

**LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAXAAC)**

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2022 MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting began at approximately 7:11 p.m. by John Wahlert. A Quorum was reached.

1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

- A. ROLL-CALL (IN ATTENDANCE):
- John Wahlert, Chair (Culver City)
 - Jim Withrow (Inglewood)
 - William Cumming (Marina del Rey)
 - Kevin Klowden (Culver City)
 - Luciano Nocera, Vice Chair (Culver City)
 - Guido Fernandez (Hawthorne)
 - Sergio Paz (Lennox)
- B. ROLL-CALL (ABSENT):
- Danna Cope (Westchester/Playa del Rey)
 - Henry Brown (Inglewood);
 - Lance Giroux (El Segundo)
 - Corrie Zupo (El Segundo)
 - Carl Jacobson (El Segundo)
- C. LAWA STAFF:
- Amy Imamura
 - Darcy Driscoll
 - Charles Pannunzio

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from previous meetings of June 9, 2022, July 14, 2022, and September 8, 2022 were approved.

4. OFFICER'S REPORT – JOHN WAHLERT, LAXAAC CHAIR

Chairperson Wahlert inquired about whether the LAXAAC would be willing to submit a letter of support for LAWA's Northside Open Space Development project. The Committee was in approval. Wahlert stated he would present a draft of the letter at the next LAXAAC meeting for review.

Wahlert also spoke about the faltering attendance at LAXAAC meetings. He indicated that outreach should begin to solicit new members. Kevin Klowden suggested that it might be prudent to wait until January 2023 after the elections are over and new elected officials are in place. All agreed.

Sergio Paz indicated that LAXAAC members should start recruitment. He also said he would locate a standard letter of release from serving on the Committee, in order to send to inactive members.

5. MANAGEMENT REPORT – DARCY DRISCOLL, LAX COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The following updates were announced:

HireLAX Extends Outreach to At-Risk Youth

- Last week, Chief Development Officer Terri Mestas hosted Los Angeles Archdiocese Bishop David O'Connell, Father Stan of St. Francis X Cabrini Catholic Church, and Nathan Arias, Executive Director of the Soledad Enrichment Action, at the HireLAX Apprenticeship Readiness Program training site
- The Soledad Enrichment provides critical social, mental health, and educational support services to at-risk youth
- The purpose of the visit was to discuss LAWA's need for local skilled workers while connecting disadvantaged youth to careers in construction.
- HireLAX will establish a pathway for these youth groups to learn about careers in construction and prepare them for enrollment in next HireLAX training cohort in January 2023

LAX Fast Lane Surpasses 100,000 Participants

- The pilot program for the LAX Fast Lane at Terminal 7 has surpassed 100,000 participants
- The LAX Fast Lane allows guests to reserve a security screening time at a dedicated lane
- On average, guests utilizing this program waited less than two minutes at security checkpoints

PUPs Visit Association of Airport Employees

- PUPs made a visit to the Association of Airport Employees meeting this week
- Association is organized for charitable, educational, and recreational purposes and consists of employees from all divisions

New Terminal 3 Concourse Opens

- A ceremonial ribbon-cutting was held Wednesday, Oct. 5, at LAX's totally reimagined Terminal 3, which we opened in partnership with Delta Air Lines
- The Terminal 3 satellite and concourse, which were built in 1961, were torn down in 2020 to make way for an entirely new facility
- The demolition of the satellite and concourse during the global pandemic allowed the project to be accelerated by 18 months, with varying phases completing ahead of the original 2024 schedule
- A total of 11 gates are open, with three more gates scheduled to open between December and 2023
- Additional retail and restaurant facilities will also open between now and the end of the year

Preliminary Passenger Numbers Show Continued Growth in September

- A look at our preliminary passenger numbers from September shows LAX continues to see positive gains in its overall passenger volume, especially when compared with the same time last year
- So far in 2022 through the end of August, our total passenger traffic is now more than 43 million guests, which is 50% better than the same period last year, when we had only 28.7 million guests at this point
- This means we are on track to greatly surpass the 48 million passengers that we had during all of 2021

- While domestic traffic largely has led the way in these gains, LAX's international passenger traffic is beginning to see big increases as well, topping 1.7 million passengers in August, which is an incredible increase of 87% compared with the same month last year.

Metro Opens K-Line Light Rail Between Expo/Crenshaw and Westchester/Veterans Stations

- Seven stations of the Metro K Line opened to the public on Saturday, serving the communities of West Adams, Jefferson Park, Leimart Park, Hyde Park, Inglewood, and Westchester
- The K Line currently connects to the Metro E Line (Expo), which runs through Downtown Los Angeles and Santa Monica.
- In coming years, this line will connect to the new LAX/Metro Transit Center station and new Aviation/Century Station and Metro C (Green) Line, expanding transportation options for guests traveling to and from LAX.
- The nearest station to LAX at this time is Westchester/Veterans, which is temporarily connected to the C Line at the Aviation/LAX Station via bus.

Sixth and Final Pedestrian Bridge for APM System Placed Over World Way

- Last Thursday, LAWA announced the successful placement of the sixth and final Automated People Mover (APM) pedestrian bridge structure over World Way at LAX
- This pedestrian bridge will connect the Tom Bradley International Terminal to the future West Central Terminal Area (CTA) station
- The operation included the lifting and assembly of four partially pre-fabricated steel trusses weighing more than 270,000 pounds to create the structural frame of the bridge
- The roadway in front of Tom Bradley International Terminal reopened ahead of schedule on three of the four nights the work took place
- Work associated with the project will require a variety of overnight lane closures throughout the month of October.

LAWA, Delta Air Lines to Open Eight Gates in Terminal 3 on Wednesday

- A ribbon-cutting will be held Wednesday morning to officially open the new Terminal 3 concourse/satellite
- Eight of the nine gates in the satellite will be in operations, with the ninth to come on line later this year, joining three gates closer to the new Terminal 2-3 headhouse
- A preview event, "A Taste of Terminal 3," was held on Thursday night, Sept. 29.

Flight Path Museum Re-Launches Popular Flight Training Program

- The Flight Path Museum has relaunched its popular Flight Path Flyers program, an introduction to flight training taught by commercial airline pilots that allows youths to explore the first steps toward a beginning a potential aviation career
- The classes are supported by American Legion Post 283, the Westchester Woman's Club and other organizations
- The first series of Saturday morning classes begins Oct. 15, and will be taught by Karen Goodman, who flies Boeing 747 aircraft with Atlas Air
- The classes include simulated aircraft piloting experience on a new computer system and related instruction, but not actual flying lessons
- The class fee is \$120, but a limited number of scholarships are available for students with financial hardship
- Applications are due by Thursday, Oct. 6, and more information is available at flightpathlax.com/training.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- No actionable items were discussed.

7. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

- No old business items were discussed.

8. NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. (in-person and via Zoom)

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.