

CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

333 West Ocean Boulevard . Long Beach, CA 90802

August 15, 2006

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Airserv, Inc., Alaska Airlines, Inc., jetBlue Airways Corporation, Skywest, Inc. and US Airways, Inc., operating at the Long Beach Airport, to permit non-exclusive use of the City's Aircraft BAR and Turboway Ramps. (District 5)

DISCUSSION

The City owns ramp equipment and facilities for the purpose of accommodating disabled and/or physically challenged passengers using airline service at the Long Beach Airport pursuant to relevant provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Both the BAR ramp and Turboway ramp provide improved access for disabled passengers to board and deplane aircraft.

It would be expensive and inefficient for the City to operate the equipment on behalf of the airlines and airline-related companies. Therefore, the airlines and airline-related companies desire to have access to, and use of, the ramps for boarding or deplaning aircraft.

The proposed agreement would authorize airlines and airline-related companies, on a month-to-month basis, to operate the ramps and would require the airlines and airline-related companies to indemnify the City against liabilities incurred during operation of the ramps.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony on August 1, 2006 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on August 7, 2006.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on August 15, 2006, in order to facilitate use of the equipment during the upcoming holiday peak travel periods.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City owns and maintains the ramps. No fee is charged to the airlines or airline-related companies for the use of the ramps and the airlines and airline-related companies agree not to impose any charge or fee for use of the ramps on their respective customers.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED:

GERALD R. MILLER CITY MANAGER

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