Heliport Update



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Heliport Overview



Recent Activity

- October 2010 Closed due to Bradley West construction
- March 2011 Operational closure published in FAA's Airport Facilities Directory ("A/FD") and FAA 5010
- April 2012 Letters received from Helicopter Associations and Robinson Helicopters requesting Heliport be re-opened
- March 2013 At FAA's direction, LAWA submitted FAA Form 7480 to deactivate Heliport. Status: NOTAM in effect
- August 2013 LAWA releases EOI for lease
- October 2013 Three responses to EOI were received
- Today Heliport remains on the LAX Airport Layout Plan, but is not operational



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Possible Uses

Lease to Private Operator

Expression of Interest Solicitation in August 2013 proposed 10-year term leasing up to half of rooftop area. Lessee would be required to permit, improve, maintain and operate at their expense.

Public Parking

Located atop P4 Garage, level 5 area of 4500 sq. ft. would allow creation of 200 to 225 public parking spaces. Estimated cost is \$2.0-\$2.9 million, with a structural allowance of \$2.1-\$2.5 million Annual revenue is estimated at \$10,500 per parking space.

Emergency helicopter landing facility

Infrequent use is compatible with public parking; requires smaller footprint than for commercial heliport.



Recommendation



- 1. Preserve and institutionalize an *emergency helicopter landing facility* at P4 until another site identified, which is likely to be years in the future
- 2. Formally terminate the lease procurement process that was started with the 2013 Expression of Interest solicitation
- 3. Award construction contract(s) soon to facilitate conversion to public parking spaces with elevator extension in P4
- 4. Authorize an amendment to the Airport Layout Plan ("ALP") during the next regularly scheduled ALP update submission to the FAA, and take all acts necessary and appropriate to achieve the goals above