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Government Affairs:

1. Long Beach Transit / Metro Blue Line Service, November 18 – January 7
2. Hosted Parking Structure A Ribbon Cutting, November 22
3. Attended Airports Council International-North America (ACI-NA) Marketing and Communications (MarCom) Conference
4. Participated in an Active Shooter Preparedness Drill hosted by JetBlue Airways, November 8
5. Planning with Health Department on Airport Homeless-Prevention Change Receptacles continues

Community Outreach:

1. Hosted Festival of Flight, November 4
2. Participated in Dia de los Muertos, November 4
3. Participated in Veterans Celebration following Veterans Parade, November 11
4. Exhibited at Long Beach Innovation Summit, November 14
5. Volunteers led one group tour of the airport in November
6. LGB Live Holiday performances occurred throughout December
7. Participated in Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association (BKBIA) First Fridays, December 1
8. Participated in Belmont Shore Christmas Parade, December 2
9. Participated in Daisy Lane Christmas Parade, December 9
10. Volunteers led four group tours of the airport in December
11. Historical Society Long Beach Remembers Pearl Harbor exhibit and Long Beach Airport's contribution continues

Media:

1. Annual Festival of Flight to Honor Long Beach Aviation History This Saturday; *LBPost* 11/1/17
2. Two Firms Return Long Beach Airport RFP; *Orange County Business Journal* 11/1/17
3. Long Beach Airport to Take Off With Flight Festival; *Gazettes* 11/2/17
4. Free Holiday Express Shuttle Between Long Beach Airport and Blue Line to Launch Saturday; *LBPost* 11/16/17
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11. Long Beach Airport Travel Up Sharply in October; *Los Angeles Business Journal* 11/27/17
12. Century Club Plaques Installed At Long Beach Airport; *Gazettes* 11/30/17
13. Dual-Branded Homewood Suites and Hampton Inn Long Beach Airport Opens in California with General Manager R.J. Escobedo in the Pilot's Seat; *Hotel-Online.com* 12/4/17
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17. These Airports Have Amazing Outdoor Spaces; *TripSavy.com* 12/28/17
18. Social Media
 - Facebook is up 16,103 likes in November
 - The best post in November had a reach of 3,795 with 65 reactions, comments, and shares
 - Notable events: Parking Structure A Opening, Festival of Flight, Blue Line 2 Airline shuttle service
 - Twitter is up to 11,443 followers in November
 - The best tweet in November generated 5,830 impressions, 10 retweets, and 21 likes
 - Tweets in November generated 57,300 impressions
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 - In November, posts averaged 115 likes each
 - The most popular post earned 263 likes and 1,878 impressions
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 - The best post in December had a reach of 4,188 with 215 reactions, comments, and shares.
 - Notable events: TSA Chorus, Lakewood High School caroling, Santa in the concourse, Belmont Shore Parade
 - Twitter is up to 11,576 followers in December
 - The best tweet in December generated 4,043 impressions, 6 retweets, and 12 likes
 - Tweets in December generated 54,500 impressions
 - Instagram is up to 3,692 followers in December
 - In December, posts averaged 73 likes each.

- The most popular post earned 125 likes, 1,038 reach, and 1,347 impressions.

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1. Airport Fact Sheets completed
2. Economic Impact Report brochure, continued editing
3. Billboards installed on airport property
4. Los Angeles Chargers program, ½ page, full color ad
5. Press Telegram Newspapers in Education, monthly recognition 2017
6. Long Beach Veterans Day program, ½ page, full color ad, November 2017
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8. Long Beach Ballet program, full page, full color ad, December 2017 issue
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Annual Festival of Flight to Honor Long Beach Aviation History This Saturday

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One week until #LBFestivalofFlight! We are excited to announce that the [Condor Squadron](#) will be flying over Long Beach Airport shortly after the festival begins! The Condor Squadron is a group of aviation enthusiasts who restore and fly planes originally flown during World War II.

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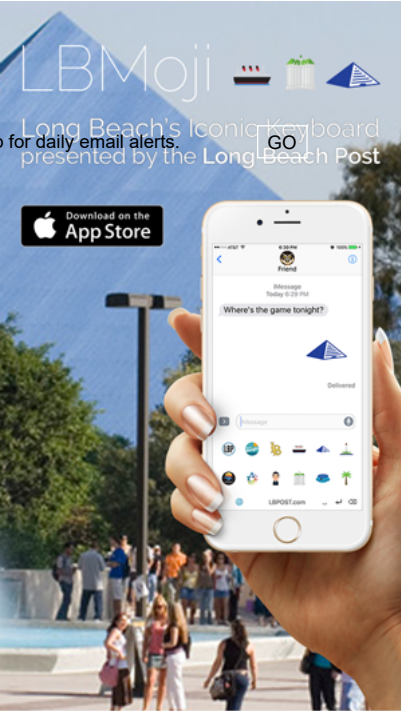
Experience a dose of Long Beach aviation history this Saturday, November 4 when thousands of attendees are expected to enjoy the annual Festival of Flight at Long Beach Airport (LGB) between 10:00AM and 4:00PM.

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"Long Beach Airport's Festival of Flight is a wonderful way to show the community how important aviation has been to our City's history," Mayor Robert Garcia said in a statement. "It is a great opportunity for the public to learn about what a significant role our airport plays in the region's economy, and a fun event for the whole family, so I encourage everyone to join me there."

Highlights of the festival will include an opening ceremony by the California State Military Reserve from Joint Forces Training Base Los Alamitos color guard, the Condor Squadron of WWII-era warbirds conducting a formation flyover during the opening of the festival and static displays featuring a C-17 from March Air Force Base, Virgin Orbit's "Cosmic Girl" 747 (/business/2000011267-virgin-orbit-s-cosmic-girl-satellite-air-launch-platform-touches-down-in-long-beach) and a Gulfstream G650 jet, as well as live music, according to the release.

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Virgin Orbit's Cosmic Girl Satellite Air Launch Platform Touches Down in Long Beach (/business/2000011267-virgin-orbit-s-cosmic-girl-satellite-air-launch-platform-touches-down-in-long-beach)

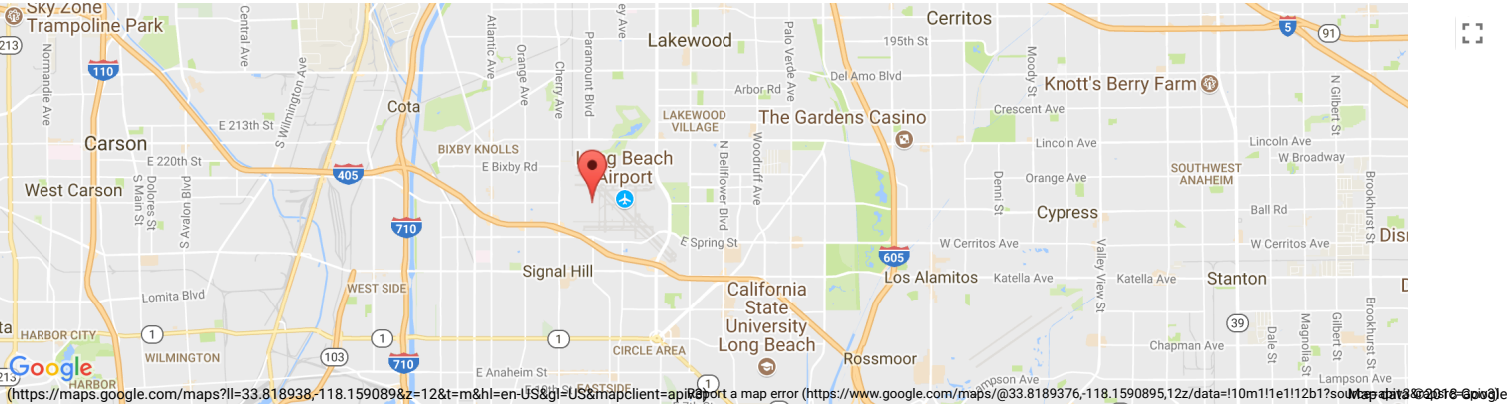
"This year's Festival of Flight is shaping up to be one of the best yet," Councilwoman Stacy Mungo said in a statement. "With a C-17 from March Air Force Base and Virgin Orbit's Cosmic Girl confirmed to participate, plus countless activities for kids and live music, there will truly be something of interest for the entire family."

