



Director's Message

I am pleased to see both our general aviation and commercial passenger numbers steadily increase. We recorded our highest number of enplaned travelers since the beginning of the pandemic on Sunday, July 11, when a total of 4,060 passengers passed through TSA screening. As vaccination rates continue to rise, we expect to see more people enjoying Long Beach Airport's convenient and easygoing travel experience. And this month we're excited to restart in-person community outreach at the Uptown Jazz Festival and look forward to more events on the horizon.

- Cynthia Guidry

LGB Business Partner Spotlight: Southwest Airlines

We're shining the spotlight on our commercial airline partners, and this month we'd like to introduce Southwest Airlines and Long Beach Airport Station Manager Cliff Buford. Cliff has been in the airline industry for 15 years, all with Southwest Airlines, and has worked at four different airports: starting at his hometown Chicago Midway, Detroit, Los Angeles and now Long Beach.

Q: Can you tell us about Southwest Airlines' operation at Long Beach Airport?

A: Southwest Airlines began service in Long Beach in 2016, starting with only four flights daily to and from Oakland. Now in 2021, we operate 25 flights daily to multiple destinations across our network from Texas to Hawaii, and we look forward to using our full slot allocation sometime in the fall. Having the opportunity to serve the Long Beach community has been pure joy as we have welcomed new and returning customers back into the friendly skies out of such an amazing airport.



Q: How has COVID-19 affected your business?

A: COVID-19 not only affected our business, but it affected our entire industry. During the first quarter of 2021 (January/February/March), our core cash burn hovered around \$13M per day and we finished the quarter with a net loss of \$1B. Despite these figures, we were still able to be aggressive and expand - adding 18 new routes across our network. We expanded in markets where we were already established, like Houston (Hobby and Bush) and Chicago (Midway and O'Hare), and added new markets like Myrtle Beach and Miami. Here in Long Beach, on March 11, we launched daily, nonstop flights from LGB to Chicago (MDW), Dallas (DAL), Honolulu (HNL), Houston (HOU), Maui (OGG), Reno (RNO) and St. Louis (STL); and maintained our established service to Austin (AUS), Denver (DEN), Las Vegas (LAS), Oakland (OAK), Phoenix (PHX), Sacramento (SMF) and San Jose (SJC).

Q: What do you like best about being part of the LGB community?

A: Working at LAX and Chicago MDW both offered very unique experiences, neither better than being at Long Beach. The camaraderie and professionalism shared amongst each business partner in the airport are unmatched anywhere else. I, and our Southwest team here, are very fortunate to be a part of such a great community. We are looking forward to our continued growth over the next few months, along with welcoming more visitors to Long Beach Airport!

Space Beach

Long Beach has always been an important hub in the aviation industry and is now the center of innovation for space technology! Recently, aerospace manufacturing company Relativity Space announced that they have acquired the former Boeing C-17 facility and property adjacent to the Airport. Relativity Space will be building the world's largest 3D printers and is the first company to 3D print an entire rocket. Their new headquarters will bring more than 2,000 well-paying jobs to the community. This is the latest addition of over two dozen similar space technology companies to the area, such as Virgin Orbit, Spin Launch, Rocket Lab and SpaceX.



Rendering courtesy of Relativity Space

In related news, Virgin Galactic successfully completed their first fully crewed spaceflight! Virgin Atlantic is a sister company to Virgin Orbit, headquartered next door to LGB, and both are part of the Virgin Group. The company's founder, Sir Richard Branson, was on board VSS Unity as it achieved a speed of Mach 3 after being released from the mothership, VMS Eve; Kelly Latimer, chief pilot of Virgin Orbit's Cosmic Girl, piloted VMS Eve. VSS Unity reached space at an altitude of 53.5 miles before gliding smoothly to a runway landing at Spaceport America.



Photo courtesy of Virgin Galactic

And congratulations to Rocket Lab, which is headquartered here in Long Beach! On July 29, the U.S. Space Force and its mission partners successfully launched a research and development satellite on a Rocket Lab USA Electron launch vehicle from the company's private launch facility in New Zealand. The satellite, officially designated STP-27RM (for Space Test Program-27 Rocket Lab - Monolith) but named 'It's a Little Chile Up Here' in a nod to the beloved green chile of New Mexico where the Space Test Program is based, was placed into low Earth orbit during Rocket Lab's second mission for Space Force. The company said it has now launched 105 satellites!

