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To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager

From: Cynthia Guidry, Director, Long Beach Airport

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: Long Beach Airport Award of Seven Permanent Flight Slots

On January 24, 2020, JetBlue Airways informed Long Beach Airport (Airport) that it would be relinquishing seven Permanent Air Carrier flight slots. The last date of operation for those seven flight slots will be April 28, 2020. On February 27, 2020, the Airport provided correspondence to incumbent Air Carriers and potential New Entrant Air Carriers to update the Permanent Air Carrier Flight Slot Waiting List. Pursuant to the protocol outlined in Section 4 of City Council Resolution No. RES-18-0176 (Allocation Resolution), the Airport is required to reallocate available flight slots within 30 days to interested Air Carriers. Therefore, those Air Carriers requesting to be added to the Permanent Air Carrier Flight Slot Waiting List had until March 27, 2020, to submit written requests to the Airport Director. No New Entrants requested to be added to the Permanent Air Carrier Flight Slot Waiting List (Waiting List), which resulted in the List remaining unchanged. Prior to awarding the seven Permanent Air Carrier flight slots, the Waiting List was the following:

1. Southwest Airlines
2. Hawaiian Airlines
3. Delta Air Lines

All three incumbent Air Carriers on the Permanent Air Carrier Flight Slot Waiting List submitted requests for additional flight slots. Southwest Airlines requested all seven available flights slots while Hawaiian Airlines and Delta Air Lines requested one and three flights slots, respectively.

Based on the Allocation Resolution procedures and protocol, the flights slots were awarded sequentially in increments of one to the Air Carriers and restarting the same list until the Air Carriers had their specific requests fulfilled or until all seven flight slots had been awarded. Based on the Waiting List order, Southwest Airlines was awarded three flight slots, Hawaiian Airlines was awarded one flight slot and Delta Air Lines was awarded three flight slots. After the flight slots were awarded, the Permanent Air Carrier Flight Slot Waiting List remains unchanged.

The table below lists the Air Carriers currently operating at the Airport, in addition to the number and type of flight slots that each Air Carrier has been allocated, following the reallocation of the seven Permanent Air Carrier flight slots.

Air Carrier	Permanent Flight Slots	Supplemental Flight Slots	Total Flight Slots
American Airlines	3	0	3
Delta Air Lines	9	3	12
FedEx	1	0	1
Hawaiian Airlines	2	0	2
JetBlue Airways	17	0	17
Southwest Airlines	8	9	17
UPS	1	0	1
TOTAL	41	12	53

Due to the recent COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the travel industry, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has granted a moratorium on minimum flight slot utilization requirements to many airports throughout the nation, through October 24, 2020. In light of this, and in order to conform with the direction of the FAA, the Airport is also likely to consider granting a similar waiver of minimum flight slot utilization requirements, through October 24, 2020, to all operating Air Carriers at the Airport.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (562) 570-2605.

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