

BUSINESS PARTNER BRIEF

SEPTEMBER 2022



Director's Message

Greetings! As I recently welcomed a group of smiling student interns touring Long Beach Airport, I was reminded how beloved LGB is and how fortunate I am to be a part of the fabric of this special place in our community. We have a lot to be proud of, and I'm excited to share some highlights with you this month!

—Cynthia Guidry

LGB Business Partner Spotlight: Tom Sutfin

This month we'd like to spotlight Tom Sutfin, owner of Flight Test Prep Academy and Aviation Summer Camp, both based at Long Beach Airport. He's also a schoolteacher, retired from Long Beach Unified and currently working at Cypress College, where he is proud to have helped support the Cypress College Flight Team to a first-place finish at the National Intercollegiate Flying Association's SAFECON safety conference. Tom's extensive knowledge and care for his students is remarkable, and we're grateful to have him here training pilots in Long Beach!



Q: Understanding that you have a number of professional roles, can you share what your operations at Long Beach Airport consist of?

A: Aviation Summer Camp and Flight Test Prep Academy have grown mainly through word-of-mouth advertising. Our modern aircraft include safety features like ADS-B In, which provides operators of properly equipped aircraft with weather and traffic position information delivered directly to the cockpit, and our curriculum efficiently works towards finishing private pilots about 20 hours under the national average. I have focused on effective training in nice aircraft.

I've lived in Long Beach for over 30 years, and I see substantial value provided to the community the airport serves, especially in terms of opportunities for children who want to learn to fly. The deficit of pilots in the industry will only improve through flight training. Since 2008, our summer camps have provided opportunities for hundreds of young people to explore aviation.

Q: What do students enjoy most about Aviation Summer Camp?

A: Students enjoy the specialty nature of the camp. Every summer we provide the opportunity for students who love airplanes and anything that flies to come together around a topic they're passionate about. It's amazing to me when a 10-year-old can describe the livery of an F-15 and its principal fighter role. The kids really enjoy training simulators and they especially love the tours that we've been able to work out with the airport, operators on the field and area aerospace businesses. I believe in what Albert Einstein said: "Inspiration is more important than knowledge."

Q: How long have you been based at LGB and what do you enjoy most about your job?

A: I moved to Long Beach in 1991 for a teaching position at Jordan High School and began flying in 2001, a lifelong dream since I was 10 years old. I feel the same today as I did when I started flying. It has its ups and downs, but I sometimes pause to think how amazing it is that I get to do what I enjoy.

Q: Your son is also a pilot?

A: I'm very proud of my son Matthew, who received his pilot's license at age 17. He is now 20 years old and working on his commercial certificate. A U.S. Air Force ROTC scholarship recipient, he is enrolled at UC Davis and makes the trip to UC Berkeley for his ROTC classes.

Little Brass Café Closes Shop

Due to ongoing construction and the expected temporary closure of the historic terminal building this fall for extensive renovation, the Little Brass Café is winding down operations by selling all goods and supplies. We will miss this pre-security business that kept us all well-fed and watered, even during the pandemic and ongoing construction. We are grateful for the Little Brass employees and owners, Tony and Sam, for their service, smiling faces and great food. This business has been such an important part of the LGB community, and we wish them all the best. There will be new pre-security concession opportunities available in late 2023.



Local Executive Named CEO of National Air Transportation Association

Curt Castagna, C.M. was recently named the 11th President and CEO of the National Air Transportation Association (NATA). Castagna has a diverse background and more than 35 years of proven industry expertise, including in his concurrent role as President and CEO of Aeroplex Group Partners, whose core competencies are airport development, airport project management and aviation consulting. Aeroplex maintains general aviation and business aircraft centers here at LGB, as well as the Van Nuys and Dallas Love Field airports.

Devoted to mentoring future aviation professionals, Curt Castagna has over 30 years of experience as an adjunct professor in the Aviation Administration programs at California State University, Los Angeles, and Cypress Community College. Castagna is a certified private and instrument-rated pilot and aircraft owner.

Please join me in congratulating Curt on this important new role!



Seen at the Scene

We were honored to host a group of about 20 professionals with the Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) for a recent tour of Long Beach Airport. The members of the WTS-Los Angeles chapter were guided by the Engineering and Public Affairs teams and were especially excited to hear about our Phase II Terminal Area Improvements, including a behind-the-scenes look at the ongoing construction.



We welcomed 16 enthusiastic student interns from the City Prosecutor's Office for a guided tour of the airport and Virgin Orbit facilities in August! They explored our ticketing lobby, concourse and historic terminal, learning about the history of aviation in Long Beach and our plans for future projects. The behind-the-scenes look at Virgin Orbit showed them what it takes to build a rocket.



