

November 2012 Update- All things Aviation:



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JOHN WAYNE AIRPORT SEPTEMBER 2012 STATISTICS

Airline passenger traffic at John Wayne Airport increased in September 2012 as compared to September 2011 by .9%. Year to date through September 2012, the airport is 1.8% ahead of 2011. The 20 year historic average at JWA is 2.24%. However while many airports continue to struggle, JWA shows resiliency in the industry and while not reported to date, October's 2012 results will likely exceed October 2011. The airport appears to be on course for approximately 8.7+ MAP. The current Settlement Agreement allows 10.8 MAP. As reported last month, the airport anticipates approximately 9.2+MAP for 2013.

Meanwhile, commercial aircraft operations decreased 1.1% for September over the same period for last year. Commercial ADDs for the month of September 2012 were approximately 111.80 vs. 112.87 for the same month last year. Year to date for the first nine months of 2012 the total of all ADDs are 113.78 vs. 114.58 ADDs for the same period in 2011. The current Settlement Agreement between the County and Newport Beach allows up to 89 Average Daily Departures (ADD) of Class A aircraft, inclusive of cargo. The allocation granted 84.631 Class A daily departures for 2013 are inclusive of cargo carriers. The allocation for 2012 was 81.494 Class A daily departures.

In addition, the 7377 aircraft still remains the prevalent aircraft in use by the airlines and the 7378 the aircraft with the highest noise level operating at the airport.

JWA Seeking More Destinations

While the first nine months of the year, JWA has seen a 1.7% increase in passengers over 2011, JWA has shown steady growth, with June, July and August demonstrating increases of from 4-5% and average load factors of 78%. With the addition of departures to Mexico, JWA sees more opportunities to grow with potential departures to New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C. as well as Hawaii, the airport announced. The airport is now actively participating in air service development.

Expedited Screening at JWA

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) announced its plans to expand the successful TSA Pre✓™ program to passengers at John Wayne Airport (JWA) beginning this December. U.S. citizens traveling domestically who are select Alaska, American, Delta, United and US Airways frequent fliers or members of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Trusted Traveler programs are eligible to participate and may receive expedited screening benefits. Benefits include being able to leave shoes, light outerwear and belts on, keeping laptops in cases and 3-1-1 compliant liquids in a carry-on bag.

For Those Interested in Departures at JWA

For those of you interested in departures at JWA, you may wish to check out the departure video at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=mE1PESSwxA4 or <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZrHZbnW8YKA&feature=related>.

On another note the RAWLZ publication date for departures west of Las Vegas remains at August 13, 2013. The city continues to monitor the development of the RAWLZ.

Airports in the Region

LAX showed an increase in passengers of 2.95% for August and 1.48% for September over the same period last year, and is still 3.05 % ahead for the year 2012 vs. 2011. Ontario continues to struggle as it declined 3.58% for August and -5.84% for September and it is -5.64% for the year vs. 2011 and it doesn't look like things will change for the balance of the year.

In Long Beach, with load factors averaging 90%, Long Beach saw increase of 3.6% for August over last year and is 10% ahead of last year overall. However September saw the first down tick for the year, with a decrease of -8.6% for September; October proved to be another disappointing month as well as enplaned passengers decreased by -11.2%. Overall Long Beach is still 6.1% ahead for the year over 2011.

Long Beach to Unveil \$140 Million Renovation

Long Beach Airport (LGB) plans to hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony on December 5 to unveil the results of its \$140 million renovation. Established in 1923 as the first municipal airport in Southern California, the airport (known also as Daugherty Field) has five runways ranging in length from approximately 4,000 feet to 10,000 feet, and sees some 300,000 operations a year.

Traffic Growth Slowed in September

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced global traffic results for September showing a continued slowdown in the rate of traffic growth. Demand for passenger traffic was 4.1% above the level of September 2011. For air cargo, demand growth was even weaker at 0.6%. The growth trend in air travel started to flatten in the second quarter, with no growth in the passenger market between April and August. The year-on-year comparisons are now also starting to show slower rates of growth. In September, passenger travel increased 4.1% on a year ago, down on the 5.3% year-on-year growth rate in August and well below the 6% average growth rate seen throughout

the first half of the year. Capacity increased by 3.1% over the year-ago period, and the load factor stood at 80%, up 0.7% points compared to September 2011.

USA Airways

USA Airways reported mainline revenue passenger miles (RPMs) for the month were 5.1 billion, up three percent versus October 2011. Mainline capacity was 5.9 billion available seat miles (ASMs), flat versus October 2011. Mainline passenger load factor was a record 86.2 percent for the month of October, up 2.5 points versus October 2011.

United Airlines/Continental

UAL's consolidated traffic (revenue passenger miles) in October 2012 decreased 3.3 percent and consolidated capacity (available seat miles) decreased 4.4 percent versus October 2011. UAL's consolidated load factor in October 2012 was 82.9% an increase of 0.9 points compared to October 2011. UAL was affected by Hurricane Sandy.

On November 15, UAL was hit with a major computer glitch that stranded travelers across the nation.

American Airlines

American suffered a similar fate to United and US Airways as it saw a decrease in RPM as well as load factors for October 2012. Load factors for American were 84% a decrease of 84.9% for October 2011; however year to date American's load factor is 84% or .6% ahead of 2011, year to date.

Meanwhile, pressing to take over AMR Corp.'s American Airlines in bankruptcy, USAirways made its case for a merger to the company's unsecured creditors committee on November 14. American has been in bankruptcy for approximately 1 year.