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Director's Message

Greetings! It's springtime and Long Beach Airport is blossoming. We're unveiling our new Baggage Claim facility this month and in the midst of upgrading the lighting to our primary runway. Find out more about more, along with other Airport news in this edition of our monthly Business Partner Brief. —Cynthia Guidry

New Baggage Claim Opening This Month

Later this month, we will celebrate the opening of our new Baggage Claim facility. The project is part of a multi-year, Phase II - Terminal Area Improvement Program to make strategic pre-security enhancements to the Airport. The \$25 million investment—designed by Corgan and constructed by Swinerton—consolidates the Airport's bag claim operations into one area and was designed as an 11,500-square-foot, open-air, pavilion-style building to complement the Airport's other indoor-outdoor architectural design elements. In addition, LGB's old bag claim areas are being demolished to make way for a new Baggage Service Office and concessions set to open in 2024. Stay tuned until next month when we share photos of the completed project!



Critical Runway Lighting Improvements

Major electrical upgrades designed to improve the safety of the primary runway at LGB have been underway since late March and work will continue through July, necessitating some temporary runway closures. During Runway 12-30 closures, operations will occur on Runway 8L-26R. The \$9.5 million Rehabilitate Runway 12-30 project, primarily funded by an Airport Improvement Program grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), will bring the Airport's largest runway in line with the latest FAA standards and add to the Airport's sustainability efforts. More than 500 new LED lights will be installed as part of the electrical project. In addition to the safety benefits of brighter lighting, LED bulbs use between 75 percent and 90 percent less energy and have a longer life expectancy than incandescent or quartz lights.

Due to the construction work, there will be temporary runway closures between March 29 and mid-July: Runway 12-30 will be CLOSED NIGHTLY, Sundays through Thursdays, from March 29 to mid-July; in addition, Runway 12-30 will be CLOSED DAILY, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from April 18 to May 24. Exact dates are subject to change, and details are available on the Airport's Current Noise Advisories webpage.



Concessions Wanted

The Airport will announce a Request for Proposals (RFP) in the next few months that will solicit ideas for concessions as well as other potential uses for available space including the former restaurant on the second floor of the Historic Terminal. We are excited to welcome new concessions and grateful for the creativity of our Commercial Development Team. You can also read about these concession opportunities in the [latest edition of the Long Beach Business Journal](#). Perhaps one of the new businesses will resemble The Prop Room (pictured), a restaurant that was once located in the Historic Terminal. The Prop Room eventually became Legends of Aviation in 2008, before the restaurant shuttered in 2014. To receive a copy of the RFP, sign up at [Long Beach Buys](#).



Phase II Construction Update

Despite heavy rains last month, work continued to move forward in the Plaza area. Construction of a new canopy near the security screening entrance and enhanced landscaping is underway. The improvements are expected to be completed by the end of May.

Adjacent to the new Baggage Claim area, site preparation for rain mitigation was in place early and grading was restarted once weather permitted. Installation of geopiers, which support the building's foundation, is anticipated later this month. And in the Historic Terminal, demolition of the interior walls of the former airline ticketing offices and removal of existing utilities remain ongoing. Once the Airport Security Dispatch Center relocates from the terminal to 4401 E. Donald Douglas Drive, removal of existing utilities and demolition will begin on the fourth floor.



A new canopy for the security screening queue is under construction



Excavation and grading, adjacent to the new Baggage Claim area, were restarted once weather permitted

New Southwest Destinations Boise and Portland

Southwest Airlines is offering nonstop flights on Saturdays and Sundays between LGB and Boise, Idaho (BOI) and Portland, Oregon (PDX) starting October 7. Those are among several new nonstop destinations announced by the airline in recent months. Southwest also is offering daily service to Colorado Springs (COS) and El Paso (ELP), as well as new Saturday service to Orlando (MCO) beginning July 11. Plus, there will be daily service to Albuquerque (ABQ) beginning September 5. Air carriers at Long Beach Airport now offer service to 24 nonstop destinations around the nation, which is more nonstop service than at any time in LGB's nearly 100-year history. The previous record was 19 nonstop destinations available in 2011.



Nonstop Destinations from Long Beach Airport (LGB)

Delta Air Lines

Salt Lake City, UT

Hawaiian Airlines

Honolulu, HI
Maui, HI

Southwest Airlines

** Albuquerque, NM
Austin, TX
*** Boise, ID
Chicago, IL (Midway)
* Colorado Springs, CO
Dallas, TX (Love)
Denver, CO
* El Paso, TX

Honolulu, HI
Houston, TX (Hobby)
Kansas City, MO
Las Vegas, NV
Maui, HI
Nashville, TN
New Orleans, LA
Oakland, CA

* Orlando, FL
Phoenix, AZ
*** Portland, OR
Reno, NV
Sacramento, CA
St. Louis, MO
Salt Lake City, UT
San Jose, CA



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* Service begins 7/23
** Service begins 9/5/23
*** Service begins 10/7/23
All destinations subject to change | Rev. 3/9/23

Highest Passenger Count Since Pandemic

With 6,152 passengers traveling through Long Beach Airport over the Presidents Day holiday weekend, TSA reported its highest screening count since the pandemic. It was also the first time the number climbed above 6,000 since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. The previous high mark was 5,868 over the Thanksgiving holiday. We see this as another sign of continuing recovery!

