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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
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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 June 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 4.7% increase in year-to-date passenger activity (1,503,222 vs 1,436,129). Total passenger counts for June were 280,820 compared to last year's 264,340, an increase of 6.2%. Monthly general aviation operations compared to last year were up 6.1%, (28,530 operations vs. 26,894). Monthly cargo volumes were down 2.2% (4,357 tons vs. 4,455).

Noise Activity - The June 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 June, the Noise Office received 549 complaints from citizens compared to 223 complaints received in the previous month. Of the 549 complaints received, 479 complaints pertained to permissible aircraft activity that was not in violation of the City's Noise Compatibility Ordinance. The rise in the number of complaints can be attributed to an increase in complaints from 10 individuals rather than any changes in Airport operations.

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Further analysis of the noise complaints revealed the following:

- 51% (281 of 549) of the complaints were generated by 10 individuals; 113 were generated by one individual;
- 56% (308 of 549) of the complaints were related to operations between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.;
- 20% (111 of 549) of the complainants reside in Seal Beach or Huntington Beach;
- 87% (479 of 549) 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 two editions of the WAVE, sent to all Long Beach utility users, the August/September edition of the WAVE will provide an update on the proposed Terminal Area Improvements Project and related EIR.
- **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.

- **Concession RFP** – On July 12, 2005, City Council authorized agreements with Paradies, to provide gift and news concessions and Creative Host, to provide food and beverage concessions. Preliminary planning meetings are ongoing and, pending contract finalization, both concessionaires are expected to be operational on October 1, 2005.