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To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager



From: Cynthia Guidry, Director, Long Beach Airport



For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Long Beach Airport Awards Two Permanent Flight Slots**

On April 19, 2022, Delta Air Lines (Delta) informed Long Beach Airport (Airport) that Delta would be relinquishing two Permanent Air Carrier flight slots. On April 21, 2022, the Airport provided correspondence of the availability of the relinquished flight slots to incumbent and New Entrant Air Carriers on the Permanent Air Carrier Flight Slot Waiting List (Permanent Flight Slot Waiting List). Pursuant to the protocol outlined in Section 4 of City Council Resolution No. RES-18-0176 (Allocation Resolution), the Airport is required to reallocate available flight slots within 30 days to interested air carriers. Air carriers on the Permanent Flight Slot Waiting List had until May 13, 2022, to submit written requests to the Airport Director.

The Permanent Flight Slot Waiting List was as follows:

1. American Airlines
2. Hawaiian Airlines
3. Southwest Airlines
4. Swoop
5. Breeze Airways

One of the three incumbent air carriers on the Permanent Flight Slot Waiting List, Southwest Airlines, requested both available permanent flight slots. A New Entrant, Breeze Airways, also requested both permanent flight slots.

Based on the Allocation Resolution procedures and protocol, the permanent flight slots were awarded sequentially in increments of one to each of the air carriers until both permanent flight slots had been awarded. Based on the Permanent Flight Slot Waiting List order, Southwest Airlines was awarded one permanent flight slot and Breeze Airways was awarded one permanent flight slot. Swoop was offered a permanent flight slot but declined.

After the flight slots were reallocated, the Permanent Flight Slot Waiting List and order is now as follows:

1. Swoop
2. Breeze Airways
3. American Airlines

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- 4. Hawaiian Airlines
- 5. Southwest Airlines

Per Section 4(C)(2) of the Allocation Resolution, if there is a New Entrant on the waiting list that is not providing service to the Airport or only operating supplemental flight slots at the time the allocation is made, in its first sequential allocation of flight slots, it shall be awarded two flight slots if available at that point in the allocation process. If only one flight slot is available for allocation, the New Entrant shall remain at the top of the waiting list until the air carrier is offered one additional flight slot for a total of two flight slots. Since Southwest Airlines was first in line of the air carriers requesting one of the permanent flight slots, there was only one permanent flight slot left to offer to Swoop, who declined, and then to Breeze. Therefore, Swoop and Breeze Airways will remain at the top of the Permanent Flight Slot Waiting List until they are each offered one additional permanent flight slot.

The table below lists the air carriers, in addition to the number and type of flight slots that each air carrier has been allocated, following the reallocation of the two permanent air carrier flight slots.

Air Carrier	Permanent Flight Slots	Supplemental Flight Slots	Total Flight Slots
American Airlines	3	1	4
Breeze Airways	1	0	1
Delta Air Lines	7	0	7
Hawaiian Airlines	2	0	2
Southwest Airlines	27	11	38
UPS	1	0	1
TOTAL	41	12	53

New Entrant: Breeze Airways

Breeze Airways is a new, Utah-based airline that offers nonstop service between underserved routes across the United States. The company, with a fleet of Airbus 220-300, Embraer 190 and Embraer 195 aircraft, first launched in May 2021 with a flight from Tampa International Airport to Charleston International Airport. The destination for Breeze Airways flight slot has not been announced.

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