

# BUSINESS PARTNER BRIEF

## FEBRUARY 2024



### Director's Message

There's so much to share with you in this month's Business Partner Brief, including a new initiative to further incentivize an accelerated transition from leaded to unleaded aviation fuel, the expansion of JetZero's footprint at LGB and much more! —Cynthia Guidry

### Business Partner Spotlight: Marlon De La Herran, TSA

We're pleased to shine this month's Business Partner Spotlight on Marlon De La Herran, the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Lead Transportation Security Manager at Long Beach Airport.



Q: Please tell us a bit about your professional background and role with TSA.

A: I began my career with TSA in 2006 at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) as a Transportation Security Officer (TSO). I've enjoyed every position I have held with TSA. I specialize in emergency management and have experience in several different work groups including: Professional Development, Headquarters Virtual Airport Outreach, Paperless Initiative, Detection Enhancement Team and Law Enforcement Response Initiative. I've also helped develop programs and events to encourage diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility, such as Women of TSA and Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey teams to drive progressive change at TSA, while focusing on fostering a positive environment for everyone. Now, while working at Long Beach Airport, my role includes ensuring that our TSA team is focusing on the path of professionalism and positivity. .

Q: Can you talk about the TSA operation at LGB?

A: I have been at Long Beach Airport since the week of Thanksgiving 2023. That week, the Airport team hit record passenger volumes on Wednesday, then again hit a new and higher record that Sunday, thanks to everyone's collective efforts at LGB. TSA at LGB is focusing on ensuring that LGB remains the nation's "coolest" airport by providing exceptional customer engagement. We ensure we provide every passenger the safest, stress-free level of screening. We have our Passenger Support Specialist (PSS) program to assist anyone who may require additional assistance.

Q: What do you enjoy most about working at LGB?

A: I enjoy the close-knit environment, friendliness and warm welcomes of everyone that I have met and worked with so far. I would say LGB is an amazing airport experience like no other I have experienced, due to its calm and sense of ease instilled here—it's almost effortless, like a walk on the beach.

Q: Do you have any hobbies or other parts about your personal life that you'd like to share?

A: I enjoy spending my free time with family and friends, visiting new and exciting places. I enjoy being a dad and taking my kids everywhere with me, from Target, to fishing, to bike rides, to the beach, mountains, lakes and snow. I have lived in the Long Beach area for about 10 years now and enjoy the many attractions in the city, particularly the Long Beach Grand Prix and the Aquarium of the Pacific.

## LGB Subsidizes Unleaded Fuel

In its latest move to accelerate the transition from leaded to unleaded aviation fuel at LGB, the City Council voted unanimously last month to approve a new subsidy, now known as the Subsidized Aviation Fuel for the Environment (SAFE) program, to offset unleaded avgas costs for general aviation users. The Federal Aviation Administration has set a target for the elimination of leaded aviation fuel for all piston-powered aircraft by the year 2030. In alignment with that goal, the Unleaded Aviation Fuel Subsidy Program is designed to eliminate the cost differential between leaded avgas and unleaded avgas as a way to encourage an earlier transition. The sale price of unleaded 94-grade fuel (UL94)—available since August 2023 through Signature Aviation—can be \$2 to \$4 more per gallon for consumers than leaded 100-grade fuel (100LL) varieties, but the Unleaded Aviation Fuel Program will allow fuel providers to sell unleaded varieties at the same price as 100LL. In effect through December 31, 2025, there will be a maximum of \$200,000 in reimbursements available to fuel providers, covered by Airport revenue.



## JetZero Expands Operations

We are delighted that JetZero is expanding the company's operations at Long Beach Airport, building on our long legacy of innovation in the aviation industry. An announcement was made during the State of the City that JetZero is moving into 275,000 square feet of former Gulfstream office and hangar space, just south of the Historic Terminal. JetZero, founded in Long Beach in 2021, is developing a new type of aircraft with blended body wings for commercial and military uses. How exciting to have manufacturing jobs back in this space!



