

# BUSINESS PARTNER BRIEF

## JULY 2024



### Director's Message

Greetings! As the mercury climbs, it warms my heart to see travelers taking off for summer vacations from LGB. In this edition of the Business Partner Brief, hear more about the return of our Careers Taking Flight Summer Externship, get updates on our ongoing modernizations and catch up on other LGB news, including a new enplanement record! – Cynthia Guidry

### Business Partner Spotlight: Demetrius D. Harris, Fly Compton Foundation

We're pleased to shine this month's Business Partner Spotlight on Fly Compton Foundation President Demetrius D. Harris. His nonprofit organization, which recently announced plans to expand its programming to Long Beach, is dedicated to exposing underserved youth to aviation.



Q: Please tell us a bit about your professional background.

A: My professional journey began with a distinguished career in investment management, followed by an impactful 15-year tenure as a political consultant. At the age of 40, a pivotal moment changed my trajectory: while boarding a commercial flight, I was inspired by seeing two African American men as pilots—a sight that had never occurred to me before. This powerful experience ignited a passion within me to pursue aviation. Three months later, I enrolled at ATP Flight School at Long Beach Airport. After earning my certifications, I embarked on a career as a contract corporate pilot flying a Gulfstream G450 and a Hawker 800XP.

Q: How did the Fly Compton Foundation come to be?

A: During the pandemic, I connected with fellow African American pilots at Compton/Woodley Airport, where we discussed the critical need for diversity in the aviation workforce. Motivated to make a difference, we initiated a program to expose black and brown youth from underserved communities to the opportunities in aviation. Our initiative has grown beyond our expectations. What started with a class of 20 students has now expanded to more than 100 enrolled participants. We are excited to announce plans to extend our programs to additional airports nationwide, beginning with Long Beach, San Francisco Bay Area and Houston.

Q: Can you talk about the move to LGB?

A: We are very happy to be expanding Fly Compton to Long Beach Airport and will be operating in space that we are leasing from MANI. We intend to use the space there to introduce our new Virtual Reality Flight Training Program as well as conducting real life flight training, coordinating field trips and site visits, and bringing in special guest speakers from the industry to speak to our youth about the ins and outs of their careers.

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

A: What we will enjoy most about expanding to Long Beach Airport is the access to many aviation activities that will give the youth more insight on airport operations. Our youth can now be exposed to experiences such as taking a tour of Long Beach Airport, visiting the air traffic control tower, site visits at FBOs that can give insight on the corporate side of flying, etc.

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

A: In my spare time, my hobbies include music, dancing, traveling and binge-watching "Game of Thrones" and "House of the Dragon."

## Historic Terminal Grand Reopening

After being closed for more than a year for extensive renovations, I'm thrilled to announce that Long Beach Airport's Historic Terminal building is reopening this month! The \$17.8 million project, part of the \$125 million Phase II - Terminal Area Improvements Program, included a seismic retrofit and meticulous restoration of the building's classic 1941 design elements. In a way that was not possible during its original wartime opening, LGB is celebrating the building's restoration with a public open house from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 27. Attendees will be among the first to see the building's return to its former glory while enjoying history tours, music, children's activities, giveaways and light refreshments.

YOU'RE INVITED

*HISTORIC TERMINAL*

GRAND REOPENING



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Saturday, July 27

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

4100 E Donald Douglas Drive  
Long Beach CA, 90808

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- Free Parking in Parking Structure B
- Family-Friendly Activities
- Music
- Historic Terminal Tours
- Light Refreshments

## Record Passenger Traffic

For the second time this year, Long Beach Airport set a new all-time monthly record for the most passengers to board flights. A total of 189,435 passengers departed from LGB in May 2024, surpassing the previous record of 182,382 set in March 2024. Prior to the monthly records set this year, the previous record of 178,836 enplanements was set in July 2018. Commercial passenger enplanements for May represented an increase of 23.1% compared to the same month in 2023. Year-to-date enplanement figures for 2024 through May show an 18.6% rise in passengers compared to last year.

	May 2024	May 2023	% Change	May 2022	% Change	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	% Change	YTD 2022	% Change
<b>Passenger Traffic</b>										
Enplanements	189,435	153,927	23.1%	141,370	34.0%	843,844	711,535	18.6%	619,252	36.3%
Deplanements	190,955	154,943	23.2%	141,328	35.1%	847,811	714,749	18.6%	617,197	37.4%
<b>Total Passenger</b>	<b>380,390</b>	<b>308,870</b>	<b>23.2%</b>	<b>282,698</b>	<b>34.6%</b>	<b>1,691,655</b>	<b>1,426,284</b>	<b>18.6%</b>	<b>1,236,449</b>	<b>36.8%</b>
<b>Total Air Cargo (Tons)</b>	<b>1,036</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>18.5%</b>	<b>1,084</b>	<b>-4.4%</b>	<b>4,839</b>	<b>5,140</b>	<b>-5.9%</b>	<b>5,931</b>	<b>-18.4%</b>

