

# BUSINESS PARTNER BRIEF

## DECEMBER 2022



### Director's Message

Happy Holidays! A season tradition, Long Beach Airport is busy bringing families together this time of year. Enjoy this edition of our Business Partner Brief as we share news, updates and photos.  
—Cynthia Guidry

### LGB Welcomes Holiday Travelers

Thanksgiving provided a glimpse of the elevated number of travelers we expect to welcome here at LGB during this winter's holiday rush. Even during the busiest travel days, Long Beach provides the coolest, most convenient way to start a holiday vacation, and passengers have taken note. Estimates show we will reach close to 2019 levels. Load factors for more than 43,000 available seats on 46 daily flights out of Long Beach are forecast to average more than 82% in December, compared to an average of 70% for the same monthlong period last year. On select days, load factors will be as high as 97%. Through LGB's four airline partners, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Hawaiian Airlines and Southwest Airlines, an estimated 72,000 passengers will move through LGB on the peak holiday travel weeks, with more than 12,000 passing through on the busiest days.



## Five Supplemental Flight Slots Added

As established by the Noise Ordinance, each year we are required to determine the status of the air carrier noise budget and whether flights should be added or removed to ensure compliance with the noise budgets. To preserve the grandfathered status of the Noise Ordinance, additional flight slots must be allocated if a sufficient amount of remaining unused noise budget exists such that the noise budget would not be exceeded by increasing the number of flight slots. Based on this year's analysis, the Airport has determined that five additional supplemental flight slots must be allocated. This will bring the total number of flight slots to 58 (41 permanent and 17 supplemental). We have notified air carriers on the waiting list for supplemental flight slots and will allocate the slots in accordance with the established protocol. The current distribution of flight slots (before allocation of the five new slots) is listed below.

<b>Air Carrier</b>	<b>Permanent Flight Slots</b>	<b>Supplemental Flight Slots</b>	<b>Total Flight Slots</b>
American Airlines	3	0	3
Delta Air Lines	7	0	7
Hawaiian Airlines	2	0	2
Southwest Airlines	28	12	40
UPS	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>53</b>

## Nashville/D.C. Flights Take Off

Southwest Airlines is now offering daily nonstop flights from LGB to Nashville International Airport (BNA). The first of the now daily flights departed Sunday, November 6. Business travelers have been especially excited to note that on weekdays the flight continues on to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA), making a 45-minute stop at BNA to drop off passengers before continuing to Arlington, Virginia, without a plane transfer. To celebrate the inaugural flight to Music City, Long Beach Airport hosted California country singer-songwriter Victoria Bailey to perform an early morning set of honky-tonk tunes for departing passengers. Travelers on the Nashville flight also received customized commemorative cookies.



## ARFF Vehicle Rolls Out

LGB recently purchased a new Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) vehicle, which will be operated by the Long Beach Fire Department (LBFD) and housed at Fire Station 16 next to the airfield. 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. The new vehicle is an Oshkosh Striker 6X6 model, which holds 3,000 gallons of water, up to 420 gallons of foam and 550 pounds of dry chemical extinguishing agent. It features a low attack bumper turret and a roof mounted turret capable of water dispersal at a level of 1,400 psi. The total cost for the new vehicle was \$1.1 million, the majority of which came from Passenger Facility Charges (PFCs).



## Phase II Construction Update

Construction in the Plaza area, new Baggage Claim and the Historic Terminal is underway. Infrastructure work and grading in preparation for concrete placement later this month continues in the Plaza adjacent to the new Baggage Claim area. Installation of two conveyors for the new Baggage Claim, and mechanical and electrical work, in addition to the installation of fire alarms and security infrastructure, remain ongoing. Meanwhile, in the Historic Terminal, carpet removal and demolition of interior walls in the former ticketing area, as well as demolition of electrical conduit and wiring, continue on the first floor. Public access to the restrooms in the terminal will remain in place through the end of this year.



Construction of the New Baggage Claim area continues



Baggage conveyor installation is underway

## Taxiway L Update

The reconstruction of Taxiway L nears completion. Last month, work included; storm drain installation, demolition of existing electrical work, trench and installation of electrical duct banks, horizontal directional drilling for electrical manholes, concrete joint widening and sealing, runway guard light conduit installation, Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) slipform pavement placement at the shoulders and asphalt pavement placement at L3 and Taxiway N.