ARFF in Operation

Long Beach Airport recently purchased a new Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) vehicle, "Crash 3," and we were proud to celebrate its first day in service March 10. It is operated by the Long Beach Fire Department (LBFD) and housed at Fire Station 16 next to the airfield. An ARFF vehicle is critical for a commercial service airport and a vital component for ensuring passenger safety in the event of an aircraft emergency. The vehicle can quickly reach an aircraft anywhere on the airfield and provides our airlines and passengers with the assurance that assistance is available if needed. The ARFF vehicle is a very maneuverable fire-fighting tool with rear steer capabilities and 360-degree cameras with infrared thermal imaging to help see through smoke and steam. It holds 3,000 gallons of water, up to 420 gallons of foam and 550 pounds of dry chemical extinguishing agent!



Long Beach's Curt Castagna Testifies before Congressional Subcommittee

National Air Transportation Association (NATA) President and CEO Curt Castagna testified last month before the House Aviation Subcommittee at a hearing titled "Securing the Future of General Aviation." He discussed solution-focused proposals and the critical importance of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization legislation that will maintain safety and increase the resiliency of the National Airspace System while refining the focus and improving the efficiency of its regulatory agency. Castagna testified that FAA Reauthorization is coming at a critical juncture for both the agency and industry, with the aviation industry experiencing a period of unprecedented growth and innovation. Read his full statement [here](#).

COMTO Recognizes Cynthia Guidry

As the Director of Long Beach Airport, I was honored to be recognized last month by the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO), which celebrated 10 women who are making outstanding contributions to the transportation industry. The 12th annual event, with opening remarks by Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, took place at the Smithsonian American Art Museum and National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C. More than 600 attendees were there as the awards were presented to "Women Who Move the Nation." This was a special honor and I was proud to represent our Airport and all the great work our Airport team does!



Seen at the Scene

The Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach will be held April 14-16 and visitors were welcomed with a racecar on display here at Long Beach Airport! You'll also find our booth at the Grand Prix Expo during race weekend.



Long Beach Airport hosted a celebration for its business partners with a Tenant Appreciation Event recently. We were thrilled to welcome about 75 guests to The Modern.



Ten aspiring engineers enjoyed a special behind-the-scenes tour of our Airport. Coordinated with the American Society of Civil Engineers chapter at CSULB, the visitors were led by Engineering Officer Stephan Lum. The students, wearing hard hats, were able to see construction underway and were quizzed about load-bearing walls in the Historic Terminal, among other highlights.



Recent storms brought snow and rain to Southern California, with white mountains serving as a picturesque backdrop for our beachside airport. We're grateful for photos shared with us on social media, including this one by Sarah Schol.



History of Women Aviators

March was Women's History Month. Looking back at March 1920, Long Beach was the top place in the nation for female pilots with nine women aviators! Here's a peek at aviation in Long Beach in the 1920s from the Long Beach Public Library archives.



February Commercial Flight Activity

Long Beach Airport served 257,466 passengers in February 2023, up by 20% compared to the same month the previous year. We expect this upward trend to continue as we enter into a strong spring break and summer travel season!

| | Feb 2023 | Feb 2022 | % Change | Feb 2021 | % Change | Feb 2020 | % Change | Feb 2019 | % Change | YTD 2023 | YTD 2022 | % Change | YTD 2021 | % Change | YTD 2020 | % Change | YTD 2019 | % Change |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Passenger Traffic | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Enplanements | 128,908 | 107,959 | 19.4% | 25,404 | 407.4% | 138,127 | -6.7% | 125,185 | 3.0% | 258,125 | 203,746 | 26.7% | 45,464 | 467.8% | 282,359 | -8.6% | 258,127 | 0.0% |
| Deplanements | 128,558 | 106,947 | 20.2% | 25,901 | 396.3% | 139,972 | -8.2% | 125,513 | 2.4% | 259,540 | 203,026 | 27.8% | 47,095 | 451.1% | 283,816 | -8.6% | 257,560 | 0.8% |
| Total Passenger Traffic | 257,466 | 214,906 | 19.8% | 51,305 | 401.8% | 278,099 | -7.4% | 250,698 | 2.7% | 517,665 | 406,772 | 27.3% | 92,559 | 459.3% | 566,169 | -8.6% | 515,687 | 0.4% |
| Total Air Cargo (Tons) | 1,066 | 1,097 | -2.8% | 936 | 13.9% | 1,470 | -27.5% | 1,728 | -38.3% | 2,078 | 2,359 | -11.9% | 1,927 | 7.8% | 3,037 | -31.6% | 3,456 | -39.9% |



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