## Ampaire Home at LGB

Ampaire, a global leader in hybrid electric aircraft systems, has relocated its headquarters to the LGB campus, right on Barbara London Drive! CEO Kevin Noertker announced the company's move at the recent 2024 GROW Long Beach event, which is part of a multi-pronged economic development initiative focused on bolstering the success of emerging business sectors and industries in Long Beach. Mr. Noertker said, "Long Beach Airport offers the ideal environment for our expansion, providing us with the space, resources and support we need to take our company to the next level." He noted that relocating to LGB opens tremendous opportunities for Ampaire, founded in Temecula in 2016. "We can now bring all our programs under one roof, benefiting from the vibrant aerospace community here, and have the potential to conduct flight testing on-site," he said. "This move truly positions us for growth and innovation." On behalf of Long Beach Airport, I'm thrilled that this cutting-edge California startup has selected LGB for its new headquarters. To celebrate the move, Ampaire will host a community open house on August 27. For more information and to RSVP to the event, [click here](#).



## New Airside Operations Officer

I'm pleased to announce Patrick Jackman as our new Airport Operations Officer! Patrick will manage the Airside Operations team, overseeing critical airfield infrastructure and ensuring the safety of airport operations. The Airside Operations Division is responsible for maintaining the Airport's Federal Aviation Regulation Part 139 certification as a commercial service airport. This enables operations by the commercial airlines. As part of this, the Division conducts rigorous daytime and nighttime airfield inspections to ensure safety and compliance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Regulations. The Division also serves as the Airport's primary point of contact with the FAA Air Traffic Control Tower regarding airport operations and also provides liaison with the National Transportation Safety Board as needed. Patrick will also be responsible for maintaining the Airport Certification Manual, Emergency Plan and finalizing the development of the Airport's Safety Management System. He will work closely with our airline partners, tenants and other Airport divisions to guarantee their safe and efficient airfield operations. Patrick has a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Business Administration and a Master of Business Administration in Aviation from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He comes to us from Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, where he worked as an Airfield Operations Officer, supervising the airfield team. Patrick has also worked in airfield operations at Pittsburgh International Airport and Southwest Florida International Airport. Please join me in welcoming Patrick to the team!



## Summer Externship Expands

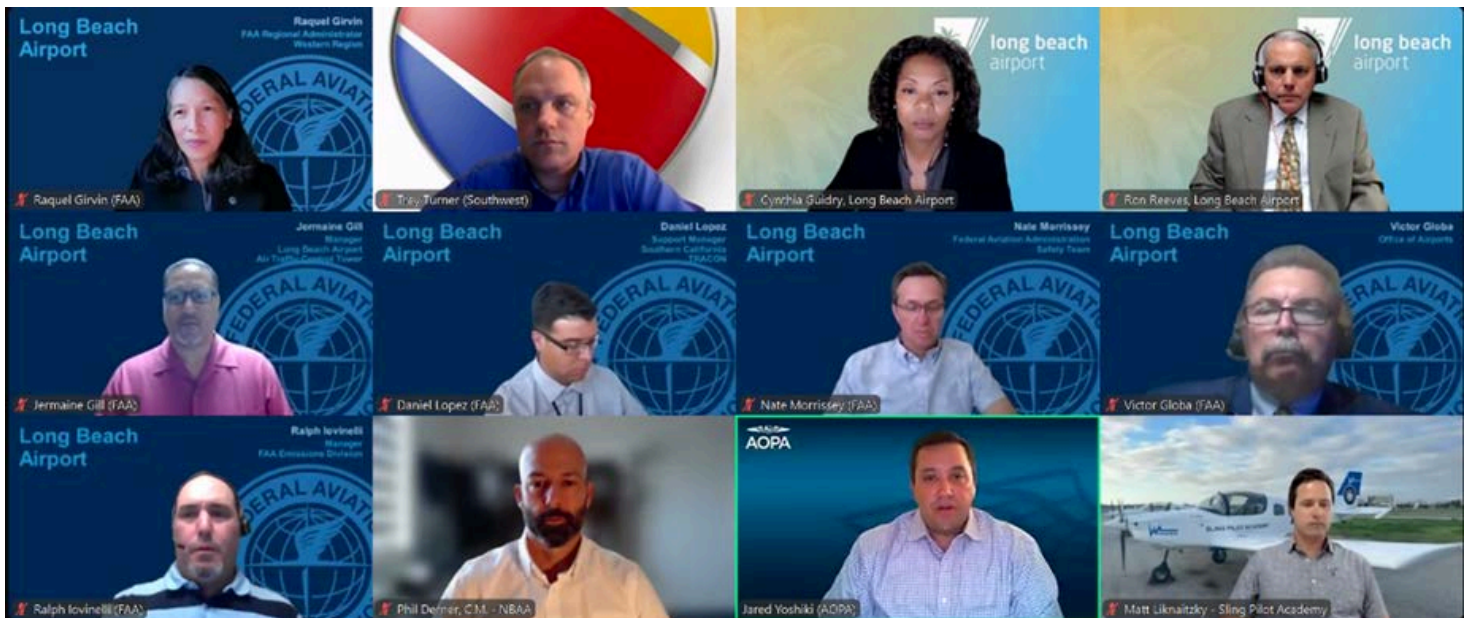
Long Beach Airport's Careers Taking Flight High School Externship is even bigger this summer as we enter into the second year of the program. Launched in summer 2023, the program provides a 40-hour, hands-on experience with a \$500 incentive payment for those with perfect attendance. This time around, we've expanded the externship to double its size, with a total of 24 students in two cohorts! Interviews were conducted with the applicants for this competitive opportunity, and teens were selected from Cabrillo and Jordan High Schools. The first cohort of students graduated in June and the second cohort will be here in August. The students who participate gain insight into what it takes to succeed in the aviation industry, and I'm so excited to welcome these young people to LGB as this program grows. This program wouldn't be possible without support from Long Beach Unified School District and our aviation business and

