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Public Affairs Highlights and Initiatives
May 2019

Government Affairs:

1. Accepted Historic Preservation Award on behalf of Long Beach Airport for the preservation and restoration of the historic terminal and mosaics from the Art Deco Society of California
2. Partnered with the Long Beach Office of Civic Innovation to conduct a customer experience survey to gauge the level of passenger satisfaction
3. Participated in City Manager's Communications / Social Media Monthly Meeting
4. Continued to collaborate with Long Beach Disaster Preparedness Department to draft the Crisis Communications Plan for the City of Long Beach

Community Outreach:

1. Participated in Hoover Middle School Career Day, May 3
2. Volunteers led two tours of the airport for approximately 35 people in May
3. Participated in Poly High School Career Day, May 15
4. The volunteer therapy dog program continues
5. Participated in Long Beach Bike to Work Day; the Public Affairs office served as a designated station that offered giveaways, May 16
6. Supported numerous community groups, including Long Beach City College (LBCC) Foundation Athletics Associates, by providing nearly 300 LGB promotional items in May
7. Participated in the Long Beach Pride Parade, May 19
8. Attended Special Olympics of Southern California Plane Pull team captains event, May 23
9. Supported JetBlue in commemorating Memorial Day with a display in the concourse, May 23 – May 28
10. Participated in Starr King Elementary School Career Day, May 31
11. Continued to partner with Special Olympics of Southern California to plan the 2019 Plane Pull and We Run the City events scheduled for August 17
12. Initiated plans to coordinate the Festival of Flight scheduled for November 2

Media:

1. Southwest, Delta could absorb 10 open flight slots at Long Beach Airport, *Long Beach Post*, May 2
2. Two chances, one day to support Special Olympics Southern California, *OC Breeze*, May 5

3. Long Beach Celebrates Bike Month With Free Gifts, Bike Check-Ups And Group Rides, *Gazettes.com*, May 9
4. Aviation Industry Reports Strong Business, Expansion At Long Beach Airport, *Long Beach Business Journal*, May 6
5. Long Beach Airport Redistributes Flight Slots, Welcomes New Development, *Long Beach Business Journal*, May 6
6. Long Beach Airport security restructuring comes back to City Council on Tuesday despite union's concerns, *Long Beach Press-Telegram*, May 20
7. Long Beach Police Department is the wrong fit for airport security, *Long Beach Post*, May 21
8. Long Beach declines to move ahead on planned airport security restructuring, *Long Beach Press-Telegram*, May 21
9. Council kills any immediate plans to merge Long Beach Airport security with LBPD, *Long Beach Post*, May 22
10. Long Beach Airport Traffic Down 15%, *Orange County Business Journal*, May 22
11. After Long Beach City Council refuses to vote, union representing airport security officers says it's still willing to find a compromise on proposed restructuring, *Long Beach Press-Telegram*, May 22
12. LB City Council halts discussion, vote on merging police with airport security, *Signal Tribune*, May 24
13. Weekend 405 freeway closures will impact drivers headed to Long Beach Airport and Orange County, *Orange County Register*, May 30
14. BizBrief: Today's News To Know; Southwest Airlines Adds Flights At Long Beach Airport, *Long Beach Business Journal*, May 31
15. Southwest to add several flights at Long Beach Airport beginning Oct. 1, *Long Beach Post*, May 31
16. Southwest announces more flights coming out of Long Beach Airport starting in October, *Long Beach Press-Telegram*, May 31
17. Social Media
 - Notable events in May: Long Beach Pride Parade, Memorial Day
 - Facebook is up to 17,020 likes in May
 - The best post in May had a reach of 5,655 with 277 reactions, comments, and shares
 - Twitter is up to 12,630 followers in May
 - The best tweet in May generated 6,731 impressions, 9 retweets, and 35 likes
 - Tweets in May generated 91,500 impressions
 - Instagram is up to 6,010 followers in May
 - In May, posts averaged 167 likes each
 - The most popular post earned 254 likes and 2,513 impressions

Arts/Entertainment/Display:

1. LGB95 Selfie Sign remains on display in the concourse
2. "CSULB SOARS@LGB", a temporary rotating exhibit produced in collaboration with California State University Long Beach School of Art and LGB continues with exhibits "Drifting" by Jojo Solo and "Collection" by Amy Williams on display

Advertising/Marketing:

1. Continued integrating 95th Anniversary branding into the communications strategy
2. CSULB Baseball program, full page, black and white ad, 2019 season
3. Long Beach Pride Guide, half page, full color ad, May 2019
4. Long Beach Mayor's Trophy Charity Golf Tournament, hole sponsor, May 2
5. Press-Telegram, Newspapers in Education sponsor
6. Musica Angelica Gala program, full page, full color ad, May 6
7. Long Beach Business Journal, quarter page, full color ad, May 7 - 20 issue
8. Boy Scouts of America Centennial Gala program, quarter page, full color ad, May 9
9. Adopt-A-Highway, 405 Freeway signs
10. Angels Baseball, Big A signage, May 15 – 28
11. LBCC Foundation Golf Tournament, hole sponsor, May 16
12. CCEJ Humanitarian Awards program, half page, black and white ad, May 16
13. Campaign *Spare Change Changes Everything* continues at Long Beach Airport
14. Long Beach Business Journal, quarter page, full color ad, May 21 - June 3 issue
15. Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce World Trade Week program, half page, full color ad, May 24
16. TravelHost Magazine, half page, full color ad, May – July 2019 issue