Storm drain installation



Asphalt pavement placement



Concrete slipform placement

## Blind Teen Tours LGB Ahead of First Flight

Kudos to Long Beach Airport's volunteer tour guides who expertly led an 18-year-old student who is blind, Sarah Sanchez of Bellflower, through LGB. Independent travel is essential for Sarah, as she'll be traveling alone for the first time when she comes home for the December holidays. Tour guides Elliott and Andy enjoyed helping the young lady, who was accompanied by a parent and three instructors. Elliott said, "She came to LGB to experience the sounds of an airport. We walked through both terminals and sat for a while and listened to the gate and other announcements." The introduction to airport knowledge was something the teen told Andy she needed so that she can someday soon feel confident and comfortable going on flights by herself. Here at LGB, where we strive to make our Airport accessible to all, we wish her many safe travels!



## Seen at the Scene

For good cheer during the holiday travel season, the Airport is featuring live musical performances by local artists on Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons as part of its LGB Live! seasonal music series. Also, Santa may be seen at the scene with some hot cocoa for travelers!



Long Beach Airport proudly participated in Long Beach's annual Día de los Muertos Festival and inaugural Grand Parade Día de los Muertos. Our colorful parade float was met with cheers as it moved along downtown streets, and our festival booth was visited by more than 400 attendees!



## Aviation History Month

November was Aviation History Month, and Long Beach Airport's rich aviation history includes the legendary Spruce Goose. The 400,000-pound wooden boat made its first and only flight right here in Long Beach 75 years ago. It was the largest flying boat ever built, with the widest wingspan. It was designed to be a cargo and troop carrier that would not be susceptible to Axis submarines and, by substituting wood for metal in its construction, would not use critical wartime materials.



## October Passenger Activity

Our commercial passenger numbers continue to remain strong. In October 2022, LGB served 298,841 passengers, an increase of 33.8% compared to the same time last year. So far in 2022, more than 2.7 million passengers have traveled via Long Beach Airport.

	Oct 2022	Oct 2021	% Change	Oct 2020	% Change	Oct 2019	% Change	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	% Change	YTD 2020	% Change	YTD 2019	% Change
<b>Passenger Traffic</b>														
Enplanements	147,698	109,809	34.5%	29,086	407.8%	151,329	-2.4%	1,358,357	797,245	70.4%	469,612	189.3%	1,478,326	-8.1%
Deplanements	147,143	110,484	33.2%	28,818	410.6%	153,773	-4.3%	1,349,303	795,652	69.6%	471,202	186.4%	1,475,632	-8.6%
<b>Total Passenger Traffic</b>	<b>294,841</b>	<b>220,293</b>	<b>33.8%</b>	<b>57,904</b>	<b>409.2%</b>	<b>305,102</b>	<b>-3.4%</b>	<b>2,707,660</b>	<b>1,592,897</b>	<b>70.0%</b>	<b>940,814</b>	<b>187.8%</b>	<b>2,953,958</b>	<b>-8.3%</b>
<b>Total Air Cargo (Tons)</b>	<b>1,148</b>	<b>1,375</b>	<b>-16.5%</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>-7.6%</b>	<b>1,780</b>	<b>-35.5%</b>	<b>11,292</b>	<b>11,363</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>12,741</b>	<b>-11.4%</b>	<b>17,214</b>	<b>-34.4%</b>

## City Hosts Business Webinars

As part of an ongoing commitment to increase access to contracting opportunities, the City of Long Beach has launched a monthly webinar series titled "Doing Business with the City" for business and nonprofit leaders to hear an overview of contracting and business licensing processes, learn how to register as a vendor on the City's procurement platform Long Beach Buys, and ask questions directly to City staff. The free webinars will be held every third Thursday of the month, from 11 a.m. to noon, on Zoom. Each event will feature a short presentation covering what organizations need to know to do business with the City, rotating special guest presentations, and a question and answers forum. Preregistration is required [here](#) in order to receive the meeting link.

## Airport Administrative Offices Holiday Closure

Long Beach Airport administrative offices will be closed on Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2, in observance of the Christmas holiday and New Year holiday. Airport operations, security and building services will continue uninterrupted.



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