Attendees are encouraged to bring water and wear closed-toed shoes, while bags and pets, with the exception of service animals, will not be allowed. Guests can share their social medias posts using #LBFestivalofFlight, #LongBeachAirport, #LGB and #AvGeek.

"We are thrilled to host this community event," Airport Director Jess L. Romo, AAE, said in a statement. "Our airport holds an esteemed spot in aviation history and a special place in the community. We will provide wonderful family friendly entertainment and inspire a new generation of aviation enthusiasts during the Festival of Flight."

Free parking is available at the corner of East Wardlow Road and Globemaster Way. For more information, follow Long Beach Airport on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/LGBAirport/)or visit the website here (http://www.lgb.org). (http://www.lgb.org.)

The festival will be located at the west end of the airfield at 3590 East Wardlow Road.



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Two Firms Return Long Beach Airport RFP

By Paul Hughes (/staff/paul-hughes/)

Wednesday, November 1, 2017





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Ross Aviation and Gulfstream Aerospace Corp. responded by a Nov. 1 deadline to a Long Beach Airport request for proposals on the development of 31 acres near the facility.

Denver-based Ross bought the AirFlite fixed-base operations at the airport last November. AirFlite was a unit of Toyota Motor Sales, which sold the FBO as part of moving its North American headquarters from Torrance to Texas, a process it completed this year.

A fixed-base operator provides fuel, hangar space, and aircraft parking, rental and maintenance, among other services, to owners of small planes and general aviation charter carriers.

Ross' Long Beach operations have about 130,000 square feet of hangar space, and a four-story terminal with lounges for pilots, crews, clients, conference rooms and passenger areas.

Principal Jeff Ross is also a managing partner of CapEx LP, a \$60 million debt and equity fund in Denver.

Savannah-Ga.-based Gulfstream is part of West Falls Church, based-General Dynamics, a defense contractor with about \$31 billion in revenue and \$3 billion in net income.

Gulfstream designs, builds, sells and services business jets; its Long Beach facilities include 325,000 square feet of aircraft completion and service area, maintenance facilities, offices, and work space. It has about 850 employees there, and 13,000 companywide.

The city of Long Beach, which owns the airport, said a response by only a few bidders was somewhat expected because of the restrictions on the project, which is devoted to aeronautical uses without generic real estate components.

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Long Beach Airport To Take Off With Flight Festival

Emily Thornton Nov 2, 2017



Planes line the runway at the Long Beach Airport during a previous Festival of Flight.

—Gazette photo by Michael Wada

They're taking off at the Long Beach Airport this Saturday with the fourth annual Festival of Flight.

The free, public event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at 4100 Donald Douglas Dr. Features include food trucks, static aircraft and vehicle displays, Roxanne's Lounge on Wheels' beer garden, and entertainment.

Airport tenants, pilot shops, fixed-based operators and flying schools also will be on hand.



"We're hoping for a great party... Last year, we had more than 5,000 people and this year we're expecting more," airport spokeswoman Stephanie Montuya-Morisky said. "It's a great time to get the family and your kids out there... It's a great family day."

She added bands, including MOVE, Scotty Mac Band and others, will perform live. About 30 airplanes and five food trucks also will be available, she said. Airplanes include a C-17, 747 and a Gulfstream. Additionally, military reservists will conduct a drill with a C-130, she said.

Although it's a special event, Montuya-Morisky said security will be very strict and people shouldn't bring their own alcohol, coolers or pets, unless they are service animals. Random searches also will be conducted, she said.

Attendees can enter from the west end at East Wardlow Road and Globemaster Way. Free parking is available.

For more information, visit www.lgb.org/information/festival_of_flight.asp, call (562) 570-2678, or email flylgb@longbeach.gov.

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Free Holiday Express Shuttle Between Long Beach Airport and Blue Line to Launch Saturday

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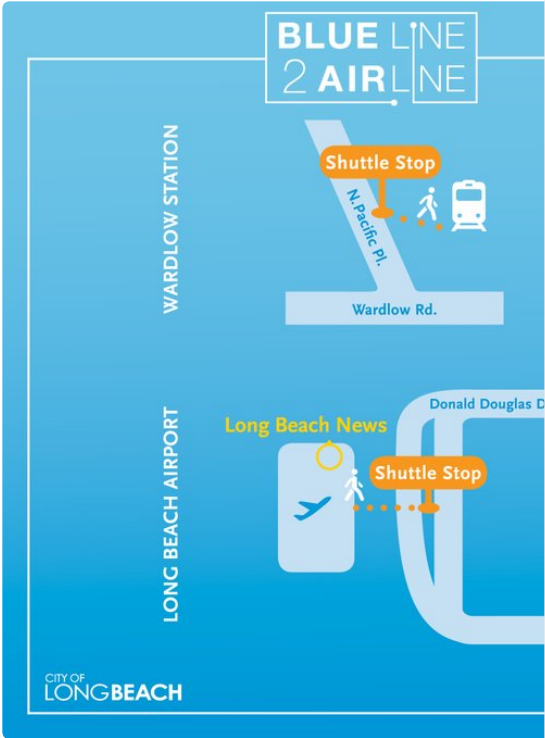
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Long Beach Transit (LBT) and the City of Long Beach announced this week the start of a pilot program to provide free transportation between the Long Beach Airport (LGB) and the Metro Blue Line via an LBT-operated express bus shuttle called the Blue Line 2 Airline.

“We are committed to moving Long Beach forward and since joining the Board of Directors of L.A. Metro, we have been exploring new strategies for connecting our transportation infrastructures,” Mayor Robert Garcia said in a statement. “This direct LBT bus connection between the Blue Line and the airport is another step forward in providing transportation alternatives.”

The shuttle will connect the Metro Blue Line Wardlow Station with LGB’s historic terminal starting Saturday, offering direct airport service every half hour from 5:45AM to 8:15PM daily through Sunday, January 7.

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“A direct LBT bus connection between the Blue Line and the airport will speed travel times, reduce congestion and enhance our customer experience,” LBT Chief Executive Officer Kenneth McDonald stated. “Launching the Blue Line 2 Airline service during the busy holiday travel season will help reduce the number of car trips taken in and around the airport.”