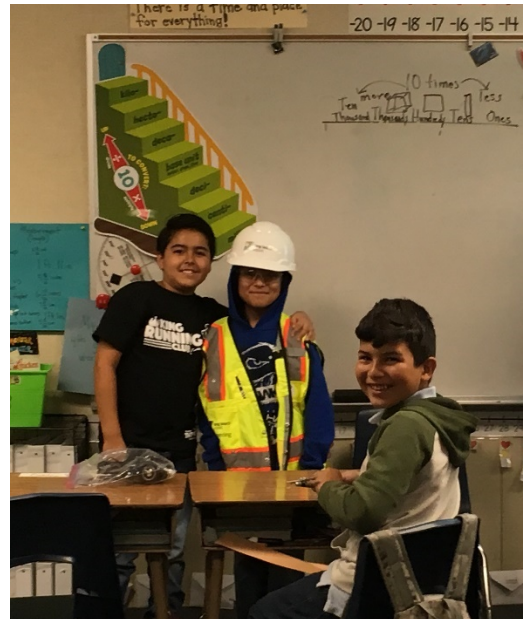
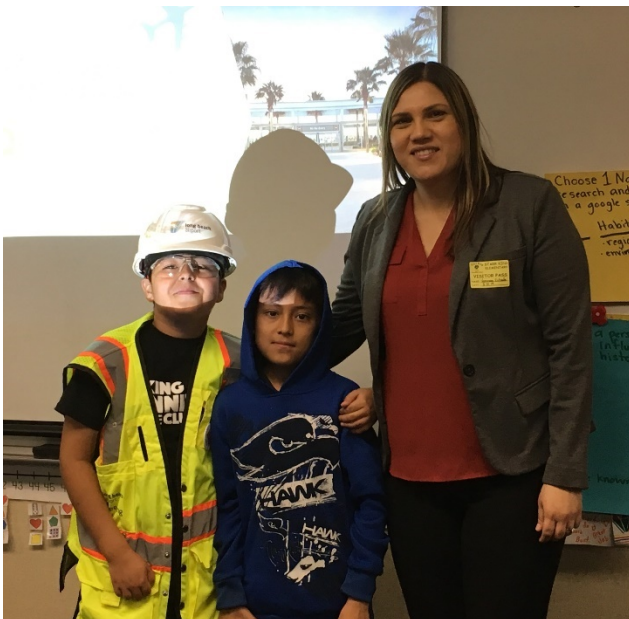
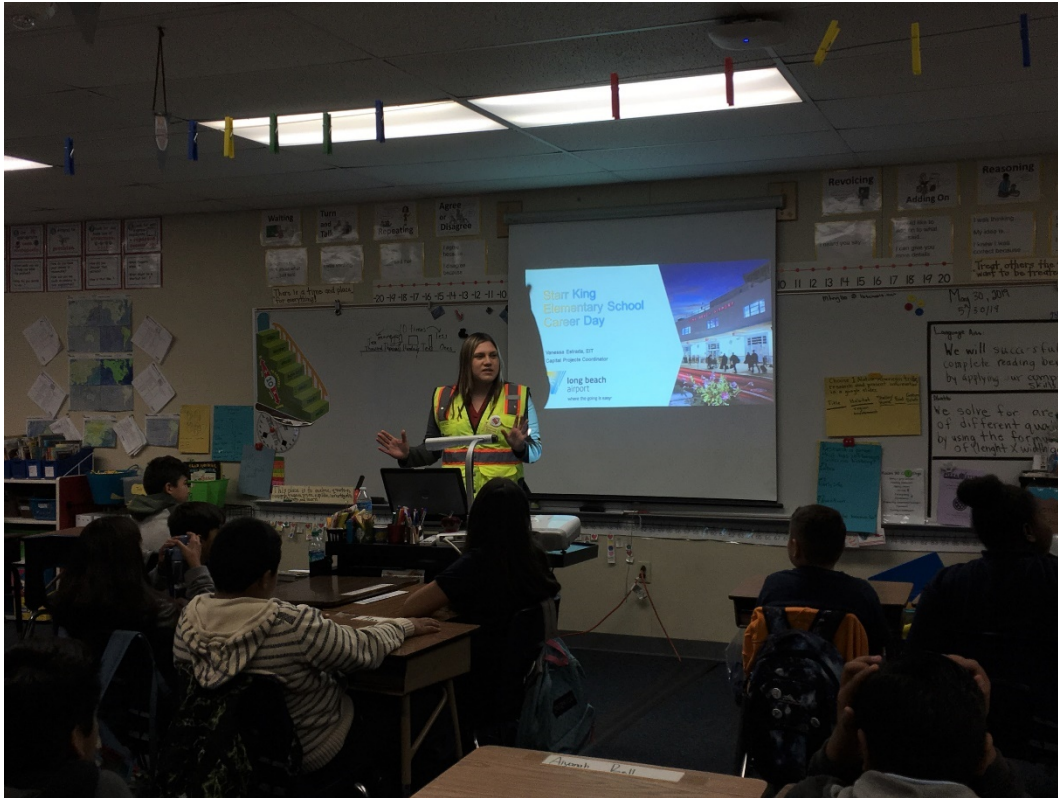
Reports/Presentations:

1. Prepared "Careers at Long Beach Airport" presentation for career days at two local schools
2. Supported Airport engineer's presentation for Starr King Elementary School Career Day







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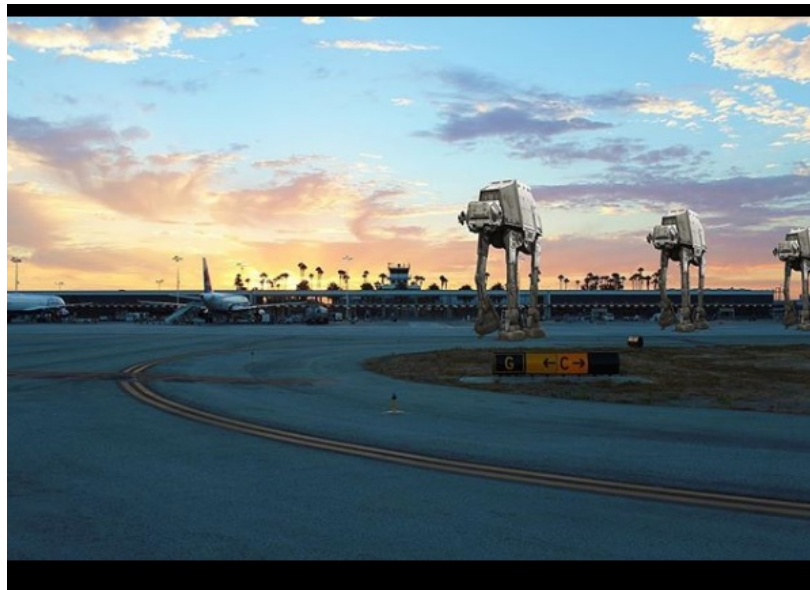


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Southwest Airlines could expand its flight slot holdings at Long Beach Airport by six if it accepts an offer submitted by the city this week. Photo courtesy of Southwest Airlines

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Southwest, Delta could absorb 10 open flight slots at Long Beach Airport

by Jason Ruiz in News



The open flight slots created by JetBlue's decision to downsize its operations at Long Beach Airport may not be vacant for much longer.

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An internal email obtained by the Post, sent from City Manager Pat West to the mayor and members of the City Council, said that the 10 slots that were officially vacated last month by JetBlue had been offered to two of its competitors at the airport: Delta Airlines and Southwest Airlines.

One flight slot is equal to one takeoff and one landing per day.

"We expect Delta and Southwest will accept our offer," West wrote.

"Destinations will be announced by the air carriers at a later date and service to those destinations could begin as soon as October 1."

With JetBlue pulling back, who could fly more out of Long Beach Airport?



JetBlue's decision to give back 10 flight slots creates an opening for competitors to increase their foothold at the city's airport.



Long Beach Post



An airport spokesperson said that Delta and Southwest had reached out about the available slots and the number they'd like to acquire after they were freed up last month.

According to West's email, Delta was offered four permanent slots and Southwest was offered three permanent slots and three supplemental slots. Supplemental slots are available on an annual basis after the airport conducts its annual noise budget analysis. Over the past few years, officials have determined that additional flight slots could be awarded partially because of the decrease in noise provided by newer, quieter engines.

JetBlue let go of three supplemental slots as well as seven permanent slots when it announced last month it was scaling back slot occupancy at Long Beach Airport. The announcement came just over four months after the City Council voted to amend usage thresholds needed to be met by airlines to maintain their flight slots at the airport.

The November 2018 vote raised minimum flight slot usage to 85% annually, roughly six flights per slot, every week. The new rules included a mechanism for the city to penalize airlines for not meeting periodic usage quotas, including stripping them of underutilized flight slots and barring airlines from entering future processes to acquire new supplemental slots.

