



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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 November 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 3.6% increase in year-to-date passenger activity (2,794,678 vs. 2,698,731). Total passenger counts for November were 233,315 compared to last year's 227,669, an increase of 2.5%. Monthly general aviation operations compared to last year were up 2.1%, (28,353 operations vs. 27,764). Monthly cargo volumes were up 6.1% (4,590 tons vs. 4,325).

Noise Activity - The November 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.

The Airport's Noise Office receives and investigates noise calls and complaints from local residents and residents who live outside of Long Beach. In November, the Noise Office received 217 complaints from citizens compared to 1,129 complaints received in the

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previous month. It should be noted that the Airport did not receive any common e-mail complaint listings during the month of November.

Further analysis of the noise complaints revealed the following:

- Total number of complainants: 53
- 49% (107 of 217) of the complaints were related to operations between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.;
- 9% (11 of 217) of the complainants reside in Seal Beach or Huntington Beach.

This above referenced information is displayed on the Airport's website (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, the Airport website www.lgb.org, at each of the City's libraries, and in the Environmental Planning office on the 5th floor of City Hall.

The Draft EIR review period concludes on January 30, 2006. All comments received by the end of the review period will be responded to as part of the Final EIR.

- **Automated Noise Complaint System** - Effective December 12, 2005, Internet users are able to enter complaints directly into the Airport's database. Access to the automated complaint system will be located on the main page of the Airport's website at www.lgb.org. Complainants will receive an immediate acknowledgement of their complaint.

Allocation of Flight Slots

Commercial Slots – All of the permitted 41 airline flight slots are currently allocated to JetBlue Airways, USAirways/America West Airlines, American Airlines, and Alaska Airlines. The City has received informal notice from American Airlines that in the March or April timeframe, they will have relinquished all of their five daily flight slots. The Airport Bureau has asked for formal notification from American Airlines; however, that has not yet been received. Should those five slots be returned, one of them would be returned automatically to JetBlue, based on a February 2003 agreement wherein JetBlue relinquished five of their slots for use by American and Alaska. The remaining four, if and when formally relinquished, would be allocated pursuant to the City's Flight Allocation Resolution C-28465. The Airport Bureau currently has formal letters of request for flight slots from JetBlue (for any slots that become available), Alaska (for five) and FedEx (for two).

Commuter Slots - On January 3, 2006, Delta Airlines announced that they would begin service from LB Airport to Salt Lake City, three daily flights, on March 6. Delta's connection carrier, SkyWest Airlines, will operate the new service using Bombardier regional jets.

▪ **Public Affairs Activities**

Airport staff participated in the Carmelitos Housing Community Christmas donation program. Gifts donated by Airport employees, toys, school supplies, clothing and gift cards were given to the children during their celebration on December 22, 2005.

Airport employees and family members participated in Operation Christmas, a Christmas feeding program coordinated by the Salvation Army and hosted by the Reef Restaurant. Each year, the Salvation Army partners with a restaurant in the community to feed the homeless and families in need. This year, about 1,200 people were served Christmas meals on December 25, from 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

4th District Annual Snow Day – The Airport will participate in the First Annual 4th District Snow Day in Whaley Park on Saturday, January 21. Airport staff will distribute general Airport information, information on the Internet flight tracking system WebTrak, and updated EIR information.

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.

Holiday Parking – The demand for parking during the 2005 Christmas holiday season reached its peak on December 25, with 4,932 vehicles parked in various lots in and around the Airport. This represented a 5.2% increase over the 2004 holiday season. Normal Airport capacity is 4,128 parking spaces. In order to accommodate the holiday parking demand, Airport staff implemented an emergency plan that included the reconfiguration of parking Lot C and Remote Lot D, and the relocation of employee parking to a neighboring tenant's parking structure. Additionally, more than 1,500 temporary parking spaces were created in Remote Lot E, at Long Beach City College.

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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