

BUSINESS PARTNER BRIEF

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Director's Message



Greetings! As the weather warms, there are many developments heating up this spring at Long Beach Airport, including our expanded LGB Live! music program, new online flight planning tool, and much more. –Cynthia Guidry

Expanded LGB Live! Welcomes Travelers

LGB adds a joyful note to the journey with LGB Live! The musical entertainment series is more than quadrupling from 40 to more than 160 live performances this year by talented local artists, to enhance the passenger experience. This special music program invites travelers to experience the rhythm of local artists playing in the Airport's award-winning indoor-outdoor concourse. LGB Live! performances are typically held post-security for ticketed travelers from 3 to 5 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays, with additional shows during busy travel seasons. Exact showtimes, along with information about pre-security performances, are available at the newly launched lgb.org/music. Stay tuned for more exciting updates and new performance dates.



3,000 Gallons of Unleaded Fuel Subsidized

In its ongoing efforts to promote the transition from leaded to unleaded aviation fuel for general aviation users, LGB has subsidized more than 3,000 gallons of unleaded aviation fuel through its Subsidized Aviation Fuel for the Environment (SAFE) program. SAFE initially launched in 2024 to encourage the use of UL94-grade unleaded avgas by offsetting the price difference compared to the more commonly used low-leaded fuel, encouraging more pilots and aircraft owners to make the switch. Of the \$200,000 allocated for this initiative, \$13,000 has been spent to date on the 3,359 gallons of subsidized fuel. Additionally, LGB's Supplemental Transportation Cost (STC) reimbursement program has processed 17 applications, spending \$5,000 of the available \$60,000 allocated to further support the transition by reimbursing some of the costs associated with the use of unleaded aviation fuel.



New Online Flight Planning Tool

LGB is now offering the FlyMyAirport search tool, an online feature that allows passengers to more easily search for and find nonstop and connecting flights to and from LGB. Available on lgb.org and on the airline destinations webpage, FlyMyAirport provides a seamless way to search flights, compare options, and even explore special travel packages, including hotel and rental car deals. The search tool is powered by KAYAK and is a product of Airport One, LLC. Currently, LGB offers nonstop flights to 22 airports nationwide, including Hawaii, with one-stop service to nearly 400 cities around the world. For example, Delta Air Lines offers one-stop access to major European cities such as Amsterdam, London, and Paris; Hawaiian Airlines provides convenient connecting flights to Tokyo, Seoul, and Sydney; and with just one stop, Southwest Airlines travelers can reach Liberia (Costa Rica), Puerto Vallarta and Reykjavik. This new tool will simplify the flight planning process by making it easier for travelers to explore these travel options and more.

Noise Violation Fee Increase

The Long Beach City Council approved a motion to amend the Noise Ordinance to increase noise violation fees, the first time that the City's Noise Ordinance has ever been amended. The request to increase fees followed one of seven recommendations made by Airport staff in the [10/31/23 General Aviation Report](#) and its subsequent updates. As stated in the [GA Report's 12/20/24 update](#), the City Attorney submitted an inquiry to the Federal Aviation Administration's Office of Chief Counsel and received the opinion that increasing the fines to adjust for inflation as well as making minor revisions of language to reflect current Airport operations would not trigger compliance issues with the Airport's Noise & Capacity Act (ANCA), meaning the City can make limited amendments while still maintaining the ordinance's grandfathered status under ANCA. For details about the City Council motion brought forth by Fifth District Councilwoman Megan Kerr, see the [March 4 agenda](#). I am pleased that LGB has been able to work with our community and elected officials on this matter. Stay tuned for more updates.

Experts Talk Noise at Symposium

Speaking of noise, the UC Davis Aviation Noise & Emissions Symposium took place in Las Vegas last month, organized by the UC Davis Air Quality Research Center. This is a leading event dedicated to reducing aviation's environmental impact through cutting-edge research, policy, and collaboration. Helping organize the event was our own LGB Noise Officer Justin Cook, who lined up an incredible selection of expert speakers for panel discussions. Long Beach Airport was proud to be front and center at this important industry conference!

Sling Pilot Academy Opens at LGB

Long Beach Airport welcomed Sling Pilot Academy, led by CEO Matt Liknaitzky, to our growing aviation business community! The academy celebrated its grand opening last month at its new location on the JetZero leasehold, showcasing its innovative Whisper Sling and highlighting its commitment to sustainable aviation. With a fleet running entirely on unleaded fuel and active participation in LGB's Fly Friendly program, Sling is setting a high standard for responsible flight training. We're excited about this partnership and the positive impact Sling will have at LGB and beyond!





