

# BUSINESS PARTNER BRIEF

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## Director's Message

Greetings! As the days grow warmer this spring, things are heating up at Long Beach Airport. We're especially thrilled to share that we'll be breaking ground this month on exciting concourse improvements. Read on for more about that and other hot LGB news!

—Cynthia Guidry

## Concourse Improvements Set to Commence

Ground is set to break in mid-April on a \$37 million modernization of the passenger concourse, spanning various projects that will enhance the post-security passenger experience just in time for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic and Paralympic Games. [The Passenger Concourse Enhancement Project](#) is designed to further elevate Long Beach Airport's existing reputation as a relaxed, Southern California travel experience while addressing aging infrastructure initially constructed in 2012. Work is scheduled for completion in 2027. No impacts to commercial flights are expected, and gate access will be accommodated during construction. Planned enhancements include:

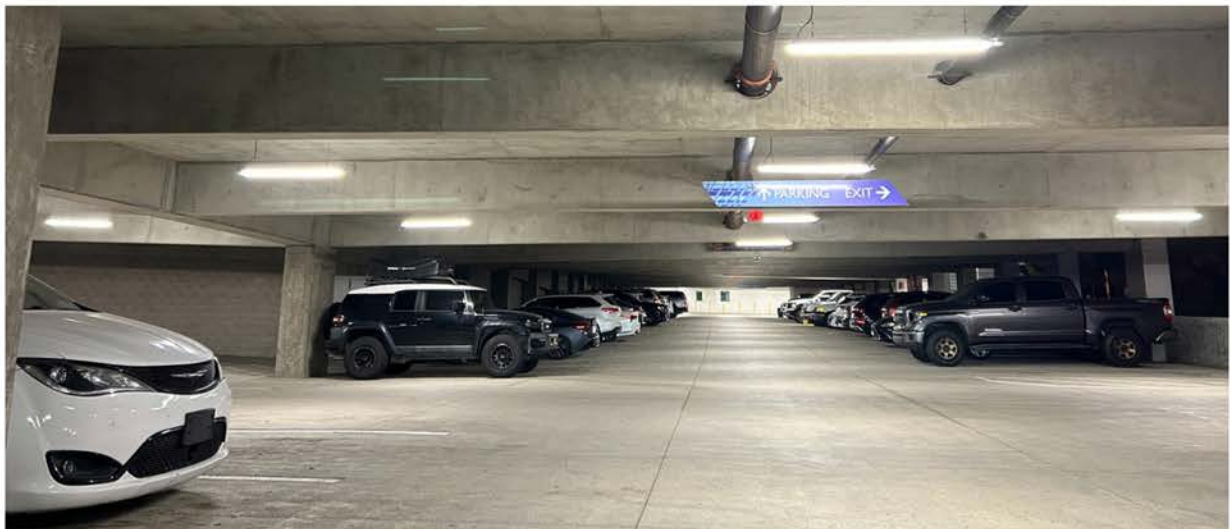
- Upgraded seating with more electrical chargers;
- Improvements to passenger circulation, including queuing and seating configurations;
- Creation of an open-air garden area at the exterior of the north concourse;
- Enhanced wayfinding signage and additional flight information displays;
- New flooring, gate podiums and a Service Animal Relief Area
- Mechanical, electrical and plumbing upgrades, including replacement of air-conditioning components and updated restrooms; as well as
- Sustainability upgrades, including LED lighting conversions.

The Passenger Concourse Enhancements Project has an estimated total cost of \$37 million, with \$24 million funded through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) [Airport Infrastructure Grant](#) program under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, advocated for by U.S. Congressman Robert Garcia. The remaining cost will be covered by Airport revenue, with no local tax dollars utilized. Following a competitive recruitment process, [PCL Construction Services, Inc.](#) was awarded the construction contract.