JetBlue had been on track to fall short of that marker and instead opted to give back the slots after the city issued a letter to the airline warning that it was on track to fall short of meeting the new usage requirements.

UPDATE: JetBlue to give up 10 flight spots after city threatens penalties



The city will immediately make those flight spots available to other carriers.



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If the airlines were to accept the city's offer, Delta would grow its

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permanent presence at the airport to eight flight slots per day and Southwest would grow to five permanent and seven supplemental slots, giving it a total of 12 slots daily.

JetBlue would remain the airport's largest tenant with 24 flight slots. However, because of its reduced flight volume prior to the announcement it would relinquish its slots, city officials said JetBlue's operation volume would remain about the same as it is now.

It is unclear if the proposed slot allotments will impact the destinations offered by Delta and Southwest. Currently, Delta services Salt Lake City out of Long Beach and Southwest flies to a handful of cities including Las Vegas, Oakland, Sacramento and San Jose.

Representatives from Southwest and Delta did not respond for comment.

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Can't make it on race day, but still want to participate? Register for the Virtual Race! (http://fundraising.sosc.org/site/TR?fr_id=1541&pg=informational&sid=1042)

The article above was released by Special Olympics Southern California.

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Long Beach Celebrates Bike Month With Free Gifts, Bike Check-Ups And Group Rides

By Stephanie Stutzman
Staff Writer

May 9, 2019



First District Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez and Mayor Robert Garcia try out the Bike Share bicycles downtown.

—Gazette file photo

Long Beach is celebrating May's Bike Month with events all month long.

Then the first group event — called Friday Night Lights Rides — is happening from 7 to 8:30 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, at Silverado Park in West Long Beach. Participants can bring their well-lit bikes, meet a few neighbors and cruise the city streets in a group. The next Friday Night Lights Rides is happening on Friday, May 31, starting at the Aquarium

of the Pacific.

Additionally, this Saturday, May 11, is the 10th annual Tour of Long Beach. Riders at every level — from the five mile Family Fun Ride to the better than 100 mile Cruz Gran Fondo to Laguna Beach — can sign up at touroflongbeach.com. The cost is \$25 for the Family Fun Ride, and starts at \$40 for the Cruz Grand Fondo and \$40 for the 30-mile tour.



Next, a free bike check-up is happening from 8 to 10 a.m. next Wednesday, May 15, at City Hall Plaza, 333 W. Ocean Blvd. Checkups include a review of brakes, chain tension, air pressure and loose or missing parts.

On Thursday, May 16, is Bike to work and school day. Departments and businesses throughout Long Beach will be providing giveaways to those who participate.

The city's designated stations can be found at the following: from 7 to 9 a.m. at Third Street and Magnolia Avenue; from 7 to 8 a.m. at the Long Beach City Hall Plaza, 333 W. Ocean Blvd.; from 7 to 9 a.m. at Confidential Coffee, 137 W. Sixth St.; from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Downtown Long Beach Alliance (DLBA) office, 100 W. Broadway St.; from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Feline Good Social Club, 301 Atlantic Ave.; from 7 to 9 a.m. at E. Anaheim Street and Alamitos Ave.; from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services, 2525 Grand Ave.; from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Long Beach Airport, 4100 E. Donald Douglas Dr.; and from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Port of Long Beach, 4801 Airport Plaza.

Later that night, the Downtown Long Beach Alliance and the Department of Public Works will host a free bike-in movie on the Promenade at Broadway in Downtown with a showing of Ferris Buhler's Day Off. That's happening around 6 p.m. in tandem with Downtown's Live After 5ive event.

For more information about Long Beach's Bike Month, go to longbeach.gov/goactive1b.

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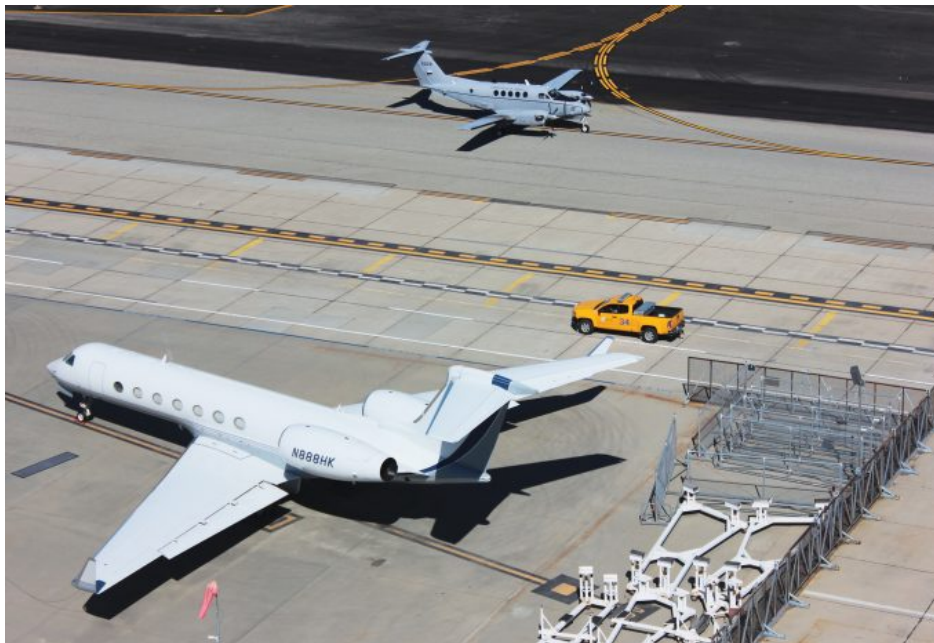
Aviation Industry Reports Strong Business, Expansion At Long Beach Airport

By Pierce Nahigyan, Staff Writer - May 6, 2019

The Long Beach Airport (LGB) serves not only as a regional nexus for domestic travelers, but also as a major commercial hub. According to Interim Director Claudia Lewis, LGB and the businesses that lease space on its property generate \$360 million in state and local tax revenues, and \$790 million in federal tax revenues. "The airport itself employs approximately 130 people," Lewis said. "However, about 45,000 high-paying jobs are created as a result of the Long Beach Airport aviation complex." Lewis noted that the figure equates to about 6.4% of all jobs in the City of Long Beach.

According to a 2016 economic impact report conducted by Jacobs Engineering, the LGB complex and its tenants contribute an annual \$10.3 billion to the economy. A number of aviation and aerospace businesses operate from the 1,166-acre airport, including Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation, Airserv, Long Beach Flying Club and Academy, and Anthelion Helicopters. DASCO Engineering Corporation, a component manufacturer for commercial and military aircraft, only leases a parking lot from LGB, but its 40,000 facility is directly adjacent to the airport.

The largest leaseholder at LGB is jet manufacturer Gulfstream, which employs close to 900 workers and has operated at LGB since 1986. Its 22 acres include five hangars, a completions center for servicing its G650 and G550 aircraft, and a service center for all Gulfstream models. In late 2017, the company submitted to the city a proposal to develop an additional 31 acres on the west side of the airport. Thomas Anderson, vice president and general manager of Gulfstream's Long Beach operations, told the Business Journal that discussions on the expansion are ongoing.



