



Director's Message

Greetings! It's going to be a hot summer at Long Beach Airport, and I'm not talking about the weather. There's so much to be excited about, with the completion of LGB's new Ticketing Lobby and CBIS facility, plus LGB's recent California Transportation Foundation Organization of the Year Award and more. —Cynthia Guidry

LGB Wins Organization of the Year

I was so proud to represent Long Beach Airport in Sacramento last month when LGB received the California Transportation Foundation Organization of the Year Award! This award highlights the good work being done by our entire Airport team and reflects the many recent accomplishments we've celebrated, from the completion of major construction projects, to improved sustainability and overall passenger experience - even during a pandemic!



LGB Business Partner Spotlight: Wayne Grakowski

This month we'd like to spotlight Wayne Grakowski, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Lead Transportation Security Manager at Long Beach Airport. Wayne applies extensive knowledge and personal grace to his work, and we're grateful to have him overseeing the team that helps ensure the safety of our travelers.



Q: Can you share a sentence or two about your professional background?

A: I joined TSA 14 years ago, holding a wide variety of support and leadership positions at different airports in Southern California. Prior to joining TSA, I served for more than 28 years in the United States Marine Corps, with 20 years as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician (Bomb Tech) deployed in a host of positions throughout Southeast and Southwest Asia, including combat tours supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in the Philippines and Iraq.

Q: Is there anything about your personal life that you'd like to share?

A: I'm married to my lovely bride of 30 years, and we have one son. I enjoy spending time with my family, participating in outdoor sports, reading and watching classic movies.

Q: Can you tell us about your operations at Long Beach Airport?

A: I oversee the TSA operation at LGB, including passenger and checked baggage screening. Part of my duties as a Lead Transportation Security Manager are to engage regularly with the entire LGB airport community to keep them apprised of TSA matters and to keep current on stakeholder concerns. I work every day to build a strong partnership between the local TSA team and others who make LGB such a great place to work. We have about 120 uniformed TSA officers who carry out TSA's security mission at LGB. In 2021, more than a million travelers were screened through the security checkpoint here. We are on pace to see a 50% increase over 2021 numbers this year.

Q: What do you like best about being part of the LGB community?

A: If there was one part that I like best, it's the community's support of my team and friendships that have formed since my arrival here.

Southwest Airlines Employee a Hometown Hero

Thanks to the quick actions of Southwest employee Monique Champagne and two travelers, a passenger's life was saved at Long Beach Airport! On an early Wednesday morning in March, three emergency fire department vehicles were dispatched to LGB to attend to a man who had fallen to the ground and sustained a head injury. When the first responders arrived, they found three extraordinary humanitarians hard at work to keep the man alive. That morning, Shayla and Hunter were waiting for their boarding call when they noticed a man fall. Without hesitation, they rushed to help him and found him in cardiac arrest. Monique saw the commotion, quickly grabbed a defibrillator, and applied electric shocks to his chest. As the machine charged, Shayla and Hunter continued to apply resuscitative measures, coaching one another in the process. Together, the three performed CPR and shocked the patient with the defibrillator twice. By the time emergency personnel arrived, the man was breathing on his own and was subsequently transported to the hospital. Last month, Monique and the others received American Red Cross Hometown Heroes Awards for their outstanding actions. Congratulations and well done!



Better and Brighter with New Runway Lighting

The runways and taxiways at Long Beach Airport soon will be brighter and conserve more energy with the installation of more than 500 new LEDs as part of the Runway 12-30 electrical project. The new lights, to be installed this summer, are expected to save approximately 20KW per night, conserving energy and cutting the electricity bill by about \$3,800 per year. Maintenance costs also are expected to be less since the bulbs have a longer life expectancy. Great project from our Engineering team!



Aeroplex Welcomes Next Generation of Aviation Professionals

Aeroplex Group Partners recently created and hosted the Aviation Professional Workshop, intended to provide a no-cost day session for college students to learn fundamental skills, including interview skills and resume writing, from current industry professionals. Participating students came from Cypress, Glendale and Mt. SAC community colleges, as well as CSULA's bachelor's degree program in aviation management. Students heard presentations from several regional airport management professionals, including LGB Director Guidry. Big thanks to Aeroplex Group Partners for inspiring the next generation of aviation professionals and providing practical training for success!



That's a Wrap—Fresh Look for LGB Trailers

The new wrapping around the Operations trailer and Southwest Airlines baggage office modular units is a gift for Long Beach Airport. The trailer designs improve the look of the campus as well as help direct travelers to where they need to go. Beyond the trailers, a decorative covering also was added to beautify the 365-foot-long fence between the rental car facilities and Parking Structure A.



Phase II Update

The new Ticketing Lobby opened last month, and it looks gorgeous! And now that the new CBIS facility is fully operational, decommissioning of the former CBIS behind the historic terminal is underway, making way for a new pedestrian courtyard area and reestablishing the west entrance to the terminal. The new Baggage Claim facility, featuring increased capacity within a smaller footprint, remains under construction and is anticipated to open in late 2022. In early 2023, a new structure will be constructed to support the Baggage Claim facility and will include new airline baggage support offices, new concession and new restrooms.