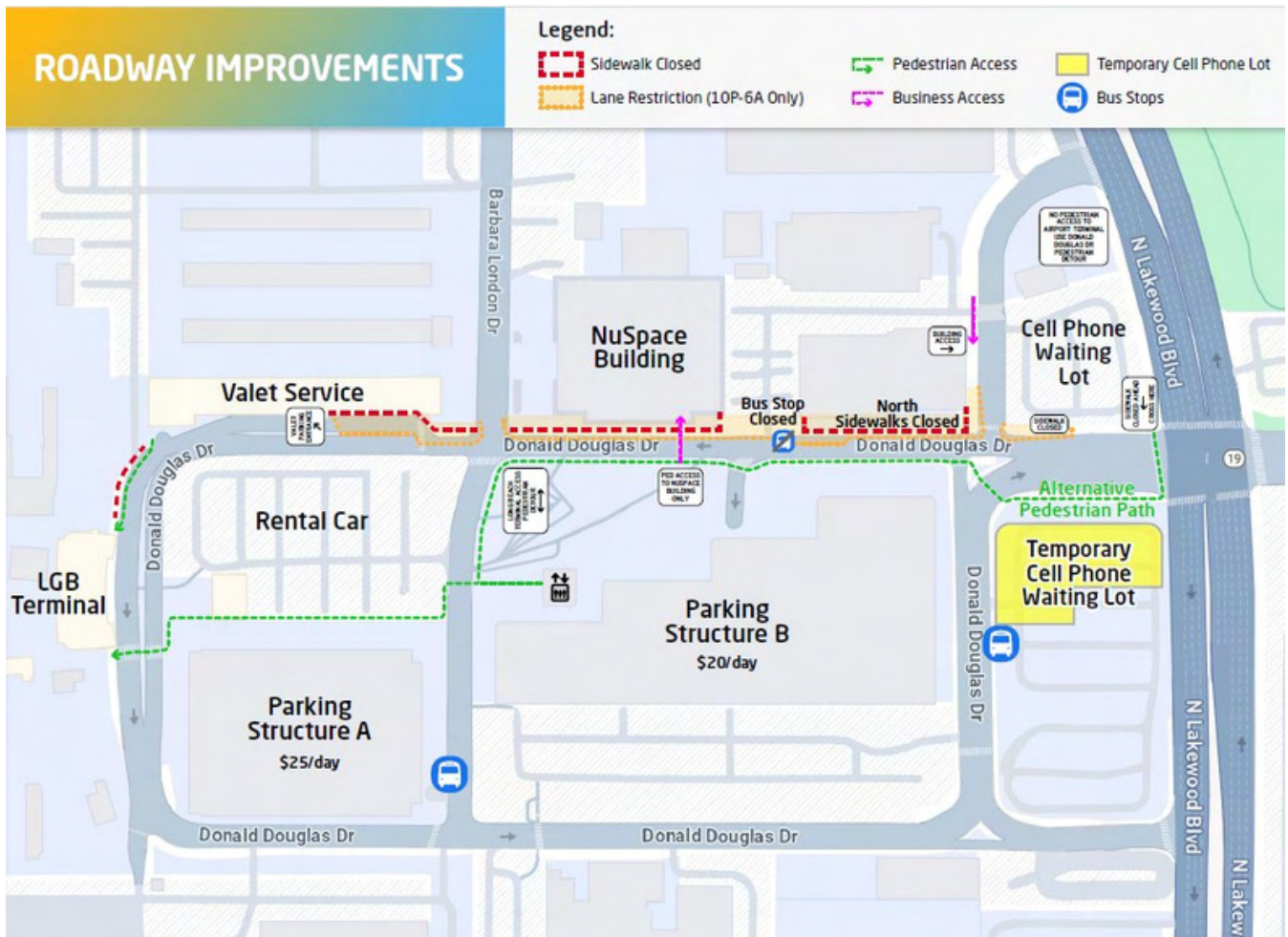
A rendering of JetZero's blended wing body Z5 aircraft. Courtesy of JetZero.

## Terminal Roadway Improvements Update

The first stage of the Terminal Roadway Improvements project kicked off to a nice quiet start with work mainly conducted on the north side of Donald Douglas Drive in the evenings. As work continues at night when no flights are scheduled, we anticipate more activity when Stage 2 work begins. Impacts will include the closure of the center island, two lanes farthest from the LGB terminal and a row of rental car parking stalls. Access to Parking Structures A and B, rental cars offices and taxis will remain. Stage 2 work is expected to be conducted nightly, Sundays through Thursdays.

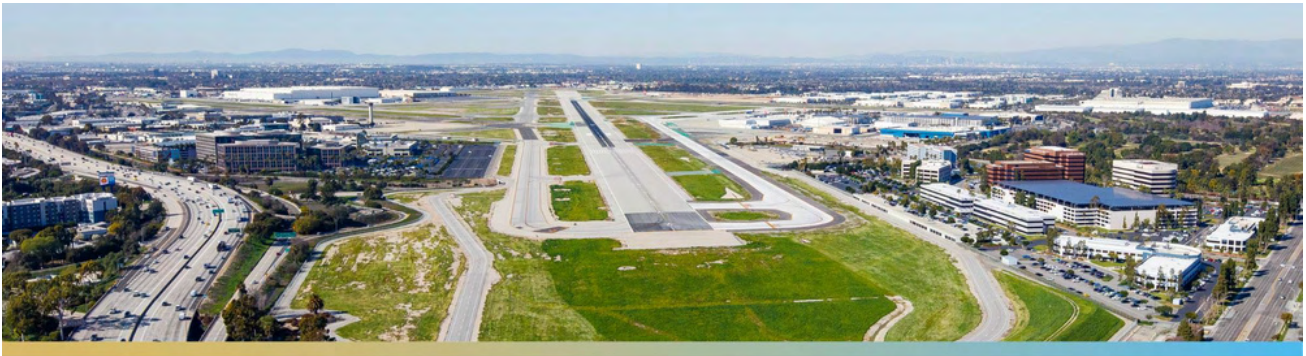
Our existing cell phone lot, at the entrance to LGB, remains open. We strongly encourage the public to take advantage of this free waiting area and reduce the number of vehicles waiting in front of the terminal. If drivers miss the existing cell phone lot, they can turn left on Barbara London Drive and follow the loop to a new temporary cell phone lot on the right, as they are about to exit the Airport.

