



## **LAX EMPLOYEE PARKING LOT CONSOLIDATION and RATE INCREASE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

The Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) on October 19, 2009, approved a plan to consolidate LAX employee parking lots into two locations – Lot D (near Arbor Vitae Street between Airport and Sepulveda Boulevards) and Lot E (111th and Aviation Boulevards). The consolidation will better utilize space and reduce operational costs through savings in staffing and bus operations.

In addition, BOAC approved increased parking rates from \$15 to \$30 in Lot E and from \$30 to \$124 in Lot D for premium employee parking. The rate increases will help close the gap between operational costs and parking revenues. LAWA currently loses \$3 million annually with the current parking rate structure.

The consolidation and rate increases are effective for LAX employees February 1, 2010.

**Q1: Why is LAWA making these parking lot changes?**

LAWA is continually analyzing its operations for operational and fiscal efficiency. The consolidation of the public and employee parking lots will improve the parking operation by reducing the number of shuttle routes and parking lot staffing requirements. The downturn in air travel has had a significant impact on parking revenue and operations. LAWA's parking facilities are not functioning at capacity and its rate structure for employee and public parking does not cover the costs of the services provided.

**Q2: When were the rates last increased?**

Rates have not been raised since 2002 and prior to that, they had not been changed since 1990.

**Q3: How do the new rates compare to other airports?**

The LAX increased parking rates will be \$30 in Lot E and \$124 in Lot D per month. Other airports range from \$10 to \$100, including:

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| San Diego          | \$10  |
| McCarran           | \$20  |
| Hartsfield-Jackson | \$25  |
| Phoenix            | \$30  |
| Denver             | \$36  |
| John F. Kennedy    | \$50  |
| Seattle-Tacoma     | \$51  |
| San Francisco      | \$75  |
| Boston-Logan       | \$90  |
| O'Hare (Chicago)   | \$100 |

**Q4: Will there be further rate increases in the future?**

Yes, to recoup costs of operating the lots, it is anticipated that rates will increase by \$10 annually for the next three years.

- Q5: Is LAWA making any improvements to the lots to address safety and security issues?**  
Yes, LAWA will increase the lighting by installing energy efficient clear light fixtures. Other improvements include adjusting the fencing; installing a new gate; repairing the concrete area of the tram gate to eliminate the pot holes; and restriping the lots. The lot is currently patrolled by the Los Angeles Police Department/Pacific Division; LAWA Airport Police; and a private security firm. Cameras are also used to provide surveillance.
- Q6: How far are Lots D and E from LAX?**  
Lot D is less than one mile from LAX and takes about three to five minutes to LAX. Lot E is more than two miles from LAX and takes about 10 to 15 minutes to the airport. While Lot E is farther from the airport, it is closer to freeway access.
- Q7: How frequently will the shuttles operate to LAX?**  
The shuttles will operate 24 hours with an average headway of 8-10 minutes between shuttles. A departure schedule will be posted.
- Q8: The shuttle from Lot D-South currently transports directly to Terminals 6, 7 & 8. Will this schedule continue?**  
The shuttle from Lot E will circulate the Central Terminal Area upper level stopping at each terminal, beginning at Terminal 1. Shuttle demand will be continually analyzed. Peak period demands for shuttle service to the South terminals will be analyzed and implemented if warranted and feasible.
- Q9. Can there be one shuttle for Terminals 1-TBIT and a second shuttle for Terminals 5-7?**  
The current plan is to have each shuttle complete a full circuit of the upper level Central Terminal Area. Demand will be continually analyzed and schedules adjusted accordingly. Additional service or buses dedicated to the north terminals or to the south terminals may increase costs and result in higher permit fees.
- Q10: How will the shuttle route from Lot E be improved?**  
The shuttle will pick up and drop off at designated points on the Central Terminal Area (CTA) *upper level only*, reducing the travel time around the CTA. There will be a daily average of nine shuttles continually operating between Lot E and the CTA.
- Q11: Where is the Lot E pick-up and drop-off location(s)?**  
The shuttle will pick up and drop off at the 8 designated stops in the Lot. The Central Terminal Area has an employee shuttle stop at each terminal designated by the red-painted curb and sign post.
- Q12. Are there other alternatives to parking in Lot E?**  
Yes, as an alternative, premium employee parking will be available at Lot D for \$124 per month. In addition, public parking is available at any of the other off-airport lots.
- Q13. Will the public be allowed to park in Lot E?**  
No, Lot E will be for the exclusive use of employees. No public parking will be permitted, thus, there will be no sharing of the shuttle with air passengers.
- Q14. If I have recommendations to improve this program, who may I contact?**  
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