LGB Seeks Diverse Business Opportunities

Our Engineering and Finance Divisions represented Long Beach Airport at a Creating Opportunities for Diversity and Equality (CODE) networking event in August, meeting one-on-one with diverse small business owners. The event was hosted by the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) and was an excellent opportunity for our team to highlight Long Beach's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program, which aims to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of federally-funded contracts, such as those funded by FAA money. We are continually implementing strategies to foster small business participation in our contracting process. For additional information on the DBE program at Long Beach Airport, [please visit the City of Long Beach, Department of Financial Management DBE page.](#)



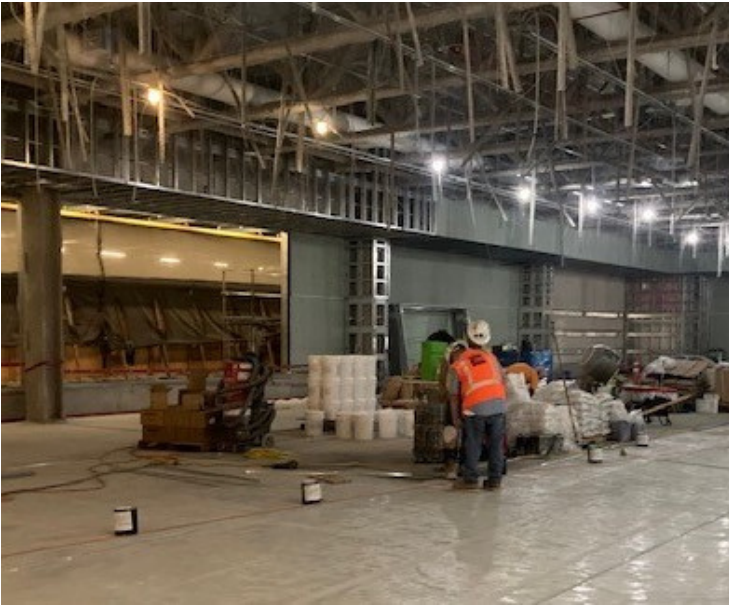
Paradies Adds Scan & Go

Exciting news! Paradies launched a new Scan & Go service in our Long Beach Airport retail stores. Now, travelers and employees have the option of using the QR code posted in the stores to scan the barcodes of the items they want to purchase and pay through their phones, rather than waiting in line to check out at the register. No need to download the app – just point your camera and scan the code!



Phase II Construction Update

Next time you visit our plaza area, you'll notice that travelers have a new path from the concourse to the baggage area and a little more room to queue for TSA screening. That's because architectural concrete placement where the old Checked Baggage Inspection System (CBIS) facility once stood afforded us the opportunity to move the construction barricade closer to the historic terminal. In the new Baggage Claim area, installation of the new terrazzo floor is well underway. And storefront framing and glass installation on the north side continues, while crews are busy painting, plastering and fireproofing throughout.



Terrazzo installation in the new Baggage Claim area



Preparing for the cement pour in the Plaza area



A peek of the Plaza area where the old CBIS facility once stood

Taxiway L Update

Reconstruction of Taxiway L continues to move forward. Last month, striping was completed in the Phase I work area near the Lakewood Tunnel and the Phase II area near Taxiway L1 and L2. Asphalt pavement was placed in the Phase I area, near the Lakewood Tunnel, and the Phase V area, near Taxiway H. Phase I, II and a portion of V were opened for aircraft use in August. Work was initiated in the Phase III area, adjacent to the UPS ramp, where existing asphalt and base were removed, and soil cement was placed at the Spring Street tunnel.