LGB is a city-owned facility that handles nearly 3.5 million commercial airline passengers a year, according to the release.

“Long Beach Airport provides easy access to 15 nonstop destinations in the United States,” Long Beach Airport Director Jess L. Romo said in a statement. “The Blue Line 2 Airline shuttle service is an alternative ground transportation choice for local passengers traveling to and from the airport and creates more connection to the rest of the network.”



The Wardlow Station can be reached by taking the Blue Line light-rail line from Downtown Long Beach or Downtown Los Angeles. The Blue Line 2 Airline shuttle is made possible through a subsidy from the City of Long Beach to LBT for transit operations.

Learn more about Long Beach Transit through the website [here](#).

[†] The Metro Blue Line Wardlow Station is located at 3420 North Pacific Place.

LOCAL NEWS

Free shuttle between Blue Line station and Long Beach Airport over holidays

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Long Beach will offer free shuttle service between the Long Beach Airport and the Wardlow Blue Line Station over the holiday season, officials announced on Wednesday.

The pilot program begins on Saturday and will last through Jan. 7, with daily rides running every 30 minutes between the hours of 5:45 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. The Blue Line 2 Airline shuttle is being funded through subsidy from the city of Long Beach to Long Beach Transit for operational needs.

In a statement released Wednesday, Mayor Robert Garcia said the city has been exploring transportation options since he joined the Board of Directors for Los Angeles County Metro, which manages the county's public transportation network, including bus routes and light rail lines.

"We are committed to moving Long Beach forward," he said in the statement.

Long Beach Transit CEO Kenneth McDonald said the new service should help reduce the number of car trips taken in and around the airport, which would, in turn, speed travel times and reduce congestion during the busy holiday travel season.

Long Beach Airport is a city-owned facility that handles nearly 3.5 million commercial airline passengers per year.

The Metro Blue Line Wardlow Station is located at 3420 N. Pacific Place in Long Beach. It can be reached by taking the Blue Line light-rail line from Downtown Long Beach or Downtown Los Angeles.

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Free shuttle service to LGB offered during holiday season

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The holiday season may be just a bit less stressful for locals this year, as the City of Long Beach, Long Beach Transit and the Long Beach Airport (LGB) have joined forces to



Cory Bilicko | Signal Tribune

During a press conference on Nov. 15, officials announced the start of a free shuttle service between LGB and the Metro Blue Line's Wardlow Station. Pictured from left are: Long Beach Airport Director Jess Romo; Long Beach Transit Executive Director Debra Johnson; Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia; and 7th District Councilmember Roberto Uranga.

provide a free direct shuttle between LGB and the Metro Blue Line's Wardlow Station. At a press conference Wednesday morning at the train stop, officials said they foresee the so-called "Blue Line 2 Airline" service alleviating traffic congestion in the area during the busy shopping and travel season.

"Residents or visitors will be able to come right here to the Wardlow station— the Blue Line station— and take a free shuttle every 30 minutes from here to the Long Beach Airport," said Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia. "This is a service that we haven't had in the past or hasn't been a direct connection like this one from the Blue Line to the airport, and so we're really excited about this."

Seventh District Councilmember Roberto Uranga, who was also present at the event, said the Wardlow station sits right in the middle of his district and that the airport is positioned at one of its borders.

"So, this is a great opportunity for the 7th-district residents and the businesses that are here to take advantage of an opportunity that is going to be good for them when they want to travel out of town or when they're coming into town [...]," Uranga said. "One of the proudest moments that I have is actually being here to launch this program."

The shuttle will stop at the Wardlow station on Pacific Place and at LGB on the outer curb in front of the main terminal. It will operate from Saturday, Nov. 18 until Sunday, Jan. 7, from 5am to 8pm. It will depart Wardlow station at 20 and 50 minutes past the hour and will depart the airport at 15 and 45 minutes past the hour.

More information is available at BlueLine2Airline@longbeach.gov or (562) 281-2301.



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City Leaders Celebrate Renovations to Airport Parking Structure Meant to Improve Traffic Flow

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Mayor Robert Garcia cuts a ceremonial ribbon for Long Beach Airport's Parking Structure A. Photos courtesy of City of Long Beach.

Long Beach city officials gathered at Long Beach Airport Wednesday morning to celebrate the renovations made to a parking structure meant to improve pedestrian and vehicle traffic flow.

"This project is a part of a larger vision of ensuring that the Long Beach Airport remains a world-class airport for ease and efficiency for residents and visitors alike," said Mayor Robert Garcia in a statement.

Parking Structure A had been closed since January 7 to allow for the months-long improvements that took place. The structure is located near the Historic Terminal.



The upgrades include a new dual-cab elevator tower with glass windows overlooking the Historic Terminal and LGB airfield, a new outdoor metal stairwell, a new dual-lane passenger vehicle exit, implementation of airport wayfinding signs, interior and exterior painting and landscaping to the surrounding area, energy efficient LED lighting, restriping and 80 Clean Air Vehicle parking spaces as required by state law.

More than 1,000 parking spaces will be provided in the parking structure.

The total cost of construction was \$5 million.



Self-parking is available in Parking Structures A and B at \$2 per hour, with a maximum \$19 per day in Parking Structure A and \$17 in Parking Structure B. For general parking information contact AMB Parking Services at (562) 377-6116.

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Long Beach airport garage open in time for busy holiday travel season



L-R Councilmember Roberto Uranga, Long Beach Airport director, Jess L. Romo, Mayor Robert Garcia and airport advisory chair, Wayne Chaney, at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the renovated parking structure A. The project construction cost was \$4.8 million and has more than 1,000 parking spaces, including 21 accessible parking spots. There are new elevators, outdoor stairwells, LED lighting and fresh paint. Long Beach November 22, 20107. Photo by Brittany Murray, Press Telegram/SCNG

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With the busy holiday travel season underway, Long Beach has reopened one of its main parking garages after months of renovations.

The approximately \$5 million improvements to Parking Structure A include the addition of 1,000 new spaces and a streamlined pedestrian and vehicular traffic flow, as well as a new dual-cab elevator, an outdoor stairwell, a new dual-lane passenger vehicle exit, among other fixes.

“This project is a part of a larger vision of ensuring that the Long Beach Airport remains a world-class airport for ease and efficiency for residents and visitors alike,” Mayor Robert Garcia in a statement released Wednesday.

Officials estimate 50,000 travelers will make their way through the local airport this holiday weekend.

The airport’s twitter account shared a few images from a ribbon cutting ceremony on the rooftop Wednesday morning that included a red carpet ensconced by bright yellow and green balloon palm trees and a special appearance by “Tom the turkey,” who was purportedly offering travel tips in time for the Thanksgiving holiday.



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We are here at the reopening of Parking Structure A. Renovations to Parking Structure A began in January and were completed in November. Today our special guest, Tom the turkey, is giving our guests tips for traveling during the holidays!

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The reopening follows an announcement last week about free shuttle service between the Wardlow Blue Line Station and Long Beach Airport through Jan.7.

The pilot program began on Saturday, with daily rides running every 30 minutes between the hours of 5:45 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. The Blue Line 2 Airline shuttle is being funded through subsidy from the city of Long Beach to Long Beach Transit for operational needs.

Self-parking is available in Parking Structures A and B at the rate of \$2 per hour, with a maximum of \$19 per day in Parking Structure A and \$17 in Parking Structure B. For general parking information, contact ABM Parking Services at (562) 377-6116.