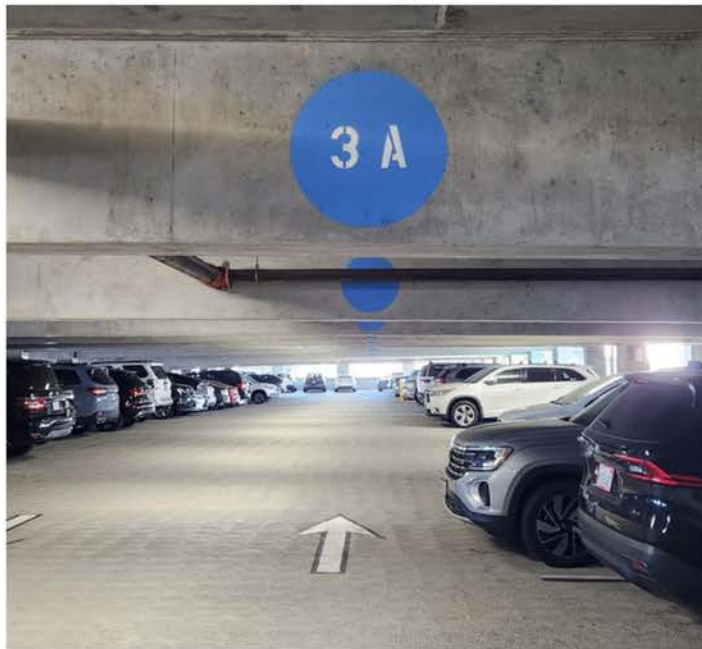


## Parking Structure LED Light Savings & Improvements

High-efficiency LED lights that were added to Parking Structure B last year have delivered measurable results! Electricity consumption in the structure was reduced by 44% in January 2026 compared to the same month the previous year. The significant drop in kWh not only lowers operational costs but also decreases the Airport's carbon footprint.



And, speaking of parking improvements, we're also proud to be adding color-specific signage to each floor of Parking Structure B to distinguish the levels and improve wayfinding.



## Fly Friendly Program Winners Recognized

At the March Airport Advisory Commission (AAC) meeting, the Airport announced the winners of its Fly Friendly Program, a voluntary initiative that promotes best practices in noise abatement and the use of unleaded fuel among based flight schools. This inaugural year marks the beginning of what will become an annual program. The initiative evaluates key performance metrics to help address community concerns and encourage responsible operations. We thank this year's award recipients—Sling Pilot Academy (Gold - Most Friendly), Pacific Air Flight School (Silver - Most Improved), and Aces High Aviation (Bronze - Most Engaging)—for their hard work, partnership, and commitment to being good neighbors.



## LGB Live! Sounds Good

LGB continues to make journeys joyful with the return of LGB Live! The musical entertainment series featuring talented local artists is back starting April 3. Through June 29, concourse performances will generally take place from 10 a.m. to noon on select days once a week. We're proud that 29 of our scheduled artists so far are returning to us from previous years, reflecting what a great win-win experience this is for both musicians and travelers. Visit [lgb.org/music](http://lgb.org/music) for details.



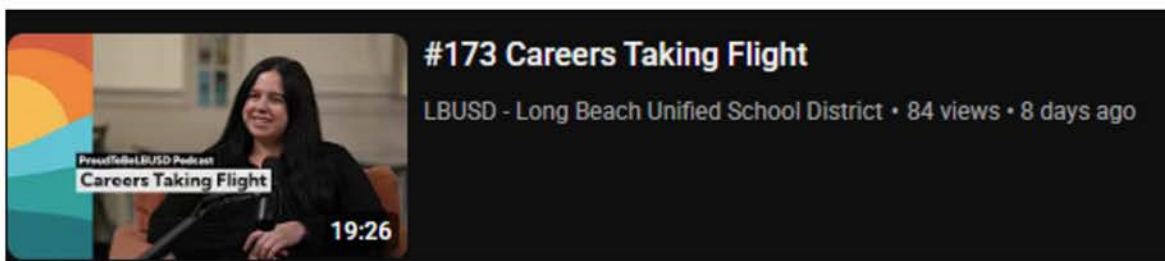
## LGB's Justin Cook Receives Industry Honor

Join us in congratulating our Noise and Capacity Manager, Justin Cook, on receiving the 2026 Walt Gillfillan Award at the UC Davis Aviation Noise and Emissions Symposium. This national honor recognizes outstanding work in aviation noise and environmental stewardship. With nearly 25 years of experience, Justin's leadership and collaboration with airport stakeholders continue to advance meaningful, sustainable solutions. We're proud to have him representing LGB!



## Inspiring the Next Generation Through Careers Taking Flight

If you've heard about our Airport Externship Program and would like to learn more, we invite you to take a listen to a recent episode of the [Proud to Be LBUSD podcast](#) featuring our Public Affairs team. In the episode, they highlight our Careers Taking Flight program—an immersive, weeklong externship developed in partnership with the Long Beach Unified School District. The program provides 24 students with hands-on learning and exposure to aviation careers. Now entering its fourth year, this initiative connects local students with real-world opportunities in the aviation industry. Thank you to our airport partners who help make this experience possible each year.