*In addition to its commercial airline services, the Long Beach Airport is home to general, corporate and supporting aviation services, manufacturing facilities, business services and business parks.
(Photograph by Brandon Richardson)*

Anderson called LGB “a prime location” for its operations due to the large surrounding population and a high volume of Gulfstream aircraft in Los Angeles County. “Having a maintenance facility near our aircraft operators and owners gives them a convenient location to bring their aircraft to us for service and support,” he said. “Gulfstream Long Beach is also a more readily accessible location for customers and prospects based on the West Coast, Asia Pacific – our biggest international market – and Latin America.”

In an era of increasing environmental concern over emissions, Anderson noted that, beginning early this month, Gulfstream will begin selling sustainable alternative jet fuel (SAJF) to customers at its Long Beach facility. SAJF is an industry term for nonpetroleum-based fuels that are more economically and ecologically sustainable than traditional fuel. Anderson said that Gulfstream’s SAJF is a biofuel produced by World Energy at its refinery in Paramount, located only 10 miles from its Long Beach facility.

Kevin McAchren, president of Aircserv, a ground support and leasing company for charter flights, noted that cleaner jet fuel is becoming more common across the nation. His operation is dependent on automotive fuel, which becomes more expensive in the summer months. Despite the cost, however, McAchren said that business is doing well.

Inbound and outbound flights of local and visiting sports teams keep Aircserv occupied at an almost perpetual clip, he said. “We just finished a couple weeks ago the NCAA [National Collegiate Athletic Association] men’s basketball teams,” McAchren said. “Baseball finishes up at the end of September, but then hockey season starts in the middle of September. So we have nearly a year-round and steady schedule of teams coming in, which is great.”

Earlier this year, the City of Long Beach expressed interest in making Downtown Long Beach the new home of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. McAchren threw his support behind the plan. With the exception of late-night flights that go to Los Angeles International Airport, all departing and arriving flights for the team have been from LGB, he said. “We like that, and we look forward to that being the case for many years – especially if they move here, which I certainly hope happens.”

McAchren has been running Aircserv at LGB for 47 years, and said he plans to continue doing so at least until the company reaches the half century mark.

Richard Garnett has been teaching students at the Long Beach Flying Club and Academy since 2002, and has served as chief instructor since 2011. The company offers multiple tiers of flight training, beginning with private pilot training and moving all the way to commercial pilot and multi-engine courses. Garnett said that the academy is handling more students now than it ever has before, at a record 125.



The aviation industry is currently experiencing a high demand for pilots, Richard Garnett, chief flight instructor at Long Beach Flying Club and Academy, told the Business Journal. (Photograph by Brandon Richardson)

The academy is one of only two or three flight schools in the area that offers international flight training, according to Garnett. "Right now, we have 25 international students training out of 125," he said. While demand for new pilots is high across the United States, Garnett said it's even greater overseas – especially in Asia.

Garnett said Long Beach Airport is an ideal training airport. Students are able to train over the ocean, which is located just five minutes from LGB. "We have a whole area over the breakwater that's smoother and cooler and has lots of room," he said. LGB also provides students with the experience of communicating with a mix of general and commercial aviation businesses. "It gives students a good insight into the operations of the airlines, so they're not intimidated later on," Garnett said.

Alex Chaunt, CEO and founder of Anthelion Helicopters, also praised LGB as a training airport. With a fleet of nine helicopters and 12 employees, the company offers charter flights, tours, photo and video excursions, as well as pilot training. Anthelion's range of services keep its pilots fairly busy, though the record rains in January and February of this year reduced flyable days by about 30%, Chaunt said. In the last few months, the price of fuel has also risen about 30%, leading to a bumpy start to 2019, he noted.

Chaunt is undaunted, however. Anthelion's fifth anniversary is in June, and Chaunt said he's constantly thinking about ways to expand revenue and operations. He recently returned from a demonstration in Las Vegas of a new high-definition camera system for Anthelion's two-seater helicopter. The Shotover B2 is a miniature six-axis camera that offers 4K resolution, giving it a competitive edge over less sophisticated drone cameras, he explained, adding that Anthelion was the first helicopter company in the world to use it. "It's a completely new vertical for us. It's on the cinematography side, but we're doing something to completely disrupt the market right now."

DASCO Engineering has expanded its Long Beach operations, adding to its current two manufacturing facilities with two adjacent buildings on Airport Way. While some of their intended services remain

confidential, Vice President Terry Rogers said a portion of the buildings will be used for offices and assembly operations.

DASCO employs 120 people, the majority of whom have operated out of the private company's 66,000-square-foot Torrance facility. Rogers said that the company plans to vacate one of its Torrance buildings and migrate its administrators, program managers and accounting to the new buildings it has acquired in Long Beach. When the process is completed, Rogers estimated that DASCO's Long Beach workforce will expand from 30 to 80 people.

The private company has exhibited steady growth every year, Rogers said. "Even during the down times we're still growing." DASCO's interest in increasing its Long Beach footprint is part of a larger desire to maintain that upward trend, he explained. "We don't want to limit ourselves on the facility side."

Long Beach Airport Redistributes Flight Slots, Welcomes New Development

By Pierce Nahigyan, Staff Writer - May 6, 2019

Passenger activity at the Long Beach Airport (LGB) is anticipated to reach about 3.7 million arrivals and departures in 2019, according to Airport Interim Director Claudia Lewis. That's down from last year's 4 million, but Lewis noted that 2018 was a record high year for the airport. Despite the dip in overall passenger activity, LGB remains the 10th busiest airport in California, according to the most recent data published by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Prior to the January retirement of former director Jess Romo, Lewis served as the airport's manager of finance and administration. She said her top priorities as interim director are operational and business continuity, sound financial management and overseeing the various improvement projects scheduled at the airport. These projects, scheduled for completion in summer 2020, include a new ticketing facility, a new checked baggage inspection system (CBIS), and an integrated baggage claim. Construction on the CBIS is anticipated to begin in October of this year. Another round of projects, including the renovation of the airport's historic terminal, storage for rental vehicles, and enhancements to the meet and greet plaza, are estimated to be completed in 2021.



"As we grow our fleet of the quiet and fuel-efficient A321neo to 18 aircraft by next year, we plan to announce more flights between the West Coast and our islands to make our authentic Hawaiian in-flight hospitality accessible to more travelers," Brent Overbeek, senior vice president of revenue management and network planning at Hawaiian Airlines, told the Business Journal. From left: Chris Walrath, LGB General Manager at Hawaiian Airlines; Danny Camacaro, Region 2 Manager, North America Maintenance at Hawaiian Airlines. (Photograph courtesy of Hawaiian Airlines)

Representatives from commercial air carriers American Airlines and Hawaiian Airlines both expressed their support for the improvement projects. "American Airlines shares LGB's excitement for an increasingly modern and improved customer experience at the airport," Curtis Blessing, manager of Los Angeles communications for American, told the Business Journal.

