Long Beach Airport New Ticketing Lobby and Checked Baggage Inspection System (CBIS)

On Wednesday, April 27th, City officials commemorated the completion of the new Ticketing Lobby and Checked Baggage Inspection System (CBIS) facility at Long Beach Airport (LGB), and held an Open House on Saturday, April 30. The Open House took place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and included tours of the new Ticketing Lobby, family-friendly activities, music and light refreshments.

The events celebrate two major projects, which are part of a $110 million Phase II – Terminal Area Improvement Program to make strategic pre-security enhancements at LGB.

“The new ticketing facility and baggage inspection system will make our airport an even better experience for air-travelers,” Mayor Robert Garcia said during the Ribbon Cutting attended by local civic and business leaders, members of the press and airport partners. “These two projects reflect a $52 million-dollar investment in our airport’s infrastructure, funded from airport revenue and federal grant funding.”

The $26 million investment in the Ticketing Lobby—designed by Corgan and constructed by Swinerton—complements the adjacent historic terminal and builds upon LGB’s status as a first-class gateway to Southern California, holding a special niche in the aviation industry with its easy access, sustainable facilities and welcoming feel for travelers.

The Ticketing Lobby’s official opening day was Wednesday, May 4. Features of the 16,700-square-foot facility, which is anticipated to receive a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification, include:

- Common use ticket counters and self-service kiosks for greater flexibility according to flight schedules and demand.
- Ticket counters and well-positioned kiosks with non-porous, anti-microbial surfaces.
- Ample square footage for improved passenger circulation.
- Improved baggage checking.
- Optimized energy performance, LED lighting and reduced indoor and outdoor water usage.
Ticketing services were previously centered in the historic terminal building, which is scheduled to undergo major renovations, including a seismic upgrade, and eventually transition into space dedicated to rental car customer service functions.

The state-of-the-art $25.5 million CBIS facility, at 6,545 square feet and connected to the Ticketing Lobby, allows the Transportation and Security Administration (TSA) to more efficiently screen checked baggage. It replaces what was originally designed to be an interim facility after the events of 9/11. Relocating these functions restore access to the west side of the historic terminal, revealing its classic design.

The newer, larger Ticketing Lobby, as well as the new CBIS facility, represent the first two components of the Phase II – Terminal Area Improvement Program, to be completed. A Baggage Claim facility is currently under construction and scheduled to open in late 2022.

Phase I of the Terminal Area Improvement Program, which included $100 million in various priority projects, was completed in 2012 and culminated with the award-winning, LEED Silver certified passenger concourse featuring modern design, local eateries and an innovative indoor-outdoor design with a spacious post-security garden. Phase I also included construction of Parking Structure B.

“As we saw with the award-winning Phase I improvements to the passenger concourse and new parking structure back in 2012—which added modern design elements, an emphasis on local eateries and an innovative indoor-outdoor design—these latest updates at Long Beach Airport are sure to bring a lot of excitement to our city,” said Councilwoman Stacy Mungo Flanigan.

“Our City is committed to continuing to modernize our nearly 100-year-old airport—which has such a rich aviation history—so that it can continue to serve our community and travelers for another century or more,” said Councilman Daryl Supernaw.

“The airport team is looking forward to seeing our community come together this weekend to celebrate these modernizations at Long Beach Airport,” said Airport Director Cynthia Guidry. “I am honored to steward the legacy of Long Beach Airport and now contribute significant modernization projects to its rich aviation history. This renews the passenger experience and positions Long Beach Airport for the future.”

LGB offers nonstop service to 16 destinations across the nation, including Hawaii. Learn more at www.lgb.org/destinations.

Zoning Administration Hearing

The May 9, 2022, Zoning Administrator hearing agenda is now available. View the agenda.

Administrative Hearings are conducted by the Zoning Administrator. Standards variances, coastal permits, minor lot line adjustments, legalization of illegal units, and lot mergers are processed through administrative hearings. Hearings are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

Grant Applications Now Open for City of Long Beach

Creative Economy Grants Program

Application period for local arts, culture and history nonprofits, professional artists and culture centers runs May 2 through June 10

The application period opened for the City of Long Beach’s Creative Economy grants Program. This program, funded by the Long Beach Recovery Act, will provide funding to local arts, culture and history nonprofits and professional artists to be utilized for operational recovery, public murals, community projects and professional artist fellowships. Now until June 10, 2022, eligible artists and organizations can apply to receive grants to support a variety of arts activities.

