

## Customs (FIS) Facility FAQ Sheet

### **What should I know about the proposal for a customs (FIS) facility at Long Beach Airport (LGB)?**

- Following JetBlue's request to LGB in February 2015 seeking a customs facility at the airport, the Long Beach City Council ordered a feasibility study to be conducted to explore the opportunities and risks associated with a customs facility
- A customs facility at LGB would enable airlines operating at the airport to serve international destinations on a non-stop basis
- The feasibility study resulted from a thorough, independent assessment of the potential market opportunities, financial feasibility, economic impact, environment assessment and a security assessment
- A customs facility at LGB would likely be very modest in size – capable of handling two arriving flights at a time

### **If a customs facility is built at LGB, will it put the Long Beach Airport Noise Compatibility Ordinance (Noise Ordinance) at any risk?**

- The Noise Ordinance is the controlling mechanism for aircraft noise and, importantly, strikes a balance between limiting the impact of aircraft noise on the communities surrounding the airport while enabling commerce that benefits the City and its residents
- The Long Beach City Attorney's office conducted an analysis which determined that the Noise Ordinance will be under no greater or lesser threat should a customs facility be built
- Two letters received by the Federal Aviation Administration dated 5/27/15 and 10/18/16 affirm that an FIS will **NOT** negatively impact the Noise Ordinance

### **What benefits will the City realize should a customs facility be built?**

- The feasibility study concluded there will be a meaningful impact in terms of economic activity and new jobs
- The facility construction will generate approximately 200 – 250 jobs and \$38 million in one-time output
- Considering the economic benefits of construction and additional international tourists within five years of construction, the study found this project will drive 1,400 permanent jobs and \$185 million in annual economic output

### **What international routes can I expect to see offered should a customs facility be built?**

- The study conducted a market analysis that identified probable international destinations including: Los Cabos, Mexico, Puerto Vallarta; Mexico, Monterrey, Mexico; Guadalajara, Mexico; Cancun, Mexico; Guatemala City, Guatemala; Panamá City, Panama; San Salvador, El Salvador; San José, Costa Rica and Liberia, Costa Rica
- At the time the study was done, only JetBlue expressed an interest in serving international destinations at LGB; so far JetBlue has not specified exact destinations but has publicly stated it expects to serve various destinations in Mexico and Central America
- General aviation (GA) traffic will also be able to utilize the customs facility and fly to/from any destination the aircraft operating is capable of reaching

### **Will a customs facility be paid for by taxpayers?**

- No, a customs facility – whatever the ultimate size and cost – will be paid for by passengers and other users of the airport and by JetBlue

### **What can I do to support a customs facility at LGB?**

- The Long Beach City Council must decide on December 13, 2016 to authorize a customs facility on at the airport so it's important that they hear all voices of those who live and/or work in the City of Long Beach
- Write the Long Beach City Councilmembers and Mayor Robert Garcia by clicking [here](#) to let them know you **SUPPORT** approval of a customs facility at LGB