LGB Tenants Appreciated

LGB's annual Tenant Appreciation Event was a special evening among friends last month as we celebrated Airport tenants and business partners, including representatives from commercial airlines, flight schools, FBOs, ground transportation providers and countless other aviation and non-aviation businesses that help make the Long Beach Airport complex and the local economy thrive.



Save the Date: Festival of Flight

Festival of Flight, our biggest annual community event, is set to return on October 25. It's so incredible to see 10,000+ people come out onto the airfield each year for this special experience. A tradition here at LGB for more than a decade, the day includes static aircraft displays, live entertainment, and much more!

More Efficient Paint Truck

In early 2025, LGB's Maintenance team began using a new paint truck, making airfield markings faster and more efficient than ever. This upgrade allows us to complete more work in less time with fewer resources, reducing runway closures and minimizing operational impacts. Previously, the team relied on a line laser machine, which required more time and effort. Now, we can apply runway markings, centerlines, edge lines and fill areas with greater ease. In this photo, our team is working on the aiming point marker on Runway 26R.

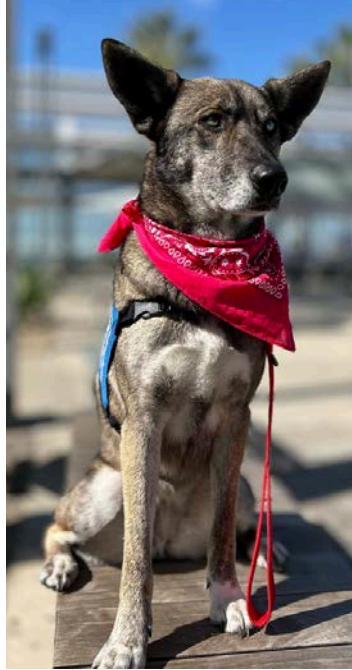
Mayor's Fund Event

LGB recently hosted about 75 middle and high school students as the conclusion of a series of career workshops organized by the Mayor's Fund, YMCA of Greater Long Beach and Cal State Long Beach's Master of Social Work program. Long Beach Airport offered a walking tour of our campus, followed by a speaking program with elected officials and Airport staff, concluding with a networking reception focused on sharing information about Airport careers. Thank you to everyone involved in coordinating and setting up this fantastic opportunity for young people to learn more about aviation careers and our Airport!



Seen at the Scene

Long Beach Airport is doggone excited to have a new STARS therapy canine visiting our campus. Meet Luna-tic, or just Luna, a three-year-old Husky/Shepard mix who loves belly rubs and learning new tricks. Wearing her "pet me" blue vest, travelers and LGB employees are encouraged to stop and introduce themselves to Luna-tic—and her handler, Michelle—when they're so generously volunteering their time here at LGB.



In preparation for the upcoming Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach taking place April 11-13, we welcomed race fans with an IndyCar vehicle in our concourse for a limited time.



Fourth grade students from Weaver Elementary School in Los Alamitos recently visited the LGB campus. The 60 attendees each received goodie bags with squishy planes, america’s coolest airport stickers and LGB trading cards.



LGB staffers Marlene Arrona and Melu Habacon represented the Airport at the 2025 National Business Aviation Association’s (NBAA) Schedulers & Dispatchers Conference last month in New Orleans, bringing along an information booth and talking about all the great amenities LGB has to offer to the business aviation community.



Passenger Traffic Report

Long Beach Airport served 263,160 passengers in February, representing a decrease of 13.9% compared with the same month in 2024.

| | Feb 2025 | Feb 2024 | % Change | YTD 2025 | YTD 2024 | % Change |
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| Passenger Traffic | | | | | | |
| Enplanements | 133,038 | 152,496 | -12.8% | 267,363 | 299,799 | -10.8% |
| Deplanements | 130,122 | 153,282 | -15.1% | 265,249 | 299,993 | -11.6% |
| Total Passenger Traffic | 263,160 | 305,778 | -13.9% | 532,612 | 599,792 | -11.2% |
| Total Air Cargo (Tons) | 1,065 | 957 | 11.3% | 2,294 | 1,973 | 16.3% |



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