The Creative Economy Grants Program includes the following four grant opportunities, administered through ArtsLB:

Organizational Recovery Grants: Grants will be available to support the operational recovery of large arts, culture and historical non-profit organizations in the city.

Public Mural Program: The Creative Economy Grants Program includes funds to support a public mural program, for which the Departments of Public Works and Parks, Recreation, and Marine have created a list of sites at public facilities citywide that will be made available to artists for mural artwork.

Community Project Grants: These grants will support one-time projects by arts, cultural and historical organizations in Long Beach, through ArtsLB’s existing Community Project guidelines. Operating Grantee Organizations are also encouraged to apply.
Artist Fellowships: Professional artists who live, work or actively create in Long Beach and demonstrate an active exhibition and/or production record will be eligible to apply for Artist Fellowships through ArtsLB's existing Professional Artist Fellowship selection guidelines. The application period for all programs will close June 10, with the exception of the Public Mural Program, which will close August 5. Additional information regarding the application process and eligibility requirements can be found on the ArtsLB website.

Applications for the Cultural Center Grants, administered by the City Manager’s Office, are also now being accepted through June 10 on the City’s LB Recovery Act webpage.

Cultural Center Grants: Three grants of $25,000 each will be allocated for seed funding and/or development activities of three existing cultural centers in Long Beach: the African American Cultural Center, the Latino Cultural Center and Cambodian American Cultural Center.

As part of the City’s ongoing efforts to provide application assistance for Recovery-related programs, the City is also partnering with ArtsLB to offer free assistance to artists applying for grant programs. To learn more about how to receive free application assistance, artists can contact the ArtsLB at 562.435.2787 or email grants@artslb.org. Technical assistance workshops will also be provided for the Creative Economy Grants, with interpreters available in Spanish, Khmer and Tagalog.

This opportunity is made possible by the Long Beach Recovery Act (Recovery Act), a plan to fund economic and public health initiatives for residents, workers and businesses critically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. A total of $900,000 has been allocated from the Recovery Act to support the City’s arts and culture organizations. Additional information about the Long Beach Recovery Act is available at longbeach.gov/recovery.

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**Application Extended for Long Beach Nonprofit Relief Grant Program**

The application deadline for the Long Beach Recovery Act Nonprofit Relief Grant Program has been extended from May 15 to June 15, 2022. In addition to the application extension, the deadline for applying organizations to obtain a business license (a requirement for grant eligibility) has been extended to July 15, 2022. The Nonprofit Relief Grant Program provides assistance to small nonprofits in Long Beach that have experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Now until 8 p.m. on June 15, 2022, eligible nonprofits can apply to receive working capital from $5,000 and up to $25,000 to help pay for a variety of business expenses.

To garner additional participation, the City is partnering with The Nonprofit Partnership to host a webinar for local nonprofits to learn more about the program, eligibility requirements and how to apply. The webinar will be held on April 28 at 11 a.m. Nonprofit representatives may register for the webinar at https://bit.ly/TNPwebinar. Additional program outreach will also be conducted through email, social media and correspondence with local partner organizations.

Applications for the Nonprofit Relief Grant Program can be submitted through LiveStories, the City’s vendor application portal. Additional information, including eligibility requirements, required documentation, application questions and the application process, is available at longbeach.gov/smallbizgrants.

The application period for the Nonprofit Relief Grants opened in March alongside the Small Business Relief Grants. The deadline for Small Business Relief Grants has not been extended and applications for these programs will close at 8 p.m. on May 15, 2022.

This opportunity is made possible by Long Beach Recovery Act, a plan to fund economic and public health initiatives for Long Beach residents, workers and businesses critically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. A total of $20 million has been allocated for business support under the Recovery Act. Additional information about the Long Beach Recovery Act is available at longbeach.gov/recovery.

Media inquiries may be directed to Eric Romero, Business Development Officer, Economic Development Department, at 562.570.6705 or eric.romero@longbeach.gov.

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**Industry Links**

[What Long Beach’s plan to build 26,500 new units means for existing housing](#)
Hundreds of oil wells to close in Long Beach under city efforts to go green

Long Beach to ‘dispose’ of historic Queen Mary lifeboats after receiving no qualified bidders

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