The brand-new Ticketing Lobby officially opened last month



Decommissioning of the former CBIS facility is underway



Roofing installation and framing for the new Baggage Claim facility continues

Taxiway L Update

The Taxiway L reconstruction project continues to move forward. Work is underway, primarily at night, in three of the five phase areas. Last month, Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) placement was completed in the Phase II area, while PCC placement in the Phase I and V areas remains ongoing. Concrete placement for the Lakewood Tunnel approach continued. Subgrade and subbase preparation for the shoulder work began in the Phase I and II areas. Demolition of existing electrical was completed in the Phase I and II areas and installation of light conduits was initiated there.



Concrete pour in the Phase I area



Concrete pavement smoothing in the Phase V area



Concrete placement for the
Lakewood Tunnel approach



Electrical duct work in the Phase II area

Tabletop Exercise Tests Emergency Response

Long Beach Airport recently coordinated its 2022 Security Tabletop, an emergency response exercise where key personnel from the Airport and partnering agencies come together to review procedures and become familiar with the people who would work side-by-side in an actual emergency. This critical emergency exercise fulfilled both the FAA Part 139 and security annual tabletop requirements, and focused on our Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Response Plan. Thank you to all of our business and first responder partners who participated in this important workshop!



LGB Live! Summer Music Series Starts

Our first performance of LGB Live! took place at the end of May, featuring the Cabrillo High School Steel Drum Band. It was one of 30 such musical acts featuring local artists scheduled to entertain travelers on Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons throughout the summer. It's tough to beat waiting for your flight in our outdoor concourse, listening to the tunes of local musicians!



Seen at the Scene

Visitors from a galaxy far, far away joined the celebration of the new Ticketing Lobby's official opening, which happened to take place on May 4 (a sort of Star Wars holiday). That day, other earth-based visitors to LGB received giveaways of commemorative bag tags and pens.



After the successful opening of the new Ticketing Lobby, the Hawaiian Airlines Community & Cultural Relations team conducted a traditional blessing ceremony of the facility, including their administrative offices. The team also held a special ceremony to formally welcome the new LGB Line Maintenance Facility into the Hawaiian Airlines 'ohana. (Photos courtesy of Hawaiian Airlines Station Manager Chris Walrath.)



Southwest Airlines Vice President Dave Harvey led a tour of Long Beach Airport with our own Director Guidry to show off our new facilities for corporate travel managers. Illustrating how important LGB is to Southwest, our airport is one of few in the country to welcome the airline for these types of tours. Attendees expressed much excitement about our new Ticketing Lobby and Checked Baggage Inspection System (CBIS) facility!



We are so grateful for all our awesome Airport volunteers who have so generously and enthusiastically been working extra shifts to help travelers find their way to the new kiosks in the Ticketing Lobby. And they've been busy, too, attending community events as LGB representatives, such as a recent CSULB Dirtbags game (pictured below).



On the digital scene, fans of the music group BTS flocked to LGB's Twitter feed after we jumped on a worldwide airport social media trend of sharing song lyrics from the popular band. LGB's post was retweeted more than 700 times, making it the Airport's most popular tweet ever (beating out the second most-liked tweet when Air Force One visited LGB).

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LGB Commemorates Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

May was Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, which pays tribute to the generations of Asian and Pacific Islanders who have enriched America’s history. The Airport shared related posts on social media, including one about Katherine Cheung, who defied racial and gender bias during the early years of aviation and became the first licensed Asian American female pilot in the United States. Thank you for helping pave the way for future generations of female pilots!



April Commercial Flight Activity

We continue to see commercial passenger traffic increase month-over-month, climbing back toward pre-pandemic levels. LGB served 274,381 passengers in April 2022, compared to a similar figure of 270,210 the month prior. April’s figures represent a significant increase compared to the same month in 2020, when there were just 6,299 passengers, and April 2021, when there were 160,969 passengers. But traffic has still not quite reached what it was in April 2019, at 296,941 passengers. Total air cargo carried by aircraft, both inbound and outbound, increased 8.7% in April 2022 compared to the same time the previous year; 1,818 tons passed through the Airport in April 2022.

	Apr 2022	Apr 2021	% Change	Apr 2020	% Change	Apr 2019	% Change	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	% Change	YTD 2020	% Change	YTD 2019	% Change
Passenger Traffic														
Enplanements	136,399	80,384	69.7%	3,231	4121.6%	148,927	-8.4%	466,920	184,810	152.6%	352,471	32.5%	552,410	-15.5%
Deplanements	137,982	80,585	71.2%	3,068	4397.5%	148,014	-6.8%	463,821	183,584	152.6%	354,449	30.9%	550,330	-15.7%
Total Passenger Traffic	274,381	160,969	70.5%	6,299	4255.9%	296,941	-7.6%	930,741	368,394	152.6%	706,920	31.7%	1,102,740	-15.6%
Total Air Cargo (Tons)	1,187	1,092	8.7%	1,196	-0.8%	1,655	-28.3%	4,847	4,053	19.6%	5,606	-13.5%	6,823	-29.0%

Airport Administrative Offices Holiday Closure

Long Beach Airport administrative offices will be closed on Monday, June 20, in observance of Juneteenth. Airport operations, security and building services will continue uninterrupted.