Director’s Message

It was wonderful to see so many of you on the airfield for the return of the Festival of Flight last month! We ended November with a very strong showing for the Thanksgiving travel season, with approximately five times more passengers than the same period in 2020. As 2021 closes, I want to extend my best wishes to you, your families and colleagues for a healthy, happy and prosperous new year! - Cynthia Guidry

Taxiway L Project Initiated

In January, you’ll begin to see construction of one of the most significant airfield projects in the history of our Airport. Taxiway L serves as the primary taxiway for all departing commercial aircraft. The asphalt has reached the end of its useful service and will be reconstructed with concrete, which, although more expensive, will perform better over time. The total project cost is approximately $25 million, the majority of which will be funded by FAA grants. This construction project will result in Runway 12-30 closing nightly from 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. for approximately eight months. This snapshot highlights the project improvements.
Festival of Flight a Success

More than 5,000 people attended our award-winning Festival of Flight November 6 and enjoyed aircraft on static display, live music, food trucks, activities for kids and helicopter rides. A P-40 Warhawk, P-51 Mustang and a Douglas DC-8 were among the featured aircraft. And it was great to have Long Beach Vice Mayor Rex Richardson, Councilwoman Stacy Mungo Flanigan and Airport Commissioners Wayne Chaney, Robert Duarte and Katie Larson join us for our signature community event of the year!
New Technology Available for TSA Screening

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) recently installed Credential Authentication Technology (CAT) units at LGB’s checkpoint. This new technology, which is being rolled out at airports across the nation, not only improves detection of fraudulent documents, but also streamlines the passenger experience by allowing individuals to provide only their identification and not their boarding pass.

The CAT unit will automatically verify whether the traveler is prescreened to travel out of the airport for a flight that day. We’re pleased that this technology has made its way to LGB so that we can continue to improve upon our reputation for easygoing travel.

New Food Scrap Recycling Program Introduced

We launched our new, back-of-house food scrap collection program last month! Through this collaboration with the City of Long Beach’s Environmental Services Bureau, Paradies and Little Brass Café began placing food scraps into 95-gallon green bins that are collected each week. This program diverts organics from the waste stream, which reduces greenhouse gas emissions and is a source of renewable energy. Thanks to our collective efforts, LGB is implementing this program ahead of the schedule mandated by California State Bill 1383. We’ll also be reaching out to our business community soon with some informational materials about this program and the new requirements related to SB 1383.
Infrastructure Bill is Good News for LGB

The bipartisan infrastructure bill, which was signed into law by President Biden last month, sets aside $25 billion to improve runways, terminals and air traffic control towers around the country. We anticipate that LGB will receive approximately $6 million during each of the next five fiscal years, depending on our enplanement numbers. This is a huge boost for LGB’s efforts to upgrade our facilities and aligns nicely with our Phase II Terminal Area Improvement Program.

Seen at the LGB Scene

LGB recently had the pleasure of welcoming home a charter aircraft carrying troops from the 358th Military Police Company, who had just returned from service in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. And local photographer Ricky Schol shared a great shot of an F/A-18 perfectly aligned with the California State University Long Beach pyramid. Red, white and blue lights shined on our historic terminal to celebrate Veterans Day; on November 20, in commemoration of Transgender Remembrance Day, our terminal was illuminated blue/white/pink and a few days later it glowed in Thanksgiving colors!
Guide Dogs Tour LGB

The Redondo Beach Guide Dog Puppy Raisers recently toured LGB. This organization trains puppies to become guide dogs, which includes teaching them to take owners through the TSA screening process. Special thanks to our TSA partners for making this training opportunity paw-sible!

LGB Brings Home Industry Awards

Last month LGB’s efforts were recognized at the annual meeting of the Airports Council International - North America (ACI-NA). LGB was a finalist in two categories of the Marketing and Communications awards: Best Video or Film Production for our 60-second Hawaii video and Best Newsletter for our Business Partner Brief (yes, this publication you are reading right now!). LGB was also officially awarded Level 2 certification for the ACI-NA Airport Carbon Accreditation program, which is a huge milestone in our sustainability program.
Phase II Construction Update

We’re excited that we have achieved substantial completion of the Checked Baggage Inspection System (CBIS) facility. This new facility will significantly improve the operational efficiency of baggage screening, which will be a huge benefit to our airline partners and travelers. The benefits of this new facility cannot be realized, however, until the Ticketing Lobby is open and operational.

Window placement for our new Ticketing Lobby is underway, along with painting, plumbing, electrical and mechanical work in the ceiling. And installation of the baggage handling system conveyor from the ticketing building to the CBIS building continues to move forward. The combination of the new CBIS and Ticketing Lobby will be a major milestone in the history of Long Beach Airport and will make the going even easier!
October Commercial Flight Activity Shows Improvement

LGB served 220,293 passengers in October 2021. Commercial airline passenger traffic at LGB increased 280.4% in October 2021 compared with the same period in 2020 and decreased 27.8% when compared to the same pre-pandemic period in 2019. The passenger numbers reflect that we are starting to see the benefits of additional flights from our carriers. This is the strongest recovery we’ve seen in our passenger numbers since the onset of the pandemic. And total air cargo carried by aircraft, both inbound and outbound, increased 10.6% in October 2021 compared to the same time the previous year; 1,375 tons passed through LGB in October 2021.

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Holiday Cheer Rings at LGB

Travelers passing through LGB this holiday season will once again enjoy festive décor and our wonderful LGB Live! music program in the outdoor garden area. Look for local musical ensembles typically performing Fridays and Sundays through early January!

![Image of a musical performance at LGB]

Airport Administrative Offices Holiday Closures

Long Beach Airport administrative offices will be closed Friday, December 24, in observance of the Christmas holiday and Friday, December 31, in observance of New Year’s Day. Airport operations, security and building services will continue uninterrupted.