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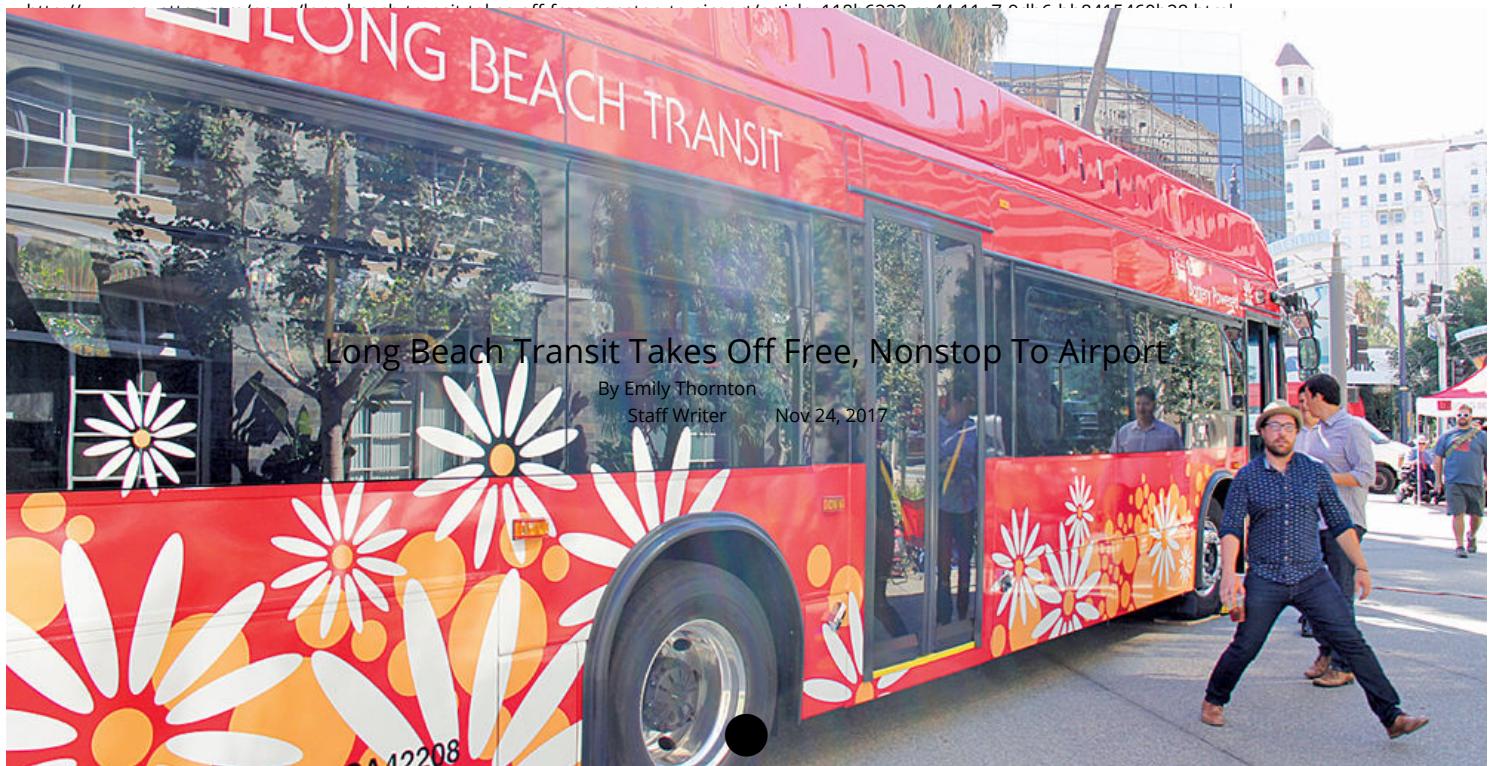
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A free, nonstop shuttle ride to the Long Beach Airport is possible this holiday season.

That's because Long Beach Transit (LBT) and city officials announced Wednesday, Nov. 15, a pilot program started Saturday, Nov. 18, running from the Metro Blue Line Wardlow Station to the airport. The service continues through Sunday, Jan. 7.



Called the Blue Line 2 Airline, two shuttles will run between the station and the airport. They will depart every 30 minutes at 15 and 45 minutes past the hour, beginning at 5:45 a.m. and ending at 8:15 p.m. daily. The airport stop is in front of the main terminal's outer curb.

"This is a great opportunity for residents and businesses when they need to travel in and out of town... One of my proudest moments is to be here for this," Seventh District Councilman Roberto Uranga said at Wednesday's press conference. "Holiday travel is right around the corner. I really hope people take advantage of this service."

Uranga said the new service is offered in his district, as Wardlow Station is at 3420 N. Pacific Place. The station is accessible by taking the Blue Line light rail line from downtown Long Beach or downtown Los Angeles.

The city subsidized LBT for transit operations with L.A. County Proposition A money, part of which is for the new service, and is not part of the city's fiscal year 2018 budget, transit public information officer Paul Gonzales said.

"We are committed to moving Long Beach forward and since joining the Board of Directors of L.A. Metro, we have been exploring new strategies for connecting our transportation infrastructures," Mayor Robert Garcia said in a release. "This direct LBT bus connection between the Blue Line and the airport is another step forward in providing transportation alternatives."

Garcia said more than \$1 million has been invested recently into Blue Line upgrades. Security also has improved, Garcia said.

"Ridership is slowly beginning to increase," Garcia said.



A Long Beach Transit bus sits in front of the Long Beach Airport's main terminal
—Photo courtesy Jenny Sherman/LBT



The Blue Line and airport connection is expected to speed travel times, reduce congestion and enhance customers' experiences, according to LBT chief executive officer Kenneth McDonald.

LBT has 26 million annual riders in Long Beach, Lakewood and Signal Hill, as well as portions of other neighboring cities, according to a release.

Long Beach Airport has almost 3.5 million commercial airline passengers annually, according to a release.

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For more information, visit lgb.org or www.lbtransit.com, email blueline2airline@longbeach.gov or call (562) 281-2301.

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Long Beach Transit's Metro Blue Line Wardlow Station.

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LGB hosts ribbon-cutting for completed parking renovations

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The Long Beach Airport hosted a ribbon-cutting event for the terminal's completed Parking A renovations, which is intended to provide better flexibility for passengers traveling during the holiday season. From left: Roberto Uranga, 7th district councilmember; Jess Romo, Long Beach Airport director; Robert Garcia, Long Beach mayor; and Wayne Chaney Sr., chair of the LGB Advisory Commission.

Long Beach Airport (LGB) hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 22 to celebrate completed renovations to Parking Structure A. The improvements to the parking structure are intended to provide flexibility for those traveling during the holiday season.

"This project is a part of a larger vision of ensuring that the Long Beach Airport remains a world-class airport for ease and efficiency for residents and visitors alike," said Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia. Parking Structure A closed Jan. 7 in preparation for the renovations. The improvements to the structure seek to improve pedestrian and vehicular traffic flow. They consist of:

- New dual-cab elevator tower with glass windows overlooking the Historic Terminal and LGB airfield.
- New outdoor metal stairwell adjacent to the elevator tower.
- New dual-lane passenger vehicle exit.
- Implementation of airport wayfinding sign programs.
- Significant aesthetic improvements, including interior and exterior painting and landscaping areas surrounding the structure.
- The replacement of over 240 high-pressured sodium (HPS) fixtures with new energy efficient LED lighting.
- Restriping throughout the parking structure.
- The addition of 80 clean-air vehicle parking spaces, as required per California Green Building Standards Code.

