



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
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### RECOMMENDATION:

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

### DISCUSSION

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

**Airport Passenger, General Aviation and Cargo Activity** - The December 2006 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. Total passenger counts for December were 239,354 compared to last year's 228,142, an increase of 4.9%. Monthly general aviation operations compared to last year were up 21.2%, (24,901 operations vs. 20,539). Monthly cargo volumes were up 5.1% (4,289 tons vs. 4,082).

In 2005, the total passengers topped three million for the first time in the Airport's 83-year history. Total passenger counts for 2005 were up 3.7% (3,034,032 vs 2,926,450) from 2004. The upward shift resulted mainly from growth in the number of passengers served by Alaska Airlines, America West/U.S. Airways and JetBlue Airways.

**Noise Activity** - The December 2005 Monthly Airport Noise Statistics Report (Attachment 2) includes four separate reports with current month and year-to-date totals. The four reports are as follows:

- Noise Complaints – Summarizes noise complaint information for commercial and non-commercial operations.
- Noise Complaint Plot Map – Identifies the origin of the complaint.
- Noise Violations – Summarizes violations for airline and non-commercial operations. Provides a complete listing of each violation, includes violator's name, date and time of violation, aircraft types, aircraft noise level, and the time specific allowable noise level.
- Commercial Late Night Activity – Summarizes activity between 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. by airline.

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The Airport's Noise Office receives and investigates noise calls and complaints from local residents and residents who live outside of Long Beach. In December, the Noise Office received 152 complaints from citizens compared to 217 complaints received in the previous month. It should be noted that the Airport did not receive any common e-mail complaint listings during the month of December.

Further analysis of the noise complaints revealed the following:

- Total number of complainants: 52
- 49% (74 of 152) of the complaints were related to operations between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.;
- 7% (10 of 152) of the complainants reside in Seal Beach or Huntington Beach.

This above referenced information is displayed on the Airport's website ([www.lgb.org](http://www.lgb.org)).

#### **Other Airport Activity**

##### **■ Terminal Area Improvements Project – Release of the Draft EIR**

The Airport Terminal Area Improvements Project Draft EIR was released to the public the week of November 7. The Draft EIR is available for review on the City's website [www.longbeach.gov](http://www.longbeach.gov), the Airport website [www.lgb.org](http://www.lgb.org), at each of the City's libraries, and in the Environmental Planning office on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of City Hall. The Draft EIR review period concluded on January 30, 2006. A total of 276 comments, oral and written, have been received and will be responded to as part of the Final EIR.

##### **■ Allocation of Flight Slots**

Commercial Slots – The City received formal notice from American Airlines, dated January 31, 2006, that effective April 3, 2005, American Airlines will discontinue all of its service from Long Beach Airport. Currently, American holds five commercial airline flight slots. These five slots will be allocated pursuant to the City's Flight Allocation Resolution C-28465 and the terms of the Airline Settlement Agreement. The Airport Bureau currently has formal letters of request for flight slots from JetBlue Airways, Alaska Airlines and FedEx.

##### **■ Public Affairs Activities**

**Airport Information and Noise Abatement Center** – The Airport Center, located at 4135 Donald Douglas Drive, is fully operational. The Airport Center's hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is not time critical.

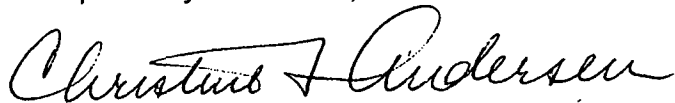
FISCAL IMPACT

None.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments (2)

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