



## AIRPORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT January 2022

### A. AIRPORT OPERATIONS

- Passenger Count
- Aircraft Operations
- Air Freight

### B. PROGRAMS

#### 1. Marketing & Communications Program

- New photo exhibit on display in terminal provided by Santa Barbara Records, new local, independent record label.
- First-ever Plane Pull fundraising event in partnership with Alpha Resource Center and Alaska Airlines planned for Saturday, February 26.
- Planning initiated for spring/summer marketing programs underway.

#### 2. Business Development

- **Air Service Development**
  - Airline staffing shortages affecting service by United and American in late December – January due to Omicron variant outbreaks.
  - United delaying decisions about summer 2022 by six weeks, cutting service in Q1 due to anticipated staff shortages.
  - Planned headquarters visit with United in mid-December became virtual due to closure of UA office in Chicago.
  - Southwest network planning executives anticipated to visit Santa Barbara in early February. No anticipated reductions in service.
  - Participation at Routes Americas airline meeting planned for Feb. 15-17
- **Property Management**
  - Continued staffing shortage in Properties due to vacancies and leaves.
  - Reconciliation of FY2021 airline rates and charges complete, including consideration of federal relief funding.
  - Anticipated meeting with airlines in Jan/Feb to discuss rates & charges for FY2023, and new airline agreement to replace current holdover agreement.
  - High occupancy in all parking lots during holiday season, however, no issues with shuttle operation or overall capacity.
  - Addressing issues with faulty solar power at 6100 Hollister development resulting in higher than anticipated utility costs for tenants.
  - L3 Harris vacated office spaces at 1503 and 1544 Cook Place in December. One lease year remaining at 1440 Cook Place and 51 Cass Place.

- Lease with Atlantic Aviation for 1503 Cook relocation approved by Council in December, however, after initial construction bids expired. New bids anticipated in January. Project start in February.
- Innovati relocating to 1544 Cook Place (former L3Harris building) in anticipation of sewer lateral replacement at 1503 Cook Place.
- Resuming attempts to permit L3 Harris yard expansion project at 1440 Cook Place.
- COVID vaccine mandate for federally leased facilities and/or contracts appears to be on indefinite hold.

### **3. Facilities Maintenance**

- Passenger Boarding Bridge Maintenance
  - Passenger Boarding Bridges at Terminal Gates 1, 2, and 4 are now in their 10<sup>th</sup> year of service. The Facilities Division will be taking these boarding bridges out of service one at a time for a week at a time in order to perform the manufacturer-recommended 10 year service overhaul.
- Winter Storm Preparation
  - The County Flood Control District completed dredging the Carneros Creek sediment basin in December 13, 2021 under Airport staff escort. On December 14, a rainstorm re-opened the Goleta Slough mouth restoring tidal flow into the Goleta Slough that was blocked by beach sand. Over December 22-23, SBA received 3.75” of rain in 24-hours, resulting in the closure of two taxiways due to flooding. Additionally, on December 25 a “wind event” took down a portion of a tree on Hollister Avenue causing damage to the Economy Lot fence. SBA was able to remain open through these unusual weather events due to the hard work and preparation of the Airport Maintenance Crew.

## **C. CAPITAL PROJECTS**

### **1. Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant Projects**

- Coffman and Associates provided a draft Taxiway H Environmental Assessment (EA) for FAA review in December 2021. Staff will meet in February 2022 with FAA to review comments on the draft EA.
- A Request for Qualifications for the Airfield Marking, Signage, and Lighting Plan update was advertised on March 10, 2021. Staff selected Mead & Hunt to complete this task and was awarded the contract on June 8, 2021 by city council. This project will bring the Airport into compliance with Federal Aviation Administration taxiway nomenclature protocol by changing the names of several existing taxiways at the Airport, as well as upgrading airfield lighting and signage to LED lights. Project is currently near the 90% design phase and will be implemented in FY 2023.
- Staff is preparing a Request for Proposals for an update to the Master Plan. The RFP will be released in February 2022.

## D. CITY COUNCIL APPROVALS

### December 14, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Lease Agreement With Mercury Air Center Santa Barbara, Inc. DBA Atlantic Aviation (Atlantic Aviation)

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council approve and authorize the Airport Director to Execute a four-year Lease Agreement, with two one-year options to extend, with Mercury Air Center-Santa Barbara, Inc. dba Atlantic Aviation, a California Corporation, for ramp/apron surface area, and building and hangar space to support a fixed base operator business at Santa Barbara Municipal Airport.

**SUBJECT:** Amendment To Existing Aircraft Noise Monitoring, Flight Tracking Service, Landing Fee Collection, And Maintenance/Technical Support

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council Authorize the City's General Services Manager to execute an amendment to existing contract 26,363, adding funding of \$24,000 annually, for a total annual cost of \$122,900, in addition to a one-time technology set up fee of \$15,000, with a \$2,500 contingency requiring Airport Director approval. The contract would be extended by an additional three (3) years, to expire in October 2026. This amendment will add the PlaneNoise integrated complaint management solution to Santa Barbara Airport's overall L3Harris Symphony noise solution.