To keep informed about this project, visit [LGBRoadImprovements.com](http://LGBRoadImprovements.com) or reach out with questions or comments to the Construction Hotline at 562.445.6439 or email [info@LGBRoadImprovements.com](mailto:info@LGBRoadImprovements.com).



## Save the Date: Tenant Appreciation Event

LGB's annual Tenant Appreciation event will take place from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, at The Modern, 2801 E. Spring St. This is always a special evening among friends as we celebrate Airport tenants and business partners, including representatives from commercial airlines, flight schools, ground transportation providers, cargo carriers and countless other aviation and non-aviation businesses that help make the Long Beach Airport complex and the local economy thrive. I'm sure we'll see returning and fresh faces this year at this great opportunity to connect. Please note that this is an invitation-only event, and the Airport will reach out soon with invitations for representatives from your organization.



# Save the Date!

## Long Beach Airport Tenant Appreciation Event

**THURSDAY, MARCH 28 • 4:30 - 7:00 P.M.**

**THE MODERN • 2801 E. SPRING ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90806**

Let's celebrate our partnership! We are proud of the many businesses that call LGB home and invite you to join us for a Tenant Appreciation Event. Airport Director Cynthia Guidry welcomes you to join her and City officials for light bites, refreshments and networking.



## List Your Job or Internship on LGB's Website

Long Beach Airport business partners: if you are looking for new employees or interns, please consider listing open opportunities on our LGB Jobs page. This is a free community resource for employers at LGB or in local aviation-related businesses to reach candidates at <https://www.longbeach.gov/lgb/about-us/jobs/>. For more information, or to have your position listed, please email [lgbarrpt@longbeach.gov](mailto:lgbarrpt@longbeach.gov).

## Recycling Adds Up

I'd like to take a moment to recognize some incredible figures from LGB's recycling, composting and food waste diversion programs in 2023. Long Beach Airport's recycling program collected a whopping 4.5 tons of aluminum cans and plastic bottles. Composting methods at LGB kept an estimated three tons of landscaping waste from the landfill. And food scraps weighing in at about six tons were turned into biogas, a renewable energy source, and biosolids, a fertilizer.



## TSA Firearm Record

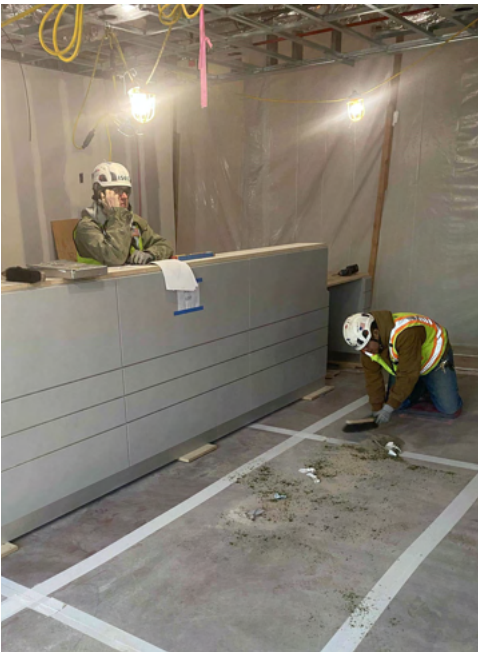
Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officials collected a record 10 firearms from Long Beach Airport in 2023, but LGB's rate remains well below the national average. In 2023, TSA screened approximately 858 million passengers and crew at airports nationwide. TSA officers across the country discovered firearms in carry-on luggage at a rate of 7.8 firearms per million passengers screened, or one firearm for every 127,356 travelers screened. Firearms can be transported on a commercial aircraft only if they are unloaded, packed in a locked, hard-sided case and placed in checked baggage. Here's a look at firearms discovered at security checkpoints for five Los Angeles-area airports, including LGB, over the past six years:

Airport	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
LAX	57	44	43	89	76	81
ONT	12	9	11	23	31	20
SNA	12	9	15	14	18	25
BUR	12	8	7	13	12	9
LGB	1	6	5	5	5	10
<b>LA-area totals:</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>145</b>
<b>National totals:</b>	<b>4,239</b>	<b>4,432</b>	<b>3,257</b>	<b>5,972</b>	<b>6,542</b>	<b>6,737</b>

\* No firearms were discovered at San Bernardino International Airport, which started commercial air service in August 2022.

