Greetings! It’s officially springtime, and Long Beach Airport is blossoming. Our new Ticketing Lobby is nearly complete and we’re working with our partners towards making our operations even safer and more sustainable (more on that below!).

-Cynthia Guidry

Community Open House for New Ticketing Lobby

LGB is commemorating the opening of its brand-new Ticketing Lobby and Checked Baggage Inspection System (CBIS) facility with a Community Open House on Saturday, April 30, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The projects are part of the $110 million Phase II - Terminal Area Improvement Program to make strategic pre-security enhancements to the Airport. We’ll have family-friendly activities, music, light refreshments and sneak peek tours, so please invite your friends and family to come check it out with you. Parking is complimentary. I hope to see you there!
Hawaiian Airlines Adds Maintenance Facility

Hawaiian Airlines is further investing in its operations at LGB with the establishment of a new Hawaiian Airlines Line Maintenance Base. The base officially opened on March 15. At roughly 3,000 square feet, the facility will include one of the airline’s largest supply stocking warehouses, as well as an office and trailer northeast of LGB’s historic terminal on Donald Douglas Drive. It will be the fourth Hawaiian Airlines maintenance and supply base in North America and crews will be working on the airline’s Airbus A321 fleet. The opening of the facility creates 17 new positions. Operational duties will include inspections, brake service, fluid checks and tire service, among others. I’m really excited to see Hawaiian Airlines deepen their investment in LGB!

Parking Structure Solar Canopies

Crews recently started prep work to install solar canopies on the rooftops of LGB’s two parking structures. Providing shade and collecting sunlight, the project—part of a larger citywide solar initiative being conducted by Public Works—is expected to be complete by summer 2022. When complete, the canopies will generate enough renewable energy to supply 70% of the electricity used in the historic terminal building. It’s another step forward in LGB’s commitment to the environment and our pledge to reduce emissions from 2016 levels, on a per passenger basis, by 20% in 2025 and 40% in 2030. The goal, eventually, is for LGB to become a carbon-neutral facility.
Viewing Area Underway at Aero Long Beach

A public observation area is being established in the northwest corner of the Aero Long Beach (formerly Kilroy Airport Center) parking lot. Construction is underway, with concrete poured, bleachers installed and handicap parking spaces designated. A shade canopy, picnic tables, landscaping and other features, including QR elements that allow the public to learn about LGB and listen to tower communications, are soon to come. A ribbon cutting will take place once all of the elements are in place.

Taxiway L Update

Reconstruction of Taxiway L continues to move forward. The project consists of five work areas (Phase I through V). In the Phase I area, between Taxiway L1 and the Lakewood tunnel, the cement treated base (CTB) placement was completed in March. CTB is a type of soil-cement that hardens to form a strong, durable paving material that is widely used as a pavement base for highways, parking areas and airports. Slab form work for the Lakewood tunnel approach was conducted in the Phase I area as well. In the Phase II area, which consists of the Taxiways L1 and L2 connectors, cement treated subgrade and CTB placement was completed. Demolition of existing electrical work in both Phase I and II areas continues. In addition to work in Phase I and II, notice to proceed was issued last month, to Phase V, which is adjacent to the former Gulfstream space. Temporary electrical work, grinding and disposal of existing asphalt pavement, soil-cement placement and CTB placement have been completed in that area.
Phase II Update

Tremendous work is underway behind the construction walls for Phase II of our Terminal Area Improvement Program! For the new Baggage Claim area, concrete placement for footings and setting anchor bolts to support structural steel columns have been placed in 15 locations. Structural steel is expected to arrive and be erected the first week of April. In the new Ticketing area, architectural concrete placement for the adjacent courtyard was installed and it looks great. Additionally, TSA security certification requirements have been achieved for the new secured area boundary. And inside the new Ticketing Lobby, building finishes have been completed, ticket counter equipment has been installed and ticketing kiosks are ready for airline testing. Meanwhile, testing continues in the new Checked Baggage Inspection System (CBIS) facility. The baggage system undergoes Integrated Site Acceptance Testing (ISAT) to receive TSA approval. To support ISAT, TSA supplied hundreds of test bags in cargo containers (shown under the blue tarp in the related photo).
Engines Start for Grand Prix

LGB is geared up to welcome race fans for the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach, the No. 1 street race in America. The roar of engines will shake the palm trees downtown from April 8-10. Here at the airport, we had a vehicle display in our concourse in March, as well as race-themed pole banners along Donald Douglas Drive. On race weekend, look for LGB’s booth in the Lifestyle Expo at the Long Beach Convention Center.

Seen at the Scene

Lights on the historic terminal building are often symbolic, with colors representing various holidays or causes. In March, we highlighted our support for the country of Ukraine with blue and yellow lights; went purple for International Women’s Day; and weren’t pinchable in green for Saint Patrick’s!
Sky9's Desmond Shaw recently provided aerial news coverage highlighting the nearly 100-year history of Long Beach Airport. It was broadcast live on KCBS/KCAL!

“Plane to See” Contest Seeks Uplifting Art

We’re selecting the winners this month of LGB’s “Plane to See” aviation-themed design contest, where up to 10 local artists’ drawings will earn $500 honorariums and be used to create coloring sheets for travelers of all ages. We received more than 100 submissions that reflect the diversity of the Long Beach community and make it “Plane to See” why LGB and its storied aviation history are so special! Selected drawings, judged in partnership with the Arts Council for Long Beach, will be printed and distributed at community events and to LGB travelers. The images also will be available to download online.

Save the Date: Festival of Flight

The date is set for LGB’s biggest event of the year. Mark your calendar for the Festival of Flight on Saturday, October 29, 2022, as the free annual community event returns with static aircraft displays and other aviation-themed entertainment for thousands of attendees.
COVID-19 Federal Masking Requirement

As a reminder, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) federal mask mandate requirement, in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is in place through April 18, 2022; the mandate applies to everyone at airports and on commercial flights.

February Commercial Flight Activity

Commercial airline passenger activity at Long Beach Airport increased from the previous month and we look forward to an even more solid report for March. Long Beach Airport served 202,906 passengers in February 2022. Airline passenger traffic increased 295.5% in February compared with the same time in 2021 and decreased 27% compared with the same period in 2020. Total air cargo carried by aircraft, both inbound and outbound, increased 17.2% in February 2022 compared to the same time the previous year; 1,097 tons passed through LGB in February 2022.

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