

# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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SUBJECT: Monthly Airport Activity Reports - October 2004 (District 5)

### DISCUSSION

Pursuant to the City Council's request at its meeting of October 12, 2004, attached you will find the most recent *Monthly Airport Activity (Attachment I)* and *Monthly Airport Noise (Attachment II) Reports*.

The Monthly Airport Activity Report provides monthly statistics for airline passengers (total and enplaned), aircraft operations by user category, and cargo carrier tonnage. The statistics in general show that year-to-date passenger activity is similar to last year, given the common 41 daily flight average use factors, with annual passenger totals expected to be near 3 million. General aviation operations are also fairly static. October is typically a slow month both relative to airline passenger and general aviation activity.

The Monthly Airport Noise Statistics Report 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 October, the Noise Office received 669 complaints from citizens. This is a 31.2 percent increase from the 510 complaints received in the previous month. Only 20 of the 669 complaints related to operations that were in violation of the City's noise compatibility ordinance.

It should be noted that the ongoing runway rehabilitation work necessitated the temporary deactivation of the FAA's Runway 30 Localizer System, a component of the Runway 30 Instrument Landing System (ILS), from September 10 through October 6, 2004. During this time, some aircraft operations used "VOR approach" or visual approach, which involves a different flight path than normal for Runway 30. As a result of the flight path change, the Noise Office received many calls from residents of surrounding communities such as Los Alamitos, Huntington Beach and Seal Beach. Of the total 492 air carrier

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complaints received in October, 275 were received from two complainants in Huntington Beach.

Also, provided this month for your review is a Quarterly Airport Comparison Report (Attachment III), which provides comparative information of noise complaint activity at John Wayne Airport, LAX and San Diego airports for April through June 2004. Future copies of the comparison report will be provided quarterly.

In addition, two lease renewals with the FAA for an electronic communications equipment storage facility and a remote transmitter facility will be sent to City Council for approval. An additional lease/option to purchase agreement for former Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way will also be sent to City Council for action. Beyond the ongoing runway rehabilitation work, the Airport has no significant building projects to report at this time.

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

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

None.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Receive and file the attached reports.

Respectfully submitted,




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Attachments



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