

**LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAXAAC)**

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 08, 2022 MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting began at approximately 7:14 p.m. by John Wahlert. A Quorum was reached.

**1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

**A. ROLL-CALL (IN ATTENDANCE):**

- John Wahlert, Chair (Culver City)
- Luciano Nocera, Vice Chair (Culver City)
- Jim Withrow (Inglewood)
- Kevin Klowden (Culver City)
- William Cumming (Marina del Rey)
- Carl Jacobson (El Segundo)
- Sergio Paz (Lennox)

**B. ROLL-CALL (ABSENT):**

- Henry Brown (Inglewood); Excused
- Guido Fernandez (Hawthorne); Excused
- Danna Cope (Westchester/Playa del Rey)
- Lance Giroux (El Segundo)
- Corrie Zupo (El Segundo)

**C. LAWA STAFF:**

- Heath Montgomery – Managing Director, Public & Community Affairs
- Darcy Driscoll – Acting Director, Community Relations
- Charles Pannunzio – Principal Public Relations Representative

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from previous meetings of November 10, 2022 were approved.

**4. OFFICER'S REPORT – JOHN WAHLERT, LAXAAC CHAIR**

Chairperson Wahlert John Wahlert stated that he is attempting to put together a meeting with Denny Schneider, who's head of the LAX Noise Roundtable, either with this group or an individual meeting. He emphasized that he really wants the LAXAAC group to be more focused, grow its membership and decide on a clear direction.

Wahlert reminded everyone that the LAXAAC has done a lot, and that he would like to build upon that momentum. He said there is a lot of history within the group, and it needs to maintain its

relevance and importance. He is hoping that by engaging with Schneider there can be more collaboration on issues and provide more community support.

## **5. MANAGEMENT REPORT – DARCY DRISCOLL, LAX COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

The (LAX) Automated People Mover (APM) train system won an Envision Gold Award for Sustainable Infrastructure from the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI), the organization announced this week.

The LAX Economy Parking Facility received the National Award of Merit in the Aviation category by the Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA). LAX Economy Parking Facility also was named “Innovative Facility of the Year” by the National Parking Association in September.

At the end of November, the final structural steel element for the LAX Automated People Mover (APM) project was successfully placed. The final structural steel creates the base for a new viewing pavilion near our iconic Theme Building, with more than 180 tons of steel raised and set at the APM's East Central Terminal Area station, bringing to 9,000 tons the total amount of structural steel installed on the entire APM project.

The airport reported a total of 5,877,180 passengers in October, up from 4,848,035 in the same month last year. The increase of more than 21% is largely due to international travelers, which totaled 1,503,908 – nearly double the 765,618 international travelers reported in October 2021.

On December 1, the Los Angeles Business Council (LABC) and the Architectural Awards Jury, awarded LAWA with the Civic Buildings Award for the LAX Midfield Satellite Concourse (MSC) project at LABC's 52nd Annual Los Angeles Architectural Awards. The Architectural Awards Jury received over 150 outstanding and masterful project submissions, so this award is quite a tribute and celebration for LAWA.

On December 15, Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) invites members of the media to attend the Annual Santa Fly-In, featuring 150 students from three area schools to celebrate the winter holidays in unique aviation style.

## **6. LAXAAC SUBCOMMITTEE PANEL REPORTS**

No reports were provided.

## **7. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS**

Candidates John Wahlert and Luciano Nocera ran unopposed for LAXAAC Chair and Co-Chair respectively. They were both unanimously elected by the body and will serve in their positions for the new term.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. (in-person at the Flight Path Museum and online via Zoom).

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.