

MARCH 2017 Update- All things Aviation:



If you'd like additional information, please contact Newport Beach City Manager Dave Kiff at dkiff@newportbeachca.gov.

Notice of Preparation and Notice of Scoping Meeting General Aviation Improvement Project

The airport has begun its general aviation improvement program and accordingly is preparing the necessary environmental review. The requisite Notice of Preparation (NOP) is available for viewing at www.ocair.com/NOP. In addition, a Scoping Meeting will be held on **April 12, 2017**, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the following location:

John Wayne Airport—Airport Commission Room
3160 Airway Avenue
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Any interested parties are invited to attend and submit comments for consideration during preparation of the Draft Program EIR. The County will accept comments regarding this NOP through the close of business, **May 1, 2017**.

All comments and responses to this NOP must be submitted in writing to:

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JWA – January and February 2017

Airline passenger traffic at John Wayne Airport increased in January 2017 but fell off in February when compared with 2016. In January 2017, the Airport served 793,774 passengers, an increase of +1.2% when compared with the January 2016 passenger traffic count of 784,248. Meanwhile in February 2017 the Airport served 711,010 passengers, a decrease of -7.5% when compared with the February 2016 passenger traffic count of 768,864. In February 2017, commercial aircraft operations decreased -7.9% and commuter aircraft operations decreased -64.6% when compared with February 2016 levels. In February 2017 the ADDs were 112.38 vs. 119.17 for February 2016.

In January 2017, commercial aircraft operations increased +1.5% and commuter aircraft operations decreased -55.7% when compared with January 2016 levels. For the first month of the year the Average Daily Departures (ADDS) were 117.79 versus 117.13 for the same time period last year. The top three airlines serving JWA in January were Southwest serving 43% of the passengers; American with 16% and United with 15%.

HR 598-AIM

On January 20, 2017 a bill was introduced in the House of Representative to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to commission a study of the health impacts of airplane flights on affected residents of certain metropolitan areas, and for other purposes. The bill is titled the Airplane Impacts Mitigation Act of 2017 or the AIM Act of 2017. The bill has received the backing of certain legislators in Northern California and the east coast. A similar piece of legislation previously introduced died in committee.

Metroplex- Update

As previously advised pursuant to the Southern California Metroplex, the PIGGN departure, for departures east of Las Vegas was introduced on March 2, 2017 and replaced the old STREL departure. The FAA has announced a plan to revise the PIGGN with PIGGN2 which is underdevelopment and to be released on or about August 17, 2017. The other two additional departures for flights west of Las Vegas, the HHERO and FINZZ are still scheduled to be introduced on April 27, 2017. The PIGGN procedure has been in effect for approximately one month and has so far performed reasonably well based upon input from the community and a review of the procedure. The procedure appears to nicely thread the needle through noise monitors 4-6 and is just slightly east of NMS-7. The City with the help of the County continues to monitor the new procedure. Once the implementation of the HHERO and FINZZ takes place in April, the City and County may be able to get a better idea of the full impact of the changes.

Port of Entry-Update

Some of you have asked about an update regarding a bill introduced in February of 2015 concerning the declaration of John Wayne Airport becoming a “port of entry.” The proposed legislation would ease airline costs for international flights into John Wayne Airport and could attract more such flights to the county. The measure calls for the airport to be declared a “port of entry.” Currently, airlines at JWA must reimburse U.S. Customs and Border Protection for the cost of checking travelers from abroad, but there is no such charge to carriers at official ports of entry. The Bill known as HR 1051 died of natural causes in Congress; however the airport continues to pursue their request.

Airports in the Region

LAX-February 2017

LAX passenger figures for February reached +5.6 MAP an increase of +2.51% for the month over last year. For the year, LAX is +4.45% versus the same period for 2016.

Ontario-February 2017

Ontario International Airport showed another strong month with an increase in passengers of +5.59% for February and +7.08% for the first two months of 2017 combined.

Long Beach

In February 2017, the airport saw an increase passenger of +46% for February 2017 vs. 2016. For the year, the airport is +52% ahead of the same period last year The Average Daily Departures also saw a large increase for January 2017 of +57% or 29.95 ADDS for 2016 vs. 47.1 ADDs for 2017. At month-end, Long Beach Airport still had 50 allocated Air Carrier flight slots - JetBlue (35), American (5), Delta (4), Southwest (4), FedEx (1), UPS (1) Twenty-five Commuter Carrier flight slots remain available for allocation.