## Phase II Update

Structural enhancement of the Historic Terminal continues to move forward. Overhead mechanical, electrical and plumbing work is nearly done. New rental car counters are being installed on the first floor. And preparation to plaster the interior and exterior walls is underway. Concurrently, in the new concessions space and baggage service offices, interior drywall taping and sanding, as well as tile work and installation of countertops in the restrooms, progresses.



Work in the Historic Terminal & new concessions space continues to move forward.

## Taxilanes K & U Update

The Construct Taxilane U Project, which repurposes an area that includes portions of decommissioned Runway 16R-34L, south of Taxiway F, is underway. Work began last month and included pavement removal and excavation, storm water infrastructure (installation of concrete pipe and inlet structure), and soil stabilization. The Taxilane K Reconstruction project is expected to begin in March. The new Taxilane K and Taxilane U pavement will have an anticipated service life of 20 years. The total \$11.6 million investment for both projects will improve safety and enhance airfield operations. Funding is provided by a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and Long Beach Airport funds. The construction contract was awarded to Griffith Company and construction management services are provided by [KDG Construction Consulting](#).



## Seen at the Scene

Long Beach Airport proudly participated in the Long Beach Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade & Celebration, a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the diverse community of Long Beach.



A recently released centennial report titled "Long Beach Airport and Southern California: A Brief New Aviation and Aeronautics History (1900s-1980s)" highlights significant milestones in Long Beach's rich aviation history. Commissioned by the Airport through the nonprofit Historical Society of Long Beach, written by authors Dr. Alison Rose Jefferson and Dr. Philip S. Hart. Both authors took part in a free presentation on the report at the Billie Jean King Library, where attendees learned about early aviators in Long Beach! The full report and video from the event are available at [lgb.org/100th](http://lgb.org/100th).





## Black History Month

As we mark our 100th anniversary, we're looking back at Long Beach's rich aviation history. This February, in celebration of Black History Month, here's a glimpse of Dora Miles (left) and Dorothy Johnson working together at Douglas Aircraft Company, where black and white women alike were employed and proved vital in the effort to manufacture planes for WWII. Photo courtesy Historical Society of Long Beach.



## December Passenger Traffic

Long Beach Airport served 343,067 passengers in December 2023, representing a 38.7% increase in commercial airline traffic compared with the same month in 2022.

	Dec 2023	Dec 2022	% Change	Dec 2021	% Change	Dec 2020	% Change	Dec 2019	% Change	YTD 2023	YTD	% Change	YTD 2021	% Change	YTD 2020	% Change	YTD 2019	% Change
<b>Passenger Traffic</b>																		
Enplanements	169,776	122,827	38.2%	130,247	30.3%	23,603	619.3%	159,174	6.7%	1,868,245	1,624,634	15.0%	1,053,165	77.4%	520,297	-100.0%	1,791,451	4.3%
Deplanements	173,291	124,458	39.2%	130,336	33.0%	23,213	646.5%	162,512	6.6%	1,871,062	1,617,668	15.7%	1,050,904	78.0%	523,476	-100.0%	1,792,752	4.4%
<b>Total Passenger</b>	<b>343,067</b>	<b>247,285</b>	<b>38.7%</b>	<b>260,583</b>	<b>31.7%</b>	<b>46,816</b>	<b>632.8%</b>	<b>321,686</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>3,739,307</b>	<b>3,242,302</b>	<b>15.3%</b>	<b>2,104,069</b>	<b>77.7%</b>	<b>1,043,773</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>	<b>3,584,203</b>	<b>4.3%</b>
<b>Total Air Cargo (Tons)</b>	<b>1,891</b>	<b>1,848</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>2,071</b>	<b>-8.7%</b>	<b>1,813</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>2,317</b>	<b>-18.4%</b>	<b>13,053</b>	<b>14,378</b>	<b>-9.2%</b>	<b>14,878</b>	<b>-12.3%</b>	<b>15,712</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>	<b>21,120</b>	<b>-38.2%</b>



Cynthia Guidry  
Airport Director

## Administrative Offices Holiday Closure

Long Beach Airport administrative offices will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2024, for Presidents Day. Airport operations, security and building services will continue uninterrupted.