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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 April 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 3.4% increase in year-to-date passenger activity. Total passenger counts for April were 244,770 compared to last year's 250,272, a decrease of 2.2%. Monthly general aviation operations compared to last year were up 8.7%, (28,064 operations vs 25,809). Monthly cargo volumes were down 8.3% (4,608 tons vs 5,027).

Noise Activity - The April 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 April, the Noise Office received 299 complaints from citizens compared to 137 complaints received in the previous month. Of the 299 complaints received, 257 of the complaints pertained to permissible aircraft activity that was not in violation of the City's Noise Compatibility Ordinance.

Further analysis of the noise complaints revealed the following:

- 50% (150 of 299) of the complaints were related to operations between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.;
- 54% (162 of 299) of the complaints were generated by 8 individuals;
- 33% (98 of 299) of the complainants reside in Seal Beach or Huntington Beach;

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- 86% (257 of 299) 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

- The June/July edition of the WAVE focuses on the proposed Terminal Area Improvements Project, and related EIR. Coverage includes the EIR process, issues to be addressed, timeframes, and sources of additional and updated information.
- **Electrical System Upgrade** – In order for SCE to complete the first phase of the installation of the Terminal electrical supply transformer, power throughout the Airport Terminal was shutdown Friday, June 3, from 11:30 p.m. to 3:30 a.m. The completion of the new service and availability of the increased electrical supply is anticipated for June 17. Following cut over to the new electrical transformer, Jet Blue should be able to begin using the electrical power installed at each of their five parking positions by June 17. This will give them a 'clean' power source that replaces use of jet-fuel powered Auxiliary Power Units (APUs) on the aircraft, and diesel-powered Ground Power Units (GPUs) on the ground.

At the present time, only five of the current ten aircraft parking positions are equipped with in-pavement electrical vaults (installed by Jet Blue). Electrical power sources will be installed at all aircraft parking positions when the air carrier ramp is reconstructed (2006-2009). Design for the ramp reconstruction has been delayed pending approval of a specific Terminal improvements project, including air carrier ramp configuration. The increased electrical supply will also permit electric aircraft ground service equipment to be recharged, in support of phasing out gas or diesel powered equipment pursuant to AQMD guidelines. The entire project, including a new backup emergency power generator, is tentatively scheduled for completion in August 2005.

- **Noise Monitoring System Upgrade and Internet Flight Tracking System** – The Airport's six noise enforcement monitors and the new long-range Passur radar were successfully installed and are fully operational. Six additional noise monitors will be upgraded in each of the following two years. Work continues on the creation of the community web site and the installation of SkyTrak-internet flight tracking system. Sky-Trak is expected to be operational in July 2005.
- **60dB Noise Contour Map** – As requested at the April City Council meeting, attached is a copy of the newly created 2004 60dB Noise Contour Map (Attachment 3). The attached 60dB contour map is being overlaid to the appropriately sized City map and will be provided to Council once completed.

- **Concession RFP** – On May 23, six proposals were received in response to the Airport's Request For Proposals for Concession Services. Proposals for food and beverage concession services were received from Creative Host Services and OTG Management, both nationally known, high-quality providers of airport food and beverage concessions. Proposals received for the gift and news concessions services were submitted by Galamar Enterprises, Hudson Group, Soto & Sanchez Investments, and The Paradies Shops. Firms submitting responsive proposals will be invited to an interview the week of June 20. It is expected that the award recommendation will be submitted to the City Council in early July.
- **Summer Passenger Projections** – Total passenger projections for the 2005 summer travel season, June through August, are estimated to be 1 million passengers. This projection is based on 36 commercial airline flights and 3 commuter flights and represents roughly a 10% increase from 2004.
- **Parking Information Line** – In preparation for the summer travel season, a new Parking Information Line, (562) 570-2671, will be implemented. The information line will provide updated information regarding parking availability and rates. New street signage and literature will be created to inform visitors of the new service. This service will be provided in addition to the proposed Cell Phone Lot.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments (3)



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