Over the last 50 years, most human flights to space consisted of government astronauts on government space vehicles. Now, a new frontier has opened, and it appears most human flights to space will be private citizens on private space vehicles. As we reflect on the role LGB played in the early days of aviation, and now the role we're playing in the early days of private space flight, it's wonderful that Long Beach continues to play a part in aviation history. Private individuals pushed the industry forward with exciting milestones, like Charles Lindbergh's flight across the Atlantic Ocean, and it's exhilarating to see what the future holds!

Seen at the LGB Scene

We celebrated Independence Day by illuminating our historic terminal red, white and blue! And Southwest Airlines' Freedom One was spotted at LGB. Their Boeing 737-800 is a tribute to our nation, military and their employees, and was unveiled as part of Southwest Airlines' 50th Anniversary. [Click here to go behind-the-scenes and watch the painting of the aircraft livery.](#)



Aviation Industry Against Human Trafficking

In January 2020, Director Cynthia Guidry signed the Department of Transportation's [Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking Pledge](#). As part of that pledge, LGB joins more than a dozen airports in participating in a nationwide survey of transportation employees. Human trafficking occurs not only at international airports, but also at domestic transportation hubs like bus stations and airports. Some of you may have been invited to take the National Outreach Survey for Transportation (NOST) on human trafficking, which was created by United Against Slavery (UAS). Your participation in this online survey will provide UAS partners vital information to analyze and develop solutions to fight human trafficking.

Recently, the National Air Transportation Association (NATA) and NATA Compliance Services (NATACS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Transportation in support of the Blue Lightning Initiative (BLI). Through this partnership, NATA and NATACS agreed to educate the general aviation community about the pervasiveness of human trafficking, how to detect it and the methods of elimination. The BLI has provided training to more than 100,000 people within the aviation industry, giving them the tools to identify indicators of trafficking and report suspected trafficking situations to the proper authorities.

Thank you to all our partners for joining forces to fight this serious problem.

LGB Restarts In-Person Community Outreach

We're back in the community after a long hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Long Beach Airport is scheduled to participate in a variety of in-person community events starting with the [Uptown Jazz Festival](#) near Houghton Park on Saturday, August 21. And save the date to visit our booth at the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach Lifestyle Expo September 24-26; find more details at gplb.com.



Throwback Photo Stirs Memories

This snapshot of our historic terminal in 1977 stirred up fond memories for our social media followers. They recalled flying lessons at Eagle Aviation and Williams Aviation, as well as working on aircraft engines at Foley's during the '70s. One fan fondly remembered lunches with her grandma at LGB while they marveled at the planes taking off and landing. To catch more glimpses of LGB's rich history and share your stories, follow us @LGBAirport on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).



Phase II Construction Update

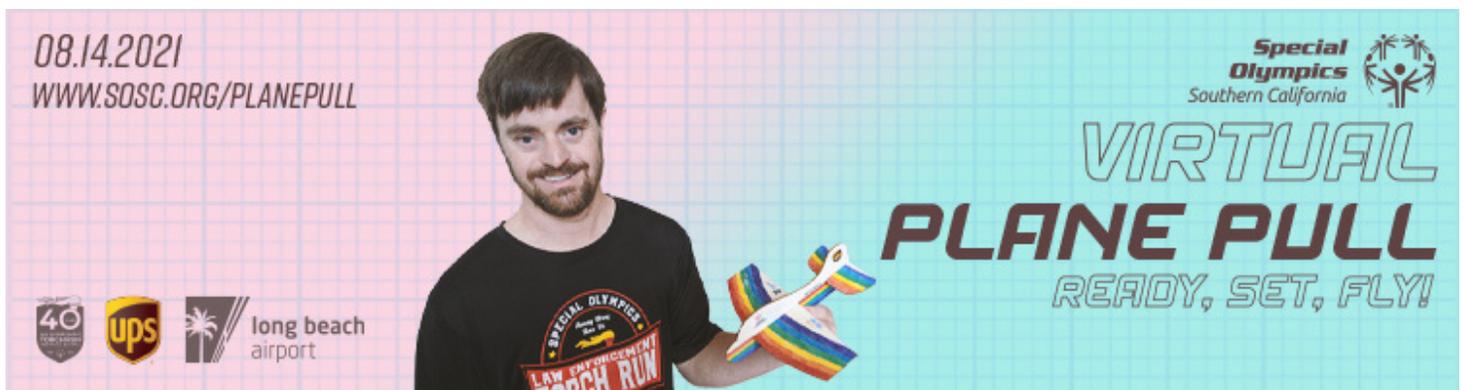
Construction of our new Ticketing Lobby and the new Checked Baggage Inspection System (CBIS) building as part of our Phase II Terminal Area Improvement Program steadily progresses. Last month, the electrical and mechanical elements supporting the baggage handling system conveyor, the baggage makeup carousel and the new security system in the CBIS building continued to move forward. And at the Ticketing Lobby construction site, installation of roofing insulation, fireproofing and mechanical, electrical and plumbing infrastructure remains ongoing.