"Long Beach is beaming with pride today," said Stacy Mungo, 5th district councilmember. "The improvements to the parking structure not only offer accessibility and safety for travelers, but truly complement our award-winning facility."

The parking structure provides more than 1,000 parking spaces within walking distance of the terminal. The parking structure renovation project was awarded to R.J. Daum Construction Company. The total cost of construction was \$5 million.

"Long Beach Airport strives to provide a first-class experience for all," said LGB Director Jess Romo. "The renovations to Parking Structure A will enhance the travel experience by providing greater accessibility just steps away from the terminal."

Self-parking is available in Parking Structures A and B at the rate of \$2 per hour, with a maximum of \$19 per day in Parking Structure A and \$17 in Parking Structure B. For general parking information, contact ABM Parking Services at (562) 377-6116.



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Completed renovations to Long Beach Airport's Parking Structure A are intended to make accessibility to the terminal easier for locals traveling during the holidays, according to airport and City of Long Beach officials.

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Long Beach Airport Traffic Up Sharply in October

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Passenger traffic at Long Beach Airport was up 25 percent in October from the same month last year, according to airport officials.

Nearly 165,000 passengers boarded airplanes at the airport - a 25 percent jump - and was led by a 32,000 increase in passenger count, or 33 percent, in boardings for JetBlue Airways.

Passenger boardings are also up for the first 10 months of this year, with 1.56 million travelers providing a 35 percent increase from the same 10-month period last year. That total has also surpassed the total for all of 2016 of 1.43 million passengers.

The increases are the result of decisions the city of Long Beach made last year to allow nine more daily flights from the airport, bringing the total to 50. Southwest Airlines received four of those daily flights, JetBlue three and Delta Airlines two. The airlines immediately put those new flight allotments to use.

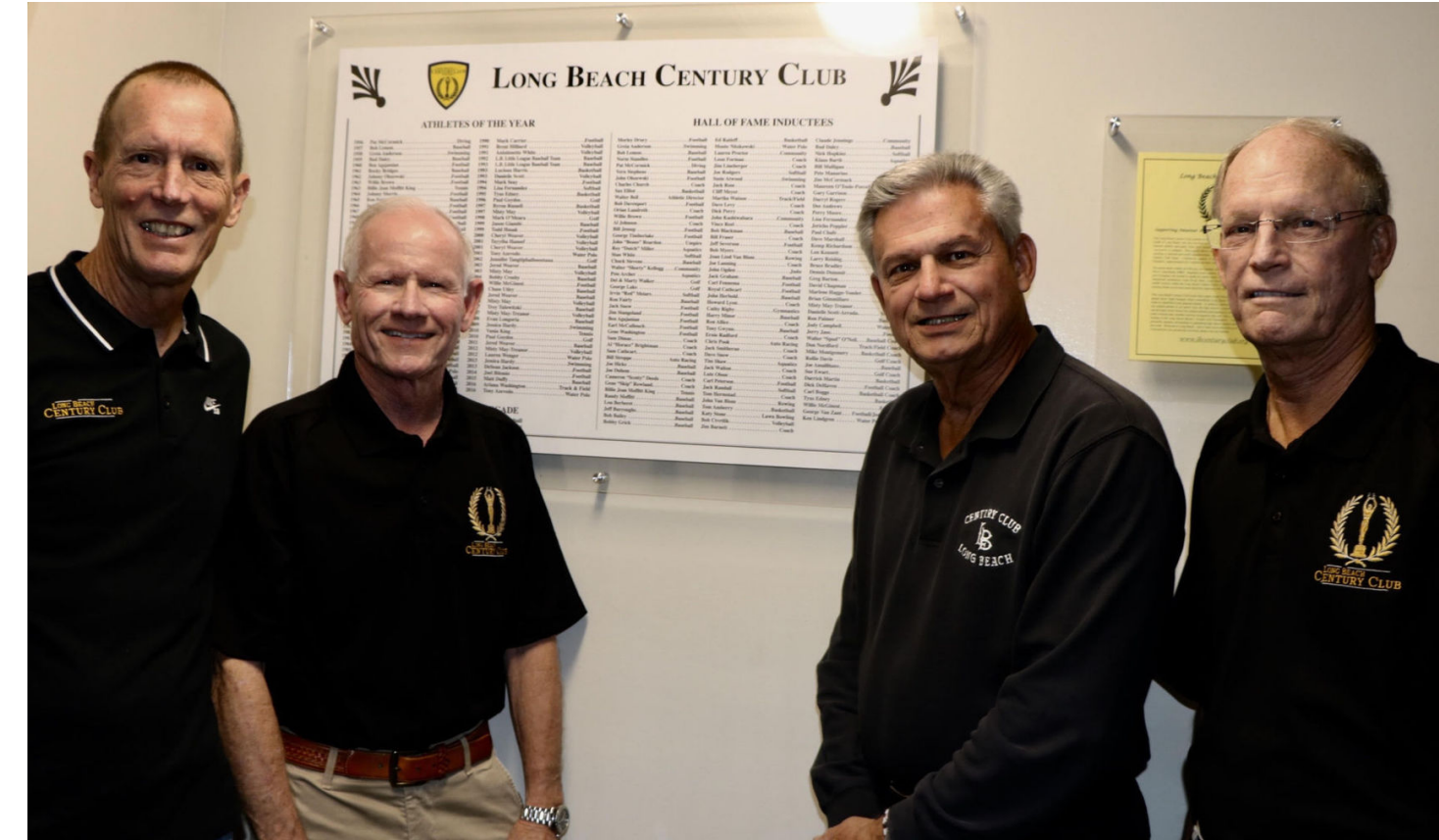
JetBlue posted the biggest numerical increase in passengers of 315,000 (up 34 percent), followed by Southwest Airlines, which was up 105,000, or 150 percent. In addition to Southwest being granted more slots by airport officials, the airline in March acquired two flight slots from American Airlines.

Air cargo traffic was also up in October - 8 percent - over the year. For the first 10 months of 2017, air cargo tonnage dropped 7 percent.

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Century Club Plaques Installed At Long Beach Airport

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President Joe Carlson, Keith Hansen, Dan Gooch, John Fylpaa—the Century Club board members instrumental to the plaque's installation.

Last week, the Long Beach Airport got a minor upgrade with the installation of an exhibit showcasing the history of sports in the city.



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The Long Beach Century Club, which operates the only sports Hall of Fame in Long Beach that crosses all sports and schools, now has a plaque at the airport that lists the names of the club's Hall of Famers, as well as its Athletes of the Year.

The Century Club has been inducting athletes and honoring Athletes of the Year for more than half a century, as well as donating money to schools and teams in support of amateur athletics in Long Beach. Alongside the list of athletes is a small plaque with the club's mission statement.

The plaque is in the main terminal of the airport, directly across from the JetBlue gates.