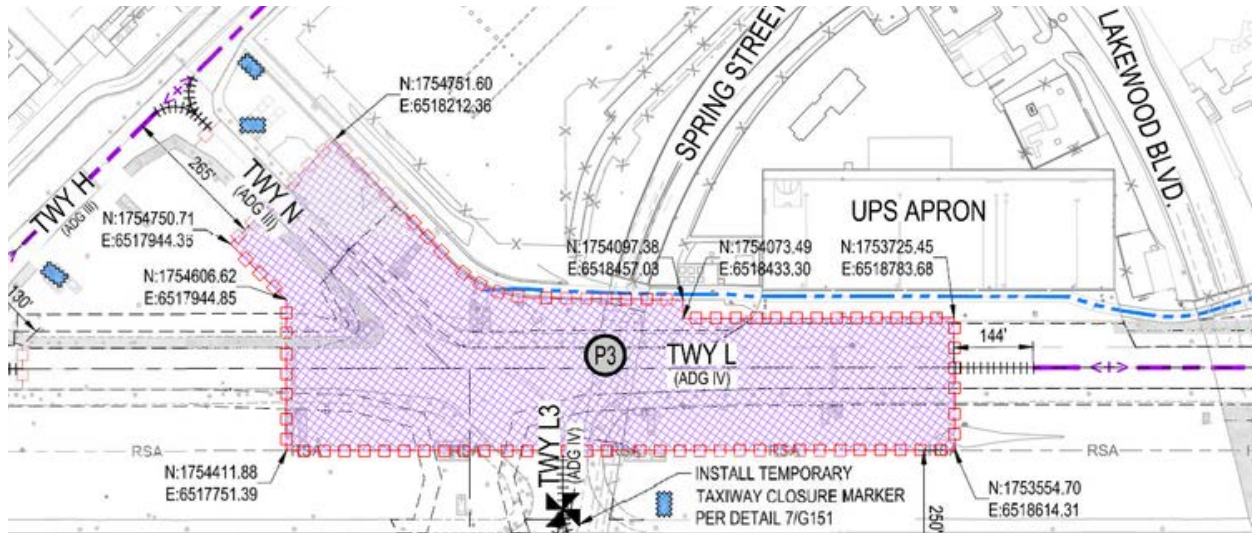
Striping in Phase I area



Asphalt placement near the Lakewood Tunnel



Grading and paving in the Phase V area near Taxiway H



Work is underway in the Phase III area

Official Airport of the Long Beach Marathon

Long Beach Airport is the official airport of the Long Beach Marathon. We're proud to once again be one of the sponsors for the special community event taking place Oct. 8-9 on the streets of Long Beach. We know that visitors running the marathon will enjoy a slower pace here at the airport, where they'll be able to travel with ease. During the event, look for our Public Affairs team at our booth at the Marathon Expo.



Save the Date: Plane Pull

The ultimate man-versus-machine Plane Pull fundraiser for Special Olympics Southern California (SOSC) returns on Saturday, Sept. 24. The annual competition puts a team of 25 against a 124,000-pound UPS jet as part of the Law Enforcement Torch Run® benefit for SOSC athletes.



Save the Date: Festival of Flight

LGB's biggest event of the year is coming in for a landing this October. Don't forget to mark your calendar to attend the Festival of Flight on Saturday, Oct. 29. The free community event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the airfield features static aircraft displays and other aviation-themed entertainment to thousands of attendees.



October 29, 2022
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Join us for the **Festival of Flight**, a **FREE** celebration featuring food & beer trucks, static aircraft and live entertainment.



LGB Airfield
Taxiway E
3590 E. Wardlow Road
Long Beach, CA 90807

For more information:
562-570-2678 or lgbairpt@longbeach.gov
We encourage you to rideshare or use public transportation.
No pets, coolers or large bags allowed.
All bags subject to search.

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LGB's Storied History

We like to shine a spotlight on our airport's rich history every month. True Long Beach locals know and love the iconic "Fly DC Jets" sign, which refers to Douglas Commercial Jets and its place in commercial aircraft manufacturing. The sign was officially designated as one of the city's historic landmarks in 2016.



Airport Administrative Offices Holiday Closure

Long Beach Airport Administrative offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5, in observance of Labor Day. Airport operations, security and building services will continue uninterrupted.

July Passenger Traffic

For the fifth month in a row, we were over 90% of pre-pandemic levels in terms of passenger traffic. Long Beach Airport served 306,420 passengers in July, with airline passenger traffic increasing by 35% compared with the same month the year prior. We expect this trend to continue and to see solid results at the end of the summer travel season.

	Jul 2022	Jul 2021	% Change	Jul 2020	% Change	Jul 2019	% Change
Passenger Traffic							
Enplanements	154,581	114,589	34.9%	20,455	655.7%	159,775	-3.3%
Deplanements	151,839	112,420	35.1%	19,951	661.1%	159,521	-4.8%
Total Passenger Traffic	306,420	227,009	35.0%	40,406	658.4%	319,296	-4.0%
Total Air Cargo (Tons)	922	1,214	-24.0%	1,301	-29.1%	1,737	-46.9%

	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	% Change	YTD 2020	% Change	YTD 2019	% Change
Passenger Traffic							
Enplanements	912,053	495,260	84.2%	391,288	133.1%	1,018,370	-10.4%
Deplanements	902,121	492,044	83.3%	392,930	129.6%	1,015,880	-11.2%
Total Passenger Traffic	1,814,174	987,304	83.8%	784,218	131.3%	2,034,250	-10.8%
Total Air Cargo (Tons)	7,936	7,557	5.0%	9,375	-15.3%	12,200	-35.0%



Cynthia Guidry
 Airport Director