"Investing in improvements to the airport passenger experience benefits everyone who uses LGB," Brent Overbeek, senior vice president of revenue management and network planning at Hawaiian, said. "We appreciate LGB's efforts to provide a first-class experience for guests and crew prior to their flights, and look forward to the successful completion of the projects."

Adam Decaire, vice president of network planning for Southwest Airlines, noted that his company has received positive responses from their Long Beach customers and was in favor of improving their experience at the airport. "Anytime we can make the process efficient, we're in favor of those types of things," he said. "If that's what's happening at Long Beach [Airport] then of course we would be big fans of that."

Changes In Flight Allocations

Apart from the planned upgrades, another recent notable change at LGB was the implementation of a new minimum use requirement for flight slots. Since January 2019, commercial and cargo carriers operating at LGB must use their allocated slots at least 60% of the time each month, 70% each quarter and 85% each year. Under the city's Flight Slot Allocation Resolution, failure to comply with this requirement can result in the forfeiture of flight slots. JetBlue complied with the new resolution by voluntarily giving up 10 of its 34 flight slots in April.

Prior to the forfeiture, JetBlue had decreased its total flights to LGB and allowed its flight slots to be used on a temporary basis by other carriers. While this state of affairs enabled carriers like Southwest to use the slots, the fact that the slots were still nominally in JetBlue's possession led to uncertainty about scheduling, a spokesperson for Southwest told the Business Journal. Now that the 10 slots have been given up, the airport intends to reallocate four to Delta Air Lines and six to Southwest (three permanent slots and three supplemental slots) starting in October, Lewis said.

Whether on a temporary or permanent basis, Southwest is committed to increasing its footprint at Long Beach Airport, Decaire said. "We've been very aggressive on using those [flight slots] that become available," he commented. "As we get more slots, we'd love to add more opportunities for people from the Long Beach area to reach other places in our network."



3. The Long Beach Airport and its tenant businesses support over 6% of the jobs in the City of Long Beach, a responsibility Interim Director Claudia Lewis and her staff take to heart. (Photograph by Brandon Richardson)

Overbeek said that, in the future, Hawaiian may also be interested in additional flight slots. "Our Long Beach service has proven to be a popular complement to the six daily flights we operate from nearby LAX to the main Hawaiian islands," he commented. Since launching its LGB service in June 2018, Hawaiian has flown more than 74,000 travelers between Honolulu and Long Beach, Overbeek noted, with most planes filled over 80% capacity. "We have experienced robust demand not only from our California guests, but also from Hawaii residents who enjoy the convenience of flying into a smaller airport that is closer to many popular attractions."

Fewer JetBlue flights led to an 18% reduction in passenger activity in the first quarter of 2019, according to Lewis. Over the same time period, airport records show that the total volume of cargo transported by LGB's two cargo carriers has risen. In March 2019, the latest month for which data is available, total tonnage of inbound and outbound cargo rose 14.7% year-over-year – marking the sixth month in which year-over-year cargo volume increased.

Cassie Chauvel, public affairs specialist for LGB, said that the increase was partly due to UPS picking up additional flights during the winter holiday season, which it was not able to do in 2017. FedEx, the airport's other cargo carrier, has also reported a rise in tonnage following a period of decreased volume in 2018.

Looking Towards The Future

With summer on the horizon, Lewis said she and her staff expect to see increased activity among the commercial airlines. Representatives from Southwest and American said they anticipate healthy summer traffic as well.

"Summer is a very busy time of year at American, with increased vacation travel and families traveling with children more often," Blessing said. "Our team members are working hard to ensure our operation is prepared for the challenge of higher load factors . . . to ensure our customers get to where they need to go safely and on time."

Lewis said she and her staff were dedicated to creating a positive impact on the City of Long Beach through job creation, communication and continual improvements to their facilities. "We work very hard at maintaining our stakeholder relationships, not just with our air carriers but with everyone who operates here in the airport complex," she said.

Diversification of revenue sources continues to be an important issue for the airport, as with all airports, she noted. "No airports rely solely on aeronautical revenue," she said. This diversification of revenue includes commercial development on airport land, ground transportation programs and advertising opportunities. Revenue from their advertising program saw a significant increase in 2018, she added.

Lewis said that maintaining communication between LGB and the city council, as well as the businesses that lease space at the airport complex, is essential to ensure a seamless transition between her stewardship and the airport's next director. "The airport team here is very knowledgeable and they're highly skilled in what they do. That has helped me to carry out these priorities and to ensure that the goodwill we've developed with all of our stakeholders continues," she said.

Kevin Lee, public affairs officer for the Long Beach city manager, said interviews to fill the permanent director position are scheduled for May, with a selection to be made as early as the beginning of summer.

LOCAL NEWS

Long Beach Airport security restructuring comes back to City Council on Tuesday despite union's concerns



Long Beach Airport on Wednesday, December 20, 2017. (Photo by Thomas R. Cordova Press-Telegram/SCNG)

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The fight over airport security is coming back to the City Council.

A proposal to reorganize the Long Beach Airport security teams will go before the council Tuesday, May 21, less than a month after the panel last discussed the plan — and ultimately voted unanimously [to hold off on implementing it](#) amid strong union opposition. Some council members said during the April meeting they hoped staff could work with the union to find another solution.

It appears, however, that Long Beach is set on its initial plan, with staff bringing back the same arrangement for the council to authorize this week.

The plan would bring non-police security officers under the direction of the Police Department. Although the union has not expressed opposition to that goal, members have said the plan as written would leave security officers less prepared to deal with emergencies.

The city and the union met at the [bargaining table](#) 10 times over a nine-month period, before Long Beach declared an impasse.

Now, city staffers are asking the council to move ahead, despite the union's objections.

Richard Suarez, a representative for the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers — which includes non-police security officers at the airport — said in a Monday phone interview that Long Beach did not try to find a compromise with his organization before bringing the item back to the council.

"I've gotten a couple questions from some council people as to whether or not the city's HR Department has reached out to me," Suarez said. "The answer to that question is no."

Alex Basquez, Long Beach's Human Resources Administration director, said in a Monday statement that negotiations haven't continued because the two sides are still at an impasse.

The idea behind the restructuring, according to city staff, is to create a single chain-of-command for security officers at the airport. Currently, the non-police force is the Airport director's responsibility. Under the restructuring, the Police Department would oversee those security officers instead.

Police Chief Robert Luna said during the council meeting last month that the new organization would only improve public safety, because the airport security teams could have better communication and operate more efficiently.

"I would not be putting my name to anything that I didn't think would be advantageous to our entire community," Luna said. "It is our intent to keep the airport safe 24/7."

Suarez, meanwhile, said certain aspects of the restructuring would leave the airport's security force less prepared than the status quo would. Specifically, Suarez said, security officers would receive less training and would not be posted at the airport between 11 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.

"There is a significant amount of information that's being withheld from this council," Suarez said last month, "and I think it needs to be explored."

Luna disputed those claims.

Neither the union nor the city would provide the document detailing exactly what changes would be implemented, both citing security concerns.

Suarez has also maintained that implementing the changes could violate federal laws governing airport security, although legal counsel for Long Beach has [dismissed those worries](#).