Installation of the new CBIS baggage handling system conveyor and the new Ticketing Building roof insulation continues to move forward.

Virtual Plane Pull Event to Support Special Olympic Athletes

Ever dream of building your own plane? Now's your chance to build a balsa wood plane and take off with Special Olympics Southern California (SOSC) on a journey, August 14 to 29, to support SOSC athletes at this year's Virtual Plane Pull event! Participants will receive plane-building materials to compete virtually and win prizes. Every dollar raised through this event will help fund Special Olympics programs in our community and enrich the lives of athletes with intellectual disabilities through sports, education and athlete health. Visit sosc.org/planepull for more event details.



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Special Olympics
Southern California

**VIRTUAL
PLANE PULL**
READY, SET, FLY!

40th Anniversary
ups
long beach
airport

SPECIAL OLYMPICS
LAW ENFORCEMENT
MARCH RUN

Community Invited to Provide Input on Proposed Long Beach Budget

Last month, the City of Long Beach unveiled its Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 (FY 22) Budget. The Proposed FY 22 Budget is \$3 billion and continues the tradition of providing a diverse array of services addressing the City Council's priorities while emphasizing good financial management and policies. Long Beach is a full-service city and prides itself on providing a variety of resources and services to the community. The Proposed FY 22 Budget maintains these services at the FY 21 level. Community members are encouraged to provide input by completing the [Budget Priority Survey](#), available in English, Spanish, Khmer and Tagalog. More information about the Proposed Budget, including details about budget hearings and workshops, is available at longbeach.gov/budget.

Summer to End Hunger Food Drive Underway

Our Employee Recognition Committee, in partnership with Food Finders, is hosting a Summer to End Hunger food drive. Please consider helping others by donating canned and packaged food, toiletries and school supplies. The most needed items are breakfast items, canned fruits/vegetables, soup and peanut butter. Drop-off bins are available in the Airport Administration and Public Affairs offices. Donations will be accepted through August 31.



June Commercial Flight Activity Stats

Commercial airline passenger traffic at LGB increased 686.1% in June 2021 compared with the same period in 2020, and decreased 35.1% when compared to the same pre-pandemic period in 2019. LGB served 199,096 passengers in June 2021. Total air cargo carried by aircraft, both inbound and outbound, increased 1.5% in June 2021 compared to the same time the previous year; 1,220 tons passed through LGB in June 2021.

	June 2021	June 2020	% Change	June 2019	% Change	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	% Change	YTD 2019	% Change
Passenger Traffic										
Enplanements	100,384	12,674	692.0%	154,226	-34.9%	380,671	370,833	2.7%	858,447	-55.7%
Deplanements	98,712	12,652	680.2%	152,711	-35.4%	379,624	372,979	1.8%	856,359	-55.7%
Total Passenger Traffic	199,096	25,326	686.1%	306,937	-35.1%	760,295	743,812	2.2%	1,714,806	-55.7%
Total Air Cargo (Tons)	1,220	1,202	1.5%	1,775	-31.3%	6,343	8,074	-21.4%	10,463	-39.4%