

October 18, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the attached annual Long Beach Airport Noise Budget Analysis Report. (District 5)

DISCUSSION

The City's existing Noise Compatibility Ordinance and the 2003 Airline Settlement Agreement mandate the compilation of monthly, quarterly and annual Air Carrier Noise Budget Analysis Reports. The Settlement Agreement defined the noise budget calendar year, from October 1 through September 30, and further stipulated that the annual noise budget report must be released to the public no later than October 15 of each year and City Council action, if needed, take place on or before November 1 of each year. The noise budget report will determine if the air carriers (airlines) are over or under their allotted noise budget and if supplemental slots (exceeding the 41 slot minimum) can be allocated. The allocation of supplemental slots would only be considered if and when there was a valid request and if the allocation would not exceed the noise budget for the year.

In an effort to inform and educate the community on the Airport's noise management policies and noise budget methodology, Airport staff has continued to provide noise budget updates at the Airport Advisory Commission meetings and during public presentations.

The Noise Budget Analysis Report for the period ending September 30, 2005, was compiled by Vince Mestre, Mestre Greve Associates, an acoustical engineering consulting firm. Vince Mestre, Principal Engineer, has over 25 years of experience in the field of acoustical analysis.

The findings of the noise budget analysis, which runs from October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005, indicates that the air carriers finished the year over their allowable budget allowance. Therefore, no supplemental commercial flight slots will be allocated for 2006.

This matter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Mike Mais on October 10, 2005.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on October 18, 2005, to satisfy the November 1 deadline required by the City's Noise Compatibility Ordinance and the 2003 Airline Settlement Agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

APPROVED:

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Attachment

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