Suarez, for his part, said on Monday that he was surprised the city hasn't tried harder to find a better solution.

"I'm a little disappointed that there doesn't seem to be an appetite to get this thing underway and resolved," he said. "I don't think we're miles apart."

But if the council does move ahead with the reorganization on Tuesday, he said, the union is leaving all options on the table — including suing Long Beach.

"Obviously, nobody wants to make this bigger than it really, truly is," he said.

"But if the city does move along" on the plan, Suarez added, "then it leaves us no other option."

EDITOR'S NOTE: This story has been updated to correct the City Council's direction for staff during its April 23 meeting.

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Long Beach Police Department is the wrong fit for airport security

by Richard Suarez in Commentary



People Post is a space for opinion pieces, letters to the editor and guest submissions from members of the Long Beach community. The following is an op-ed submitted by Richard Suarez, the Grand Lodge representative for the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers and does not necessarily reflect the views of the Long Beach Post.

(Editor's note: The Long Beach City Council is considering a proposal tonight to reorganize Long Beach Airport's security personnel under the direction of the Police Department.)

I break today from my regularly scheduled work representing the machinist workers across the 947 District in support of Long Beach's Special Services Officers because though it is a local issue, it is one with national implications.

When legislating, we must seek to give voice to the voiceless. It is important to create equitable laws, but it is just as important to implement and enforce those laws justly. Our nation has made a culture of favoring harsh enforcement despite its obvious flaws and detriment to our society. We have made a culture of militarized policing. This is the culture that is making its way into the Long Beach Airport. I want to be abundantly clear: I believe that our special service officers are the best officers available to protect our airport, and I believe that any change in status or training for these officers would leave our airport vulnerable.

But there is another issue that many don't like to discuss. And that is the systems and culture of policing in our country. Our brothers and sisters in blue serving their communities are to be revered for their bravery and sacrifice. They put their lives on the line to keep our communities safe, and we thank them for that. But to say that our Special Services Officers are more of a liability than our police department is simply false.

And I would like to further point out that there is a pattern that has led the city to be liable in several lawsuits against the Long Beach Police Department, and recently, they were involved in the tragic loss of a young woman and five neighborhood dogs she walked for a living. Her name was Jessica Bingaman. Many members of the community are asking legitimate questions. Why were they aggressively pursuing a suspect in a neighborhood? Where was the helicopter? And was this stolen van worth the life of a beautiful young soul?

While I know that these officers were doing their level best to keep our community safe, they fell victim to a national culture and trend of overly aggressive tactics. I know that the police department will take a look at this situation and make necessary changes. But in the meantime, let's not give this department, which already has enough on its plate, the keys to our airport.

This brings me to my main point. Long Beach has a unique opportunity. They can be a part of the solution. They can push back against that national culture and trend, and I urge them in no uncertain terms to do so. This issue is one of social justice as much as anything, and can be broken down into two categories: labor, and social equity. Our brothers and sisters serving as special services officers deserve to be protected. They have kept our airport safe for almost 20 years. In that time, the Long Beach Airport has developed a reputation for being one of the nicest airport experiences in the country. Their labor has been fruitful to Long Beach and its booming tourism/convention economies. It would be unjust, and unwise, to take what they built and hand it off to an unproven source.

Further, it is important to remember that mobility is an equity priority. There are many groups that are uncomfortable around police, but they still want to feel safe. Our SSO's are the perfect solution. They can keep our airport safe while not triggering our black and brown neighbors. Having police department take over will militarize the airport, and it will disproportionately impact those parts of our community. Once again, I am thankful for the service of our Long Beach police officers, but in this instance, they are wrong for the job.

I am confident that the Long Beach City Council will stand by and stand up for their special services officers and for their constituents. They possess the courage to dig into this issue and protect one of the city's greatest assets, its airport.

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Long Beach declines to move ahead on planned airport security restructuring

The decision not to vote came after some residents and members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers — which includes non-police security officers at the airport — said they were against the proposal.



Long Beach Airport (File photo)

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Long Beach will not move ahead with a [controversial restructuring](#) of its airport security forces after union and public outcry.

Although the City Council [was directed by staff](#) at its Tuesday, May 21 meeting to approve the reorganization, which would move the non-police security team at the Long Beach Airport to be under the Police Department, no council member volunteered to second that motion — so it failed.

No council members commented on the decision during the meeting.

The decision not to vote came after some residents and members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers — which includes non-police security officers at the airport — said they were against the proposal.

“This new integration plan will cut the hours of training our (security) officers, from over 660 hours to less than 60 hours,” union representative Milton Duena said, “effectively reducing the level of security at our airport.”

The plan has been a point of contention with the union, and the city met at the bargaining table with the group 10 times in 2018, before declaring an impasse in October.

Because the two sides could not reach an agreement, city staff asked the council to move ahead with the restructuring — despite the union’s objections — last month. The panel [voted to postpone](#) the item at the time.

The city’s Human Resources Administration Director Alex Basquez and Police Chief Robert Luna have both said the change would create a single chain-of-command, which would allow security teams at the airport to operate more efficiently.

“I would not be putting my name to anything that I didn’t think would be advantageous to our entire community,” Luna said during the April meeting. “It is our intent to keep the airport safe 24/7.”

Union members have maintained that they didn’t take issue with being overseen by the Police Department. They said other specific changes in the proposal — like the amount of training they would receive — would make the airport less safe.

During Tuesday’s meeting, residents who spoke during public comment backed up the union’s side in the tussle.

“If it’s not broke, don’t fix it,” neighborhood activist Robert Fox said. “It’s wonderful to fly out of (Long Beach Airport).”

Fox said the Police Department is understaffed in other areas of Long Beach, so the city shouldn’t take away resources from where he said their focus should be: policing neighborhoods.

“I’ve never had a problem, and we’ve never had a security problem in the city of Long Beach in our airport,” he added. “In our streets, we do.”

City staff did not comment during Tuesday’s meeting on what would happen now that the council has not agreed to move forward.

But in a Monday statement, Basquez said that in the event that the panel did not approve her recommendation, “The City will reassess the Airport Security model and determine if any changes are needed with the existing framework.”

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Council kills any immediate plans to merge Long Beach Airport security with LBPD

by **Stephanie Rivera** in **City**



The City Council last night refused to carry on any discussion or vote regarding plans to integrate Long Beach Airport personnel with the Long Beach Police Department—a month after it initially postponed the vote.

Following public comment mostly opposing the controversial merger, no council member gave a second to the motion recommended by city staff that would allow a dialogue and potential vote on the matter.

The proposed integration would streamline the reporting process between the airport's special services officers and police department, according to the city.

However, the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, which represents the officers, maintains it would strip them of training and arrest powers and undermine the safety of airport travelers.

Richard Suarez, the Grand Lodge representative for the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, said he was especially concerned over the potential diminishing of their training from 600 hours to 60.

"I can't understand why a program with no problems for over a quarter of a century is getting dismantled," Suarez said.

In recent public discussions, community members expressed concerns about overcommitting a police department with limited resources and personnel. Others worried about the potential discomfort some minority travelers could feel when passing through the airport.

Suarez acknowledged this point in an opinion piece published on the Long Beach Post on Tuesday.

