Vegas to Long Beach — which meant I'd be flying most of the day to get to a destination an hour away, as the (very fast) crow flies.

Some friends of mine enjoy doing this repetitive taking off and landing because it allows them to chalk up frequent-flyer miles. But for me, the only thing I'm trying to obtain when I fly is to land safely at my destination as soon as possible.

Besides, I just don't have the head for frequent-flyer math — and, in a larger sense, I realize that if I think I'll be putting one over on the airlines by devising a convoluted itinerary to save a few dollars, I have another think coming.

To me, that's akin to buying a new car and thinking the rebate offered by the manufacturer is a terrific deal ("Can you believe it? They're giving me money to buy this car!"). Or betting against the house in the aforementioned Las Vegas and thinking you'll come out ahead ("Can you believe it? They give me all the free drinks I ask for, and all I have to do is gamble away my Roth IRAs!").



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Southwest Airlines will offer service from Sacramento to Long Beach.

Anyway, I'm looking forward to my next flight to Long Beach. In addition to the convenience, Long Beach Airport has architectural significance. If you remember the Korean War movie "M*A*S*H" — not the subsequent TV series, which ran considerably longer than the war — there's a touching moment when the character played by actor Tom Skerritt is told he's being discharged from the military. He flashes on a family reunion at an unnamed but period-appropriate airport. It's Long Beach Airport. Built in 1941, its design combines the 1930s Streamline Moderne style and what its website calls "the geometric abstraction of the post-war International Style."

I wonder if Skerritt's flight lasted more than an hour.

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These animals flew out of Long Beach Airport for a chance at life, thanks to nonprofit

By Andrew Edwards, Press-Telegram

Wednesday, April 19, 2017



Shelter animals from Long Beach and elsewhere in Southern California took a Wednesday morning flight aboard a propeller-driven Cessna Grand Caravan to destinations where they may have a better chance at a full life and adoption.

Dog Is My Copilot, a nonprofit that moves dogs and cats to no-kill shelters, flew nearly 80 shelter animals out of Long Beach Airport early Wednesday morning.

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Pilot and nonprofit founder Peter Rork said the day before the flights that he planned to fly the animals to destinations in Spokane, Washington, and Boise, Idaho. He said after the completing the flights that the day's mission saved 117 dogs and cats from being euthanized.

“The organizations up there will never put down a healthy animal,” Rork said. “We only take from a kill facility to a non-kill facility.”

After delivering some of the Southern California animals to Boise, Rork picked up nearly 40 cats there for the Spokane trip, Dog Is My Copilot Executive Director Kara Pollard said.

Dog Is My Copilot does not charge shelters for its services, she said.

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