community partners: Aeroplex/Aerolease Group, Atlantic Aviation, Chapter Seven of the Experimental Aircraft Association's Young Eagles Program, Delta Air Lines, the Federal Aviation Administration, FlightSafety International, Fly Compton Foundation, Hawaiian Airlines, JetZero, Long Beach Aero, SoCal Jet Services, Southwest Airlines, Swinerton Builders and the Transportation Security Administration.



## Watch Now: FAA Informational Webinar

Co-hosted by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), we participated an informational [webinar](#) last week focused on general aviation operations at LGB. The public meeting provided information about the FAA's management of airspace; historic and current GA and flight school trends at LGB; available unleaded fuel options at our Airport; and more. The FAA's regional administrator facilitated a panel discussion with live Q&A. After months of preparation, the FAA partnered with us to present a tremendous amount of information to the community, with additional aviation community leaders attending from the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) and the Long Beach Airport Association (LBAA). The webinar was streamed live and recorded, so anyone who missed it can watch it now [online](#).



## TSA PreCheck Enrollment Now Available at LGB

CLEAR is offering TSA PreCheck enrollment and renewals onsite in minutes—no appointment necessary. Travelers can visit the CLEAR pod at the security checkpoint at LGB and get five years of PreCheck expedited security benefits for \$77.95 (or \$199 for both PreCheck and CLEAR). CLEAR's pod is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. TSA PreCheck members benefit from the convenience of keeping shoes, belts and light jackets on through the security checkpoint, and keeping electronics and 3-1-1 compliant liquids in carry-on bags. Members typically get through security screening much faster, with about 99% of members waiting less than 10 minutes at airport checkpoints nationwide. Visit CLEAR's [website](#) to start the application process and learn about required enrollment documents. This is a great new amenity for travelers!



## Fuel Subsidy Available

Long Beach Airport is pleased to see Signature Aviation @Aeroplex, as one of the LGB's Fixed Base Operators offer an unleaded fuel (Swift UL94) since August 2023 and now advertising UL94 at the same price per gallon for general aviation users. This program was approved by the City Council and without the subsidy, the typical sale price of UL94 for consumers can be \$2 to \$4 more per gallon than 100LL used today. By subsidizing the transition to unleaded fuel, Long Beach Airport is one of only a handful of airports in the nation to offer a financial subsidy.



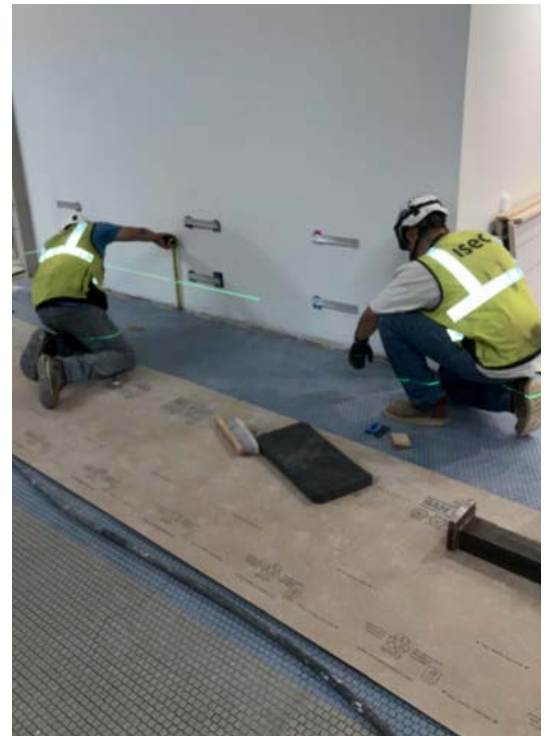
## Airport Wins Award for Airfield Project

