

Date: March 21, 2023

To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

From: Cynthia Guidry, Director, Long Beach Airport 

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Critical Runway Lighting Upgrades Planned at Long Beach Airport**

On April 19, 2022, the City Council authorized the acceptance of an \$8.7 million Airport Improvement Program Grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the completion of critical runway lighting upgrades to the Long Beach Airport's largest runway, Runway 12-30. These improvements to Runway 12-30's electrical systems will align with the latest FAA standards, preserve safety, extend the runway electrical system's service life, and support the Airport's sustainability efforts by providing light-emitting diode (LED) fixtures for brighter lighting, energy efficiency, and longer life expectancy.

On July 12, 2022, the City Council authorized the award of contract to Vellutini Corporation, dba Royal Electric Company for the construction of the project. The total project cost is estimated at \$9.5 million.

Due to the safety setback requirements of the construction work, the project will require periodic closures of Runway 12-30. Nightly runway closures, Sundays through Thursdays, will commence on March 29, 2023, and are expected to conclude in mid-July 2023. The project will also include daily runway closures, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from April 18 to May 24, 2023. During runway closures, operations will occur on the Airport's secondary runway, 8L-26R.

Commercial air carriers and general aviation operators are cooperating to ensure the safe and timely completion of this critical project. As with last year's nighttime closures related to reconstruction of Taxiway L, the Long Beach Airport Association (LBAA) is encouraging Long Beach Airport-based flight schools to voluntarily reduce their nighttime training maneuvers and fly quieter.

Public information during the project will be provided by Public Notice on social media, LinkLB, newsletters and email notifications. Exact dates are subject to change and details are available on the Airport's Current Noise Advisories [webpage](#).

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (562) 570-2605.

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