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LONG BEACH, Calif. and MCLEAN, Va. - Hilton (<http://hiltonworldwide.com>) (NYSE: HLT) today announced the opening of its newest hotel, the dual-branded Hampton Inn by Hilton Long Beach Airport (<http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/california/hampton-inn-long-beach-airport-LGBAPHX/index.html>) and Homewood Suites by Hilton Long Beach Airport (<http://homewoodsuites3.hilton.com/en/hotels/california/homewood-suites-by-hilton-long-beach-airport-LGBARHW/index.html>) bringing a total of 241 new rooms to the beautiful Long Beach area. The dual-brand hotel enters a market that saw its strongest year since 2008 as the city reported an estimated \$300 million economic impact by overnight visitors in the last recorded year*.

"Southern California has presented a prime opportunity for expansion, coming on the heels of a record-breaking year for Long Beach tourism in 2016*," said Jef Fazzio-Lawrence, general manager of Hampton Inn by Hilton Long Beach Airport. "This dual-branded Hampton Inn and Homewood Suites by Hilton, located in a prime area of Southern California, diversifies our presence in the market while providing travelers comfortable and value-driven options."

Developed and owned by Nexus Development and managed by Evolution Hospitality, Hampton Inn by Hilton Long Beach Airport and Homewood Suites by Hilton Long Beach Airport are both located at 3771 N. Lakewood Blvd., offering guests convenient access to Long Beach Airport and Douglas Park, where companies such as Boeing, Gulf Stream, Mercedes-Benz and other corporations have offices. In addition, the dual-brand hotel is close to I-405, beautiful beaches and SoCal attractions such as the StubHub Center and amusement parks. A complimentary shuttle service to LGB Airport and Douglas Park is also available.

The dual-brand concept creates enhanced and larger communal areas than what would be standard at a stand-alone property, benefiting both business and leisure travelers. The hotel has two distinct dining areas - each catering to the needs of their respective guests - as well as a shared 24-hour fitness center, putting green, grill area and outdoor heated pool for guests to unwind. The property also offers flexible space that is ideal for meetings and social events.

"With almost six miles of beautiful oceanfront and an up-and-coming business district that is home to major corporations, Long Beach encompasses the charisma of a quaint seaside community alongside the sophistication of a bustling urban environment," said R.J. Escobedo, general manager of Homewood Suites by Hilton Long Beach Airport. "Our hotel is a new extended-stay option that guarantees convenience, comfort and value-added incentives for all types of travelers, whether traveling to the region for business or leisure."

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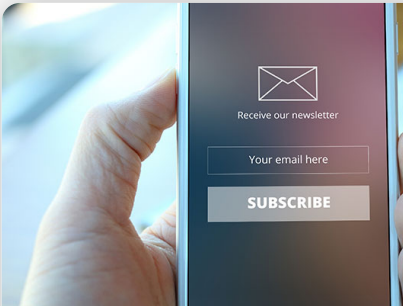
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Hampton Inn by Hilton Long Beach Airport provides guests with a fresh start to each day with On the House hot breakfast, which includes eggs, oatmeal and waffles. In addition, the hotel provides Hampton's On the Run™ Breakfast Bags for those guests on the go, available Monday through Friday. Also, other amenities include free Wi-Fi and a 24-hour business centre with complimentary printing. Each guestroom features HDTV, a refrigerator and coffeemaker. Hampton by Hilton hotel offers warm surroundings, a friendly service culture and a staff that makes sure guests are 100 percent happy. Guaranteed.®

Homewood Suites by Hilton Long Beach Airport offers a combination of studio and one-bedroom accommodations, featuring fully equipped kitchens and separate living and sleeping areas. Guests are also provided all the essentials needed for a smart, reliable and convenient stay including complimentary daily full-hot breakfast, evening social Monday-Thursday, Wi-Fi and a grocery shopping service**.

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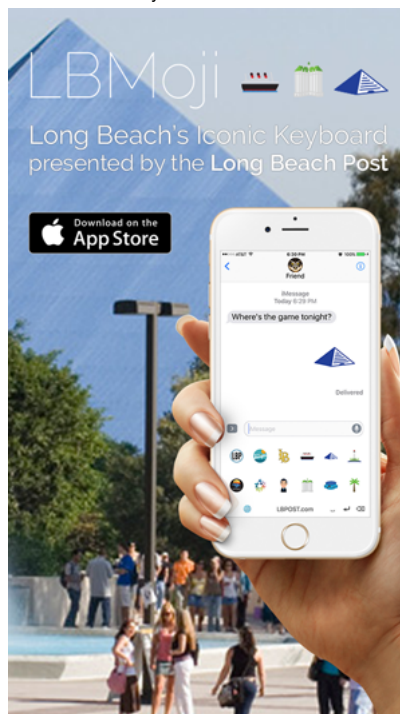
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With over 50,000 passengers expected to travel through Long Beach Airport this Thanksgiving weekend, officials have provided some tips and options for travelers needing to get to the airport.

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- Blue Line 2 Airline provides a free connection between LGB and Metro Blue Line's Wardlow Station. For more information click here (/place/transit/2000011766-free-holiday-express-shuttle-between-long-beach-airport-and-blue-line-to-launch-saturday).
- Have a friend or family member drop you off right in front of the terminal. Drivers picking up passengers are encouraged to use the free Cell Phone Waiting Lot, located at 3402 N. Lakewood Boulevard.
- Rideshare at LGB. Lyft, Opoli, See Jane Go and Uber can pick up and drop off passengers at the median curb in front of the Historic Terminal.
- Valet parking is available for \$24 per day just north of the terminal and includes a free car wash.
- Long Beach Yellow Cab offers taxi service at the taxi stand located just outside the terminal.
- The Airport Ground Transportation Center, directly across from the terminal building, offers easy access to Avis, Budget, Enterprise, Hertz, and National/Alamo car rental services.
- Long Beach Transit has a convenient stop at the airport on Barbara London Drive. Long Beach Transit Bus Routes 102, 104, and 111 serve LGB.
- A variety of shuttles, vans, and limousine options are also available on site.

Holiday Travel Tips

- Arrive at the airport at least two hours prior to departure to ensure adequate time to pass through security, and enjoy award-winning dining options in the concourse.
- Verify flight schedules and baggage rules with airlines ahead of time. Click here (https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/whatcanibring) to determine what you can bring in your carry-on and checked baggage before arriving at the airport.
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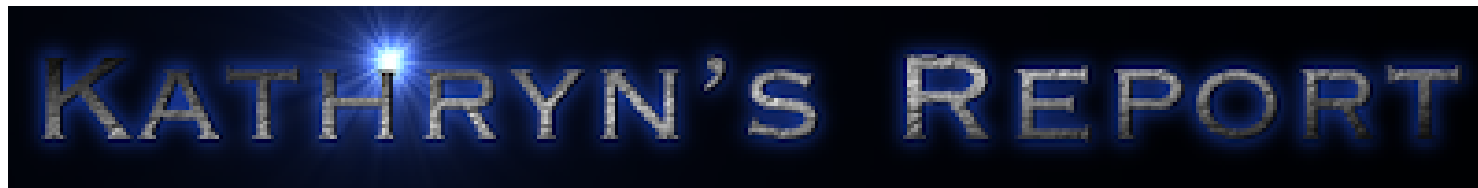
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Long Beach Airport (KLGB) General Aviation Runway Will Close For Repairs

Runway 25L at the Long Beach Airport will be closed starting Jan. 8 for major reconstruction, expected to take six months.