"[Special security officers] can keep our airport safe while not triggering our black and brown neighbors," Suarez wrote. "Having (the) police department take over will militarize the airport, and it will disproportionately impact those parts of our community."

The city has been trying to integrate airport security for years but despite multiple negotiation sessions both parties found themselves at an impasse.

The council on April 23 decided to postpone the vote for a month to further discuss the issue and work out the details. The city added the issue as a last-minute agenda item on Friday afternoon.

Suarez said he was caught off guard when he found out the item was expected to be discussed Tuesday.

"We made every attempt up until Monday to engage, but we received very little attention," Suarez said. "What [Council] instructed staff to do, they did not do."

Councilwoman Suzie Price, who introduced the original motion, said she was surprised by the silence from her fellow council members on Tuesday for such a hot-



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button issue. Price said the council was barred from discussing the matter because nobody seconded her motion, leaving the item to die on the floor.

"I wanted us to have a discussion in public but we weren't even able to do that," she said.

Suarez said he would like to sit down once more and see if they can reach "a symbiotic resolution".

"I would like to see parties re-engage and try to find a fair and compatible compromise," Suarez said.

Long Beach Police Officers Association President Jim Foster declined to comment.

City spokesman Kevin Lee said there are no immediate plans for the item to be placed back on the agenda.

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Long Beach Airport traffic decreased 15% year-over-year in April to 297,000 passengers.

JetBlue Airways represented 55% of total traffic, carrying 164,000 passengers, down 40% from the year prior. Southwest doubled its count to 93,000 passengers, making up 31% of the total.

Hawaiian Airlines carried about 10,000 passengers and the facility's two other airlines, American and Delta, carried about 30,000 combined.

Cargo carried by FedEx and UPS rose 16% in the month to 1,655 tons. Charter flying from Long Beach rose 32% to 341 passengers last month.

LOCAL NEWS

After Long Beach City Council refuses to vote, union representing airport security officers says it's still willing to find a compromise on proposed restructuring



Long Beach Airport August 6, 2013. (Thomas R. Cordova/Staff Photographer)

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Long Beach won't change up the structure of the security teams at its airport — at least not anytime soon.

The Human Resources Department's [second attempt](#) to persuade the City Council to move forward with a reorganization [failed without a vote this week](#) — with the panel refusing to second a motion on the item or even discuss it.

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The council's reticence to OK the change came after weeks of public outcry and [months of negotiations](#) between the city and the union representing the Long Beach Airport's non-police security force, which argued that the move would leave its officers less prepared to deal with emergencies. But a representative from that union said in a Wednesday, May 22, interview that his team is still willing to meet with the city and find a compromise.

"I just want the record to show," Richard Suarez, a representative with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, said, "that IAM is willing and able to meet with staff and with the Long Beach Police Department to come to a resolution — an amicable resolution that I think would be mutually beneficial to both sides."

Long Beach spokesman Kevin Lee declined to answer specific questions about how the city might move forward.

"At this time," he said in an email Wednesday evening, "City Staff will be considering all possible options available."

The proposed restructuring would move the union — currently overseen by the airport director — under the Police Department's supervision.

Union members have maintained that it does not take issue with that change in oversight. But they have pushed back on specific provisions in the proposal, which would include lowering the amount of guaranteed training hours non-police security officers receive and take away some of their authority, including the ability to conduct traffic stops at the airport.

"This new integration plan will cut the hours of training for our (security) officers, from over 660 hours to less than 60 hours," union representative Milton Duena said during the Tuesday, May 21, council meeting, "effectively reducing the level of security at our airport."

City staffers and the Police Department, however, have said the change would improve security by creating a single chain-of-command that would operate more efficiently.

"I would not be putting my name to anything that I didn't think would be advantageous to our entire community," Police Chief Robert Luna said during a council meeting last month. "It is our intent to keep the airport safe 24/7."

Because of the sticking points the union identified, Long Beach declared an impasse in negotiations in October, after 10 meetings at the bargaining table over the prior nine months.

Now that the council has declined to move ahead with the reorganization, union representatives said Wednesday, they're willing to go back to those negotiations — and they feel the city may have a renewed willingness to compromise.

"I believe that what the council did was for the betterment of the community — the traveling public and the community at large," Suarez said. "I believe that further discussions need to be had."

Suarez said his team would have no issue working under the Police Department — so long as those officers can keep the level of training and authority that they feel is necessary for the job.

"Who they report to has never been a concern," he said, noting that union members elsewhere in the city, such as at Long Beach City College and the Marina, are already overseen by the Police Department.

"We were OK with the entity," Suarez added. "We're not OK with the proposal diminishing the training and authority. Those are the issues."

As for what happens if the city continues trying to push for the change despite the union's objections, Suarez said, pursuing legal action would still be on the table.

“We’re prepared to seek out relief through other sources,” he said, “and I don’t want to do that. I think the community deserves better.”

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LB City Council halts discussion, vote on merging police with airport security

Stakeholders cite problems with training and staffing if integration moves forward.

Cory Bilicko, Staff Writer | May 24, 2019



At its May 21 meeting, the Long Beach City Council halted any further discussion on an item introduced by staff that would integrate security personnel at the airport with the police department.

Airport security

A month after it had postponed voting on the matter, the council heard a staff report and public comment on an item authorizing the integration of the security department at Long Beach

Airport with the Long Beach Police Department.

Alejandrina Basquez, the City's director of human resources, explained that there has been a nationwide emphasis on increased airport security since the terrorist attacks of 9/11 and that Long Beach officials began proposing integration of the two entities in early 2002.

"The rationale for this integration was because post 9/11 federal oversight drastically expanded airport security requirements, and, although state law requires security positions at the airport to be granted peace-officer status, their core duties continue to focus on regulatory compliance," Basquez said. "Part of the rationale is also to ensure the City addresses inconsistent and non-standardized training and creates a single chain of command with law-enforcement oversight supervision."

Speakers who addressed the issue during public comment, however, were passionately against the council passing the ordinance.

One speaker, Salvador Vazquez, president of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers 947, which represents the security officers, said, in using data related to international airports, city officials are misrepresenting figures used to justify the integration. He also stressed that police officers will need to undergo training from airport security and that the police department is already strained because of recent upticks in crime.

"It's concerning to me that [city officials] would fast-track this, put it in an agenda on Friday, not even give us enough time to have subject-matter experts here to actually properly represent the interests of your constituents– the people that elect and vote for you guys– as well as all those that serve and fly into Long Beach," Vazquez told the council. "That's a concern to us."

Another speaker, Robert Fox, executive director of the Council of Neighborhood Organizations, said he also opposes the merger on practical grounds.

"No. 1, if it's not broke, don't fix it," Fox said. "No. 2, every time we do this kind of a takeover, like we did with the Blue Line, we supposedly added 51 officers to the force, when in fact, they were dedicated only to the Blue Line and we're still 200 officers short. So, our budget in the city of Long Beach has never been police-specific as it should be. I think that's a real critical issue here. We're adding on a responsibility to the police department, which is already understaffed, and all you're doing is changing out really qualified security people who are specifically trained for the airport with people who are not specifically trained for the airport. And I believe that is a dangerous combination for this city."