LGB's Rehabilitate Runway 12-30 Lighting Project received a Transportation Project Award last month from the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA). The \$9.5 million project, primarily funded by an Airport Improvement Program grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), enhanced safety and brought the Airport's largest runway in line with the latest FAA standards while adding to the Airport's 2023 sustainability efforts. It was honored in the award category of highways, bridges, rail, aviation and maritime improvement projects totaling less than \$10 million. The project required the temporary closure of the runway. Close coordination with the airlines was required to ensure operational effects were minimized. The efforts of KDG Construction Consulting were essential to scheduling and phasing along with keeping the project on track. This project will serve the Airport, airlines and our passengers for years to come. We are delighted that this important project involving the installation of more than 500 energy-saving LED lights was recognized by the CMAA!



## Phase II Construction Update

Tremendous work was accomplished last month to finish renovation efforts to the 80-year-old Historic Terminal - plaster patching, painting, tile placement, millwork, elevator modernization & testing, installation of plumbing fixtures, doors, windows and decorative metal trim. We're so pleased to return the shine to the jewel of our Airport campus!

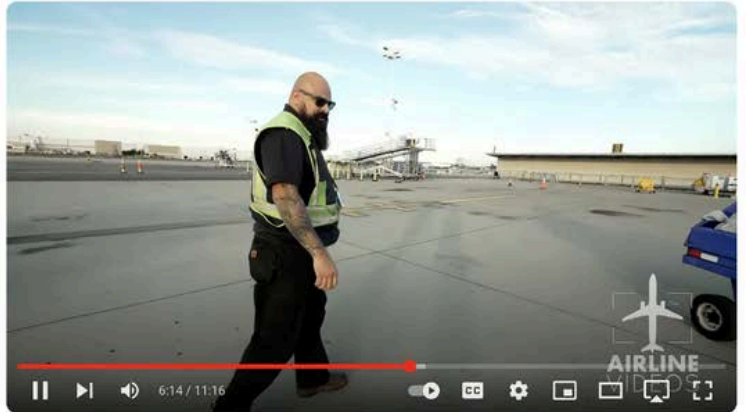


## Seen at the Scene

Long Beach Airport was a special guest on AIRLINE VIDEOS LIVE @airlinevideos. Created by longtime plane spotter Kevin Ray, who has more than 931,000 followers on Facebook, 419,000 followers on Instagram and 787,000 subscribers on YouTube, the roughly 11-minute video describes what sets LGB apart from other airports and features a personalized tour of the Airport campus. As of this writing, the video has garnered 25,000 views on YouTube.



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## Save the Date: Plane Pull

The ultimate man-versus-machine Plane Pull for Special Olympics Southern California (SOSC) will return to Long Beach Airport on Saturday, August 24. Raising money to support and empower athletes with intellectual disabilities to live healthier, happier and more fulfilling lives, teams will test their strength, stamina and endurance to pull a 124,000-pound plane in the quickest time! Since SOSC started holding its annual Plane Pull fundraiser at Long Beach Airport in 2006, the heartwarming event has raised more than \$2 million in charitable donations. This will be the final year for the event to take place on our campus due to the anticipated future development of the Wardlow Parcel, and I'm so proud of LGB's longtime role in supporting this great event for a great cause.



## Stay Informed About Terminal Roadway Improvements

Visit [www.lgbroadimprovements.com](http://www.lgbroadimprovements.com), a web page specifically dedicated to keeping you in the know about the Terminal Roadway Improvements project. The website includes helpful travel tips, construction impacts, a timeline and an overview of the project and its benefits. The “What to Expect” section outlines the construction schedule and includes an easy-to-read map that identifies the location of the construction activity, pedestrian access, drop-off and pick-up lanes, as well as parking and cell phone waiting lots. It’s a handy resource to help you connect with LGB and pave the way to easy travel!

## History Highlight

Isn’t it amazing when things come together just like you planned? Here’s one of the circa 1941 mosaic masterworks being created for the floor of Long Beach Airport’s Historic Terminal. The art by Grace Clements has been carefully preserved and we’ll soon be able to see it again in full color.



## Airport Administrative Offices Holiday Closure

Long Beach Airport administrative offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Airport operations, security and building services will continue uninterrupted.



Cynthia Guidry  
Airport Director