General aviation (private) aircraft will land and takeoff at Runway 25R, the secondary runway, and occasionally on the main runway, 12-30.

Runway 25L should reopen by the end of July 2018, airport officials said. When it is usable again, 25R will close for a month to install blast pads, used to stabilize the ground from jet blasts.

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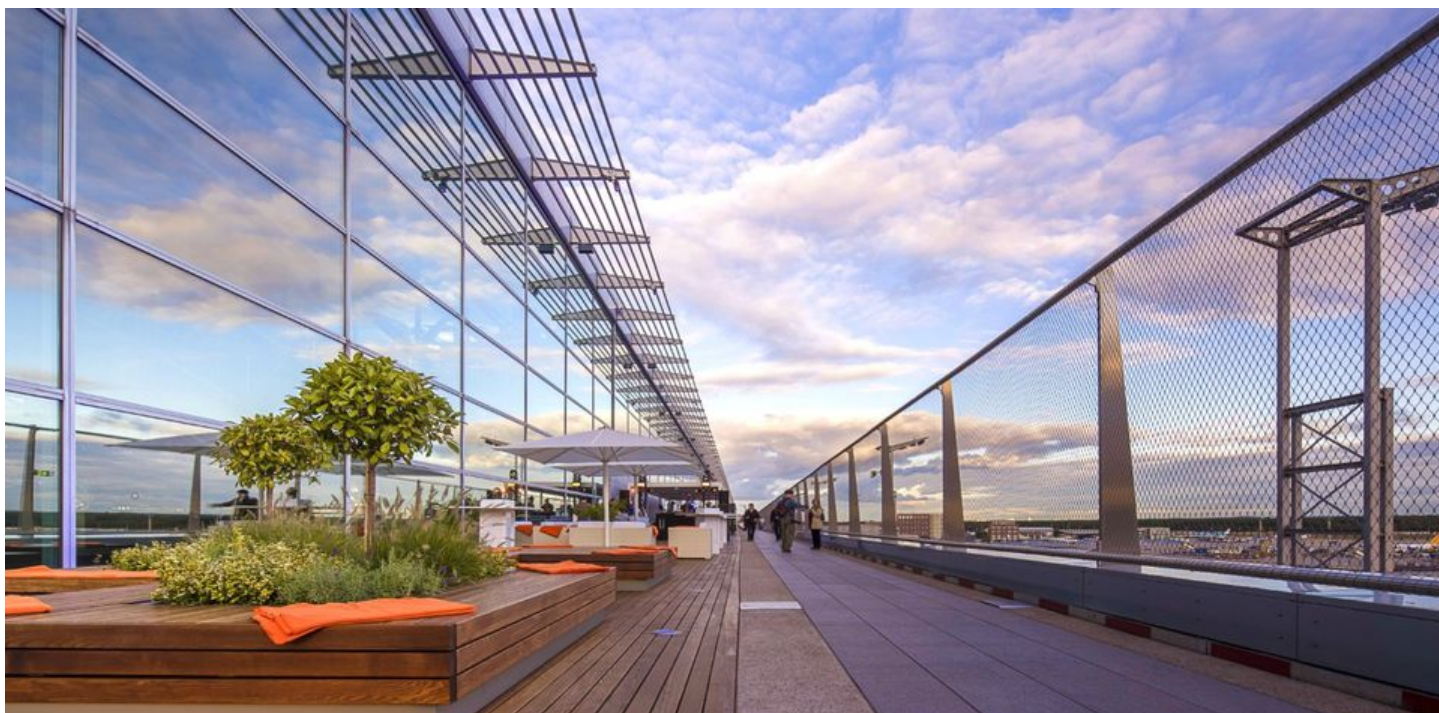
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Being hours early to the airport no longer means having to be cooped up indoors. One of the hottest trends happening at terminals these days? Outdoor decks or seating areas as a passenger amenity. Most of them include great views of airplanes, taxiways and runways. Below are 10 airports with outdoor spaces you should visit on your next trip.

01 Frankfurt Airport, Germany

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Frankfurt airport's Terminal 2 is home to the Visitors' Terrace. The indoor/outdoor space has seating, with some placed under pavilions to protect against bad weather. The terrace offers great views of the activity on the apron, along with aircraft taking off and landing. The fence features small gaps that allows visitors to take photos on the tarmac. It's close to the terminal's Food Plaza, so visitors can take food and eat outside.

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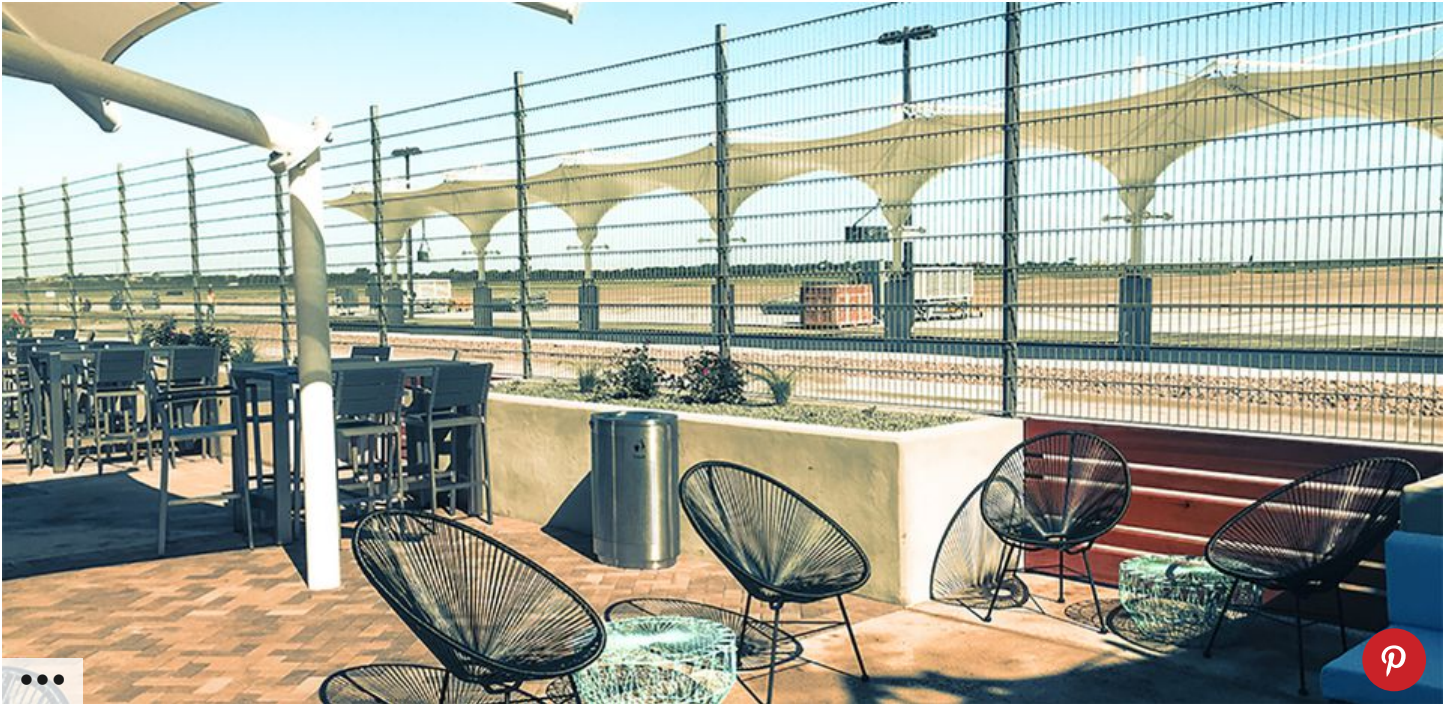


The Panorama Terrace is open to all visitors at the home of KLM. It's located between Departures 1 and 2. The terrace popular with plane spotters and travelers alike because of expansive views of aircraft parked in Schiphol's C, D and E piers, along with city views.

