LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAXAAC)

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2021 VIRTUAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Luciano Nocera. A quorum was established.

IN ATTENDANCE: Luciano Nocera, Chair (Culver City); John Wahlert, Vice Chair (Culver City); Sergio Paz (Lennox); William Cumming (Marina Del Rey); Danna Cope (Westchester), Jim Withrow (Inglewood); Henry Brown (Inglewood), Carl Jacobson (El Segundo)

LAWA STAFF: Amy Imamura, Clarence Espinosa, Sarah Cash

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Guido Fernandez (Hawthorne)

INTRODUCTIONS

None

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS AND PUBLIC

There were no written comments from guests or the general public

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Adjustment was made to the attendance to include Henry Brown present. Clarence acknowledged the correction and the minutes from previous meeting of January 14, 2021 were approved by the body.

GUEST SPEAKER

None

OFFICER'S REPORT

Chair Luciano will attend the UC Davis Aviation Noise & Emissions Symposium on February 23 thru 26, 2021, via a virtual platform. He will share a summary report with the committee in March.

Jim Withrow noted that the Noise Roundtable report from FAA is said to be out-of-date. The report took a study of 20 airports concluding after the survey that there is no significant increase and no upset with noise. Roundtable states that the majority of residences are complaining of noise. Roundtable requesting new metrics, clarity, and to address issues. FAA to come up with new noise metrics. Jim Withrow will attend FAA meeting and discuss with the committee in March.

John Wahlert reported that Adhoc Transportation Committee is highly impressed with LAWA's mobility programs and ground transportation on addressing traffic concerns in and around the airport.

Sergio reported that the safety committee expresses that LAX is doing an excellent job. They will be looking at LAX pass security and safety, and safety during construction, runway use, airline security procedure, emergency procedures and signage. They are waiting for a final report of the Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) to make sure it addresses these concerns. Report will be available at the end of March 2021. Sergio will present on this topic in March.

The body agreed to have a discussion and review of the CBA on the agenda for the next meeting.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Clarence Espinosa, LAWA, announced that each meeting there will now be a consolidated report of CEO Justin Erbacci's newsletters and Michelle Schwartz, Corporate & Strategy Affairs weekly update.

LAWA Black History month – Recognizing African Americans in aviation and contributors on social media and pulled an ad in the LA Sentinel newspaper.

Terminal 1.5 (T1.5) & Midfield Satellite Concourse (MSC) – Both near completions. T1.5 has two baggage areas, ticketing, and screening connector for passengers arriving via automated people mover. MSC has 12 new gates, connection to Tom Bradley International Terminal. Terminal certification of occupancy was awarded. LAWA is currently working on ventilation. No official opening date, tentative 2021.

COVID Testing – LAWA has offered 11,000 free employees test and 30,000 travelers. Paid COVID testing can be found in Terminal 2, Terminal 6 and Tom Bradley International Terminal. Testing results, depending on type of test, can be available between 3-5 hours or 24 hours.

Face Coverings – CDC has put out new guidelines for **ALL** forms of transportation including ground. Face coverings must be two layers of washable, breathable material, cover both nose and mouth, and have no gaps on the sides. Scarfs or bandanas are **NOT** acceptable. Gators are ok but must be doubled. TSA is enforcing these new guidelines and will fine and remove any passenger not in compliance.

Clarence will coordinate to get David Reich to speak on mobility.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Sarah J. Cash

Next Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.