## Seen at the Scene

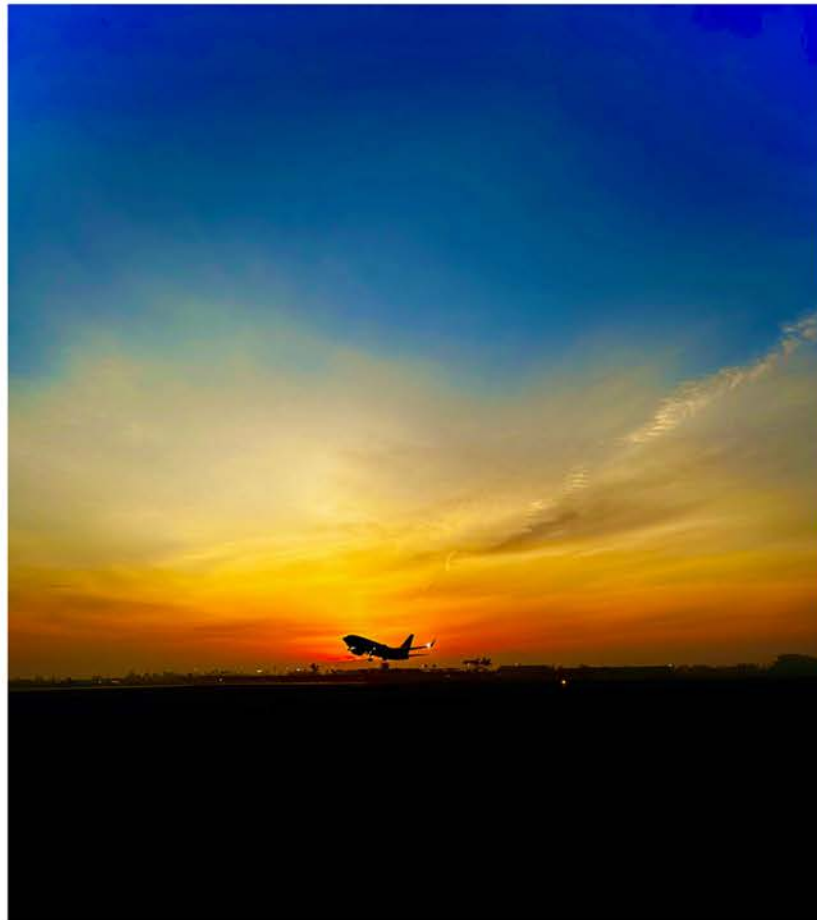
Lindbergh Middle School hosted a career day recently where students welcomed two Airport staff members to talk specifically about our sustainability initiatives. We love engaging with local youth!



LGB hosted a fun pop-up event in the concourse to celebrate March Madness! Passengers had the chance to shoot hoops, adding a bit of energy and fun to their travelers.



This stunning sunset photo here at LGB was taken by a talented member of our Airside Operations team. Don't we have the most gorgeous sunsets here in Long Beach?



In preparation for the upcoming Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach taking place in April, we are already welcoming race fans with an IndyCar in our concourse for a limited time, and we will be rolling out our booth with giveaways at the Grand Prix Expo.



## LGB Appreciates Our Tenants

The Airport's annual tenant appreciation event is taking place Thursday, April 30 on the airport campus. For details, contact [lgbarpt@longbeach.gov](mailto:lgbarpt@longbeach.gov)

## February Passenger Traffic

	Feb 2026	Feb 2025	% Change	YTD 2026	YTD 2025	% Change
<b>Passenger Traffic</b>						
Enplanements	127,977	133,038	-3.8%	259,688	267,363	-2.9%
Deplanements	126,978	130,122	-2.4%	260,974	265,249	-1.6%
<b>Total Passenger Traffic</b>	<b>254,955</b>	<b>263,160</b>	<b>-3.1%</b>	<b>520,662</b>	<b>532,612</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>
<b>Total Air Cargo (Tons)</b>	<b>1,360</b>	<b>1,065</b>	<b>27.7%</b>	<b>2,810</b>	<b>2,081</b>	<b>35.0%</b>



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