Austin-Bergstrom International Airport

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Austin's hometown airport is home to the South Terminal, designed to house ultra-low-cost carriers including [Allegiant Air](#), [Sun Country Airlines](#) and Via Air. After clearing security, passengers can sit in an outdoor patio area and catch some sun before take-off. The area has tables and chairs, a pet relief area, and access to food trucks that have become iconic in the Texas state capitol. There's also [Wi-Fi access](#) and [charging stations](#) for electronic devices.

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Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport



[The Delta Sky Club](#) in Concourse F features an outdoor deck at the world's busiest airport that is a delight for its best customers. The 1,710 square-foot outdoor space has great views of the airline's ramp operations. It seats nearly 40 guests and has Wi-Fi access and power outlets. There are large heaters for chilly days and an outdoor bar that regularly features the best mixologists from across the country.

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05 [Hong Kong International Airport](#)



In Hong Kong International Airport's Terminal 2 (near the Food Court on the departures level) is the [Aviation Discovery Centre](#), which features aviation-themed exhibits and graphics. It's also home to the outdoor SkyDeck. The large platform is the perfect spot to watch the world's jets, including those of hometown airline Cathay Pacific. It's an open area with no shade, so wear a hat and use sunscreen as you enjoy the aviation view.

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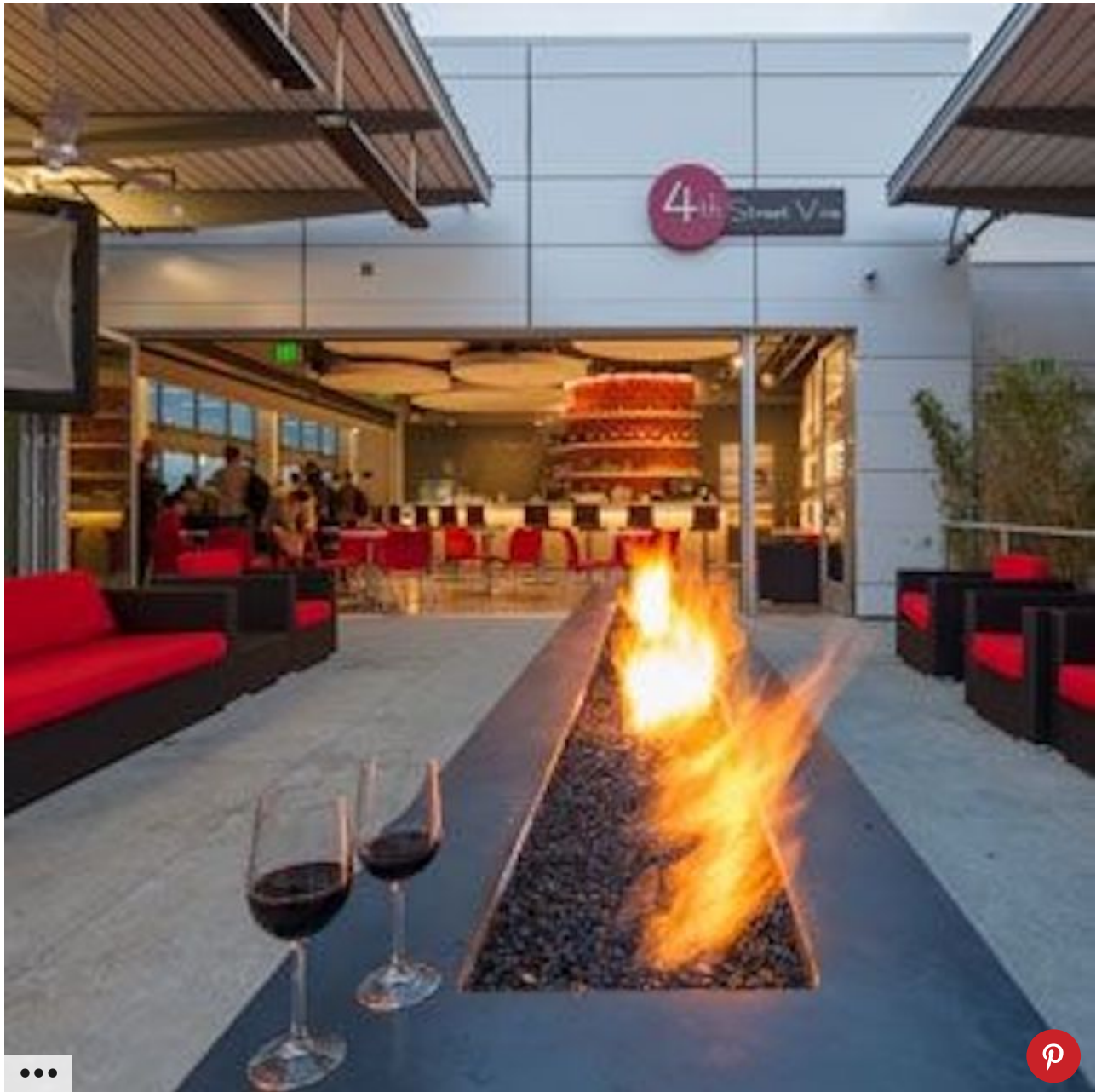
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As if [New York-based JetBlue's](#) flagship Terminal 5 wasn't hip enough, the carrier decided to open a rooftop deck in 2015. The 4,046-square-foot post-security rooftop includes landscaped green spaces, seating for 50 people, a 400-square-foot children's play area and a 400-square-foot dog-walk area. It also offers amazing views of both the Manhattan skyline and the historic TWA Terminal. The space also features free Wi-Fi and three food and beverage carts for a meal or quick snack.

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After passing through security at California's Long Beach Airport, passengers have access to nearly 22,000 square feet of outdoor space with canopied seating areas. Check out the terminal's local eateries and eat outside on wood benches and watch the planes fly in and out. There's even a patio where travelers can grab a glass of wine or food near a fire pit. And enjoy the landscaping that has palm trees and water-friendly native drought-tolerant plants.



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You need to have status to enter the [Star Alliance](#) Lounge in the Tom Bradley International Terminal at LAX. But if you do find yourself in possession of the golden ticket, you can expect fire pits and amazing views of Hollywood and the mountains, along with a free open bar and an expansive food buffet.

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If you're departing from this airport down under, you're most likely looking at a long flight. Before going through security, check out the Cloud 9 rooftop bar at the [Rydges Sydney Airport hotel](#). The bar features signature cocktails, spirits, champagnes, wines and food. But it also has killer views of the airport runway, Port Botany and the city's skyline.

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