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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

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

DISCUSSION

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

Airport Passenger, General Aviation and Cargo Activity - The July 2005 Monthly Airport Activity Report (Attachment 1) provides monthly and year-to-date statistics for airline passengers (total and enplaned), aircraft operations by user category, and cargo carrier tonnage. The statistics in general show a 5.2% increase in year-to-date passenger activity (1,795,962 vs 1,707,853). Total passenger counts for July were 292,740 compared to last year's 271,724, an increase of 7.7%. Monthly general aviation operations compared to last year were up 3.8%, (29,931 operations vs. 28,831). Monthly cargo volumes were down 12.5% (4,211 tons vs. 4,810).

Noise Activity - The July 2005 Monthly Airport Noise Statistics Report (Attachment 2) details noise complaints based on type of complaint (e.g., related to airline, private jet operations, helicopter). It also identifies specific aircraft noise events that generated five or more complaints and includes a plot map showing complainant location and the number of repeat violations, along with a listing of aircraft operators receiving their fourth or greater violation.

The Airport's Noise Office receives and investigates noise calls and complaints from local citizens and all other sources. In July, the Noise Office received 670 complaints from citizens compared to 700 complaints received in the previous month. Of the 670 complaints received, 532 complaints pertained to permissible aircraft activity that was not in violation of the City's Noise Compatibility Ordinance.

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Further analysis of the noise complaints revealed the following:

- 51% (339 of 670) of the complaints were generated by 10 individuals; 78 were generated by one individual;
- 72% (484 of 670) of the complaints were related to operations between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.;
- 10% (67 of 670) of the complainants reside in Seal Beach or Huntington Beach;
- 79% (532 of 670) of the complaints were related to operations that were not in violation of the City's Noise Compatibility Ordinance.

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

Other Airport Activity

- In addition to coverage in the last three editions of the WAVE, sent to all Long Beach utility users, the October edition of the WAVE will provide the following update on the proposed Terminal Area Improvements Project and related EIR:

"The City is currently finalizing the Airport Terminal Area Improvements Project Draft EIR and will soon be releasing it for public review. It is anticipated that the Draft EIR will be available for public comment no later than November. The Draft EIR document will be made available for review on the City's website and at the City's main library.

Per EIR guidelines, the public comment period will last 45 days. During this time, the Planning Commission will review the document and the City will conduct a public information session. Information on the Planning Commission review and the public information session will be published in advance and will also be posted on the Airport's website at www.lgb.org."

- **Noise Monitoring System Upgrade and Internet Flight Tracking System** – WebTrak, an internet flight tracking system, has been successfully installed and can be accessed through the Airport's website at www.lgb.org or via the City's website at www.longbeach.gov/airport. WebTrak provides a general overview of Long Beach Airport flight operations that includes aircraft identification, origination and destination, altitudes, and noise levels. Airport specific information, for Long Beach and surrounding area airports, is designated by color-coded aircraft symbols. For safety reasons, the flight tracking data is delayed ten minutes. WebTrak will automatically display the slightly delayed track data upon start up.

A second phase of WebTrak, which will allow community members to explore customized and summarized flight track and aircraft noise information, is expected to be available by the end of the year.

The Airport's six noise enforcement monitors and a new long-range Passur radar were successfully installed in May 2005. Six additional noise monitors will be upgraded in each of the following two years.

- **Airport Concessions** – Preliminary planning meetings are ongoing with Paradies and Creative Host and, pending contract finalization, both concessionaires are expected to be operational in early October 2005.
- **Antonov 124 Cargo Aircraft** – On September 13, 2005, a Polet Airlines Antonov 124 aircraft arrived at Long Beach Airport from France carrying a satellite for Boeing Sea Launch. The Inmarsat-4 communications satellite was transported from the Airport to the Port in a container. The very large Antonov 124 (second largest aircraft in use in the world) landed on Runway 12, which runs southwest from Carson Street, as opposed to the normal airline approach from Runway 30. The Antonov departed three days later, carrying only an empty satellite shipping container. The aircraft arrived and departed during daylight hours.
- **Allocation of Commuter Slots** - On September 1, 2005, per the guidelines set forth in City of Long Beach Resolution No. 28465 (Flight Allocation Procedures), the Airport Manager allocated the remaining 22 Commuter Carrier Flight Slots. The allocations are as follows:

Smooth Flight Holdings - requested 22 slots and was allocated 19 slots. Smooth Flight proposes to fly the Beech 1900, twin-engine prop aircraft.

Delta Airlines - requested three slots and was allocated three slots. Delta Airlines proposes to utilize one of its commuter affiliates, either ASA or Skywest Airlines, using CRJ-200 or CRJ-700 regional jet aircraft.

Per both requests, the 22 commuter slots were allocated as "Conditional Slots." Under the terms of "Conditional Slots," each entity has 90 days in which to convert the slots to final allocation, and then an additional 180 days to fully implement the service.

Currently, America West operates three commuter flights. The allocation to Smooth Flight Holdings and Delta Airlines brings the total allocation to 25, the maximum allowed under the Noise Ordinance. However, America West has provided the Airport a notice of intent to relinquish two of their three commuter slots, effective November 1, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments (2)

APPROVED:



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