Fox added that there have been no security issues at the airport but there is indeed increased crime on the streets. Like Vazquez, he criticized city officials for the lack of notice on the item.

"I think it's insulting to the citizens of Long Beach to have such short notice on such an important issue," he said. "We had to grumble around trying to figure out what this is all about."

After public comment, City Manager Patrick West remarked that "no one is being replaced."

Mayor Robert Garcia called for a second on the motion, but no councilmember made one, therefore the item did not move forward for discussion or vote.

LOCAL NEWS

Weekend 405 freeway closures will impact drivers headed to Long Beach Airport and Orange County



A man takes a morning walk past a Road Closed sign on San Almada Road in Corona, where mud and debris flowed after Tuesday's rains. Photo by Beatriz E. Valenzuela, Staff

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Folks headed to the Long Beach Airport and Orange County on the 405 freeway this weekend should rethink their routes.

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The closure will allow work on a \$22.8 million stormwater project, according to Caltrans statement.

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The northbound lanes will close at 10 p.m. Friday and will re-open about 10 hours later. The southbound carpool lane and the two regular lanes next to it will also close, as will the Westminster Boulevard bridge and nearby freeway ramps.

The freeway in both directions will close again at 10 p.m. Saturday and reopen at 8:30 a.m. the next day. The bridge and nearby ramps will also shut down.

Then, on June 8, starting at 11 p.m., both directions of the freeway, between Beach Boulevard and Goldenwest Street, will close until 8 a.m. June 9. The bridge and ramps there will be off-limits.

Those overnight closures will allow crews to demolish parts of the Westminster Boulevard and Bolsa Avenue bridges spanning those areas as part of a [freeway expansion project](#). Detours will be in place to guide drivers around the closures.

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Southwest Airlines Adds Flights At Long Beach Airport

After JetBlue Airways forfeited 10 of its Long Beach Airport (LGB) flight slots earlier this year, Southwest Airlines gained six slots to use on a regular basis starting in October. Southwest, wasting no time getting the word out on its recent windfall, has announced that it is extending its LGB flight schedule for the month of October. Beginning October 1, the airline will offer four daily flights between Long Beach and Oakland, with one additional flight on Saturdays and Sundays; four daily weekday flights and three daily weekend flights to San Jose; four daily weekday flights and three daily weekend flights to Sacramento; and two daily weekend flights to Las Vegas. Southwest is also offering one daily roundtrip to Vegas on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and one roundtrip to Denver on Saturdays and Sundays, until October 31.

Councilmember Rex Richardson To

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The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has asked representatives from six counties (Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura) to attend a meeting of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Subcommittee. Long Beach City Councilmember Rex Richardson will join the teleconference, which is open to public comment. The Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) is mandated by state law. The assessment quantifies the need for housing within each jurisdiction during specified planning periods. SCAG is currently in the process of planning for the assessment's sixth cycle, which will cover the planning period October 2021 through October 2029. It is planned for adoption in October 2020. Communities use the RHNA in land use planning to adequately allocate local resources, and to decide how to address identified existing and future housing needs. Long Beach residents may attend the teleconference on Monday, June 3, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Long Beach City Hall, 333 W. Ocean Blvd.

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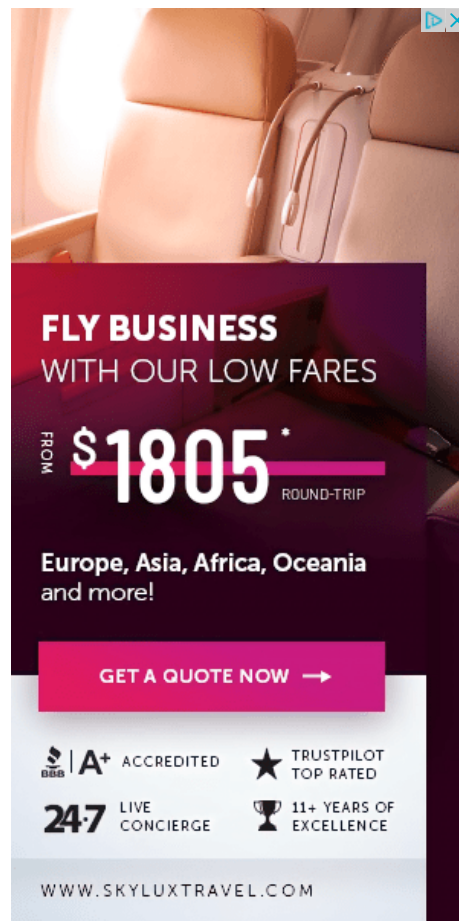
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Southwest Airlines is adding several flights out of Long Beach Airport after the airline gained additional slots that were surrendered by JetBlue last month.

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In a press release this week, Southwest said that effective Oct. 1, the carrier will offer the following service:

- Four daily flights between Long Beach and Oakland
- Four flights a day on weekdays and three flights on Saturdays and Sundays between Long Beach and San Jose
- Four flights a day on weekdays and three flights on Saturdays and Sundays between Long Beach and Sacramento
- Two flights a day on weekends between Long Beach and Las Vegas.

The airline will also add an additional flight on Saturdays and Sundays between Long Beach and Oakland from Oct. 1 and Oct. 31.

During the month of October, Southwest will offer one roundtrip flight on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between Long Beach and Las Vegas, and one roundtrip a day on Saturdays and Sundays between Long Beach and Denver.

JetBlue remains the largest carrier at Long Beach Airport, but gave up 10 of its 34 flight spots after the city threatened action over the fact that JetBlue is not using them. The city immediately made those slots available to other airlines.

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Southwest announces more flights coming out of Long Beach Airport starting in October



Southwest Airlines (File Photo)

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Southwest Airlines will soon expand its presence at Long Beach Airport.

The airline announced this week that it will offer more round-trip flights out of Long Beach to Oakland, San Jose, Sacramento, Las Vegas and Denver beginning in October.

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Specifically, Southwest will offer:

- Four daily flights to and from Oakland;
- Four flights per weekday and three a day on Saturdays and Sundays to and from San Jose;
- Four flights per weekday and three a day on Saturdays and Sundays to and from Sacramento; and
- Two flights a day on Saturdays and Sundays to and from Las Vegas.

Southwest will also offer an additional round-trip flight to Oakland each Saturday and Sunday between Oct. 1 and Oct. 31.

In October, the carrier will also offer one round-trip flight per day on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to Las Vegas, and one round-trip flight per day on Saturdays and Sundays to Denver.

The announcement, on Thursday, May 30, came a little more than a month after [Long Beach officials revealed](#) that Southwest, Hawaiian and Delta Air were vying for newly released flight slots from JetBlue.

JetBlue [relinquished 10 of its 34 slots](#) last month after the city signaled it was [willing to penalize the airline](#) for low usage.

Marlene Arrona, a spokeswoman for the airport, said in an email that Southwest was awarded six of those flight slots, and Delta was awarded the other four.

As for whether Long Beach has any say in airline destinations, Arrona wrote, “Each airline determines its choice of destination offerings.”

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