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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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Every summer, LAX Community Relations Division sponsors an Aviation Careers Education (ACE) Program, a two-week educational camp to inform middle and high school students about careers and jobs in aviation and aerospace. For 15-year-old Ayanna Neal, a graduate of the 2012 middle school ACE program, she returned to LAX to lead a team of volunteers helping to restore the airport dunes to its natural state.

Neal is working with the LAX Adopt-A-Dunes Program seeking to earn a Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest and most prestigious leadership award in the organization. Best of luck, Ayanna, with your pursuits following the Girl Scout motto...integrity, commitment to excellence, and shared accountability!

### Team LAXA Joins State's Largest Volunteer Event

Every year, on the third Saturday in September, volunteers, scout troops, school groups, and service clubs come together to celebrate and share their appreciation of California's breathtaking coast and waterways. Airport employees who volunteer and participate in the Team LAXA program were among the groups collecting trash and debris from Dockweiler State Beach.

In Los Angeles alone from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Team LAXA was part of over 11,000 volunteers who rolled up their sleeves and removed over 30,000 pounds of ocean-bound trash from 42 miles of beaches, creeks and neighborhoods. These maintenance efforts have a concrete, measureable impact on the health of the ocean.

Thank you, Team LAXA, for representing the airport as our volunteer line of defense: Laura Chittum; Adriana Renteria; Denise Chang; Michelle Acquah; Kim Somvongsiri; and Bill Haydt.



Above picture represents 2013 Team LAXA employee volunteers sharing a fun moment during a special recognition lunch in their honor on August 21, 2014.

## Local Support

LAX is a contributing member of the local area and is proud to sponsor civic, community, and educational events and programs. The following list is a sample of our support:

- 10/8 El Segundo Chamber of Commerce's "Salute to the Military"
- 11/5 LAX Coastal Chamber's City of Angels Awards
- 11/6 "Chamber's Salute to El Segundo" Mixer
- 12/3 Inglewood Chamber's Holiday Open House
- 12/12 Community Relations' Santa Fly-in
- 12/13 Team LAXA's "Decorate the Float" Experience

To learn about the airport's community outreach and educational programs, visit [www.lawa.aero](http://www.lawa.aero).



## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

### New Hollywood FlyAway Bus Service

For your travel convenience, LAX launched a new FlyAway bus service between LAX and Hollywood in early September. The new, non-stop bus service operates hourly from 5:15 a.m. to 10:15 p.m. daily, including weekends and holidays. The one way fare is \$8.

Look for the FlyAway bus stop at 6244 Hollywood Boulevard, one block east of Hollywood and Vine. Passenger drop off and pick up locations are in front of the lower/arrivals and upper/departures levels of each airline terminal.

The new Hollywood bus service joins Santa Monica, Union Station, Van Nuys and Westwood routes already in operation. To book your next bus service, visit [www.lawa.aero](http://www.lawa.aero) or call 1-866-iFLYLAX.

### Do Not Feed Local Wildlife

As a safety precaution, please do not feed or try to befriend any of the wildlife surrounding LAX. You will find airport employees working in the dunes and on the airfield where foxes live. Wild animals can bite and carry diseases that can be transferred to humans.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife confirms that “the non-native red fox is unnatural in the state ecosystems and is a threat to some native wildlife.” Red foxes were introduced in the 1940s for hunting and fur farming. Similarly, the Department of LA Animal Services states that “it is unlawful to feed any mammalian predator in the City of Los Angeles including foxes” (53.06.5 L.A.M.C.). Let’s all be safe and avoid direct contact with wildlife!

### Residential Sound Insulation Grant for Athens, Del Aire, and Lennox

The Board of Airport Commissioners authorized a Letter of Agreement between LAWA and Los Angeles County for its Residential Sound Insulation Grant Program and to release \$15.42 million for an eligible noise-mitigation project.

Funds will be used to soundproof 624 dwelling units in the Athens, Del Aire, and Lennox communities that are impacted by operations at LAX. The LAWA grant, combined with a \$5-million grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), will cover acoustical, architectural, engineering, and construction costs to achieve a targeted interior noise level of 45 decibels.

## LAX CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

### New Automated Passport Control Kiosks

Expediting the entry process for international arriving passengers at the Tom Bradley International Terminal (TBIT) is

the goal behind the 40 new Automated Passport Control (APC) kiosks unveiled at LAX in September.

The new APC kiosks allow international travelers, including family groups, to submit their customs declaration form and biographic information electronically. Individuals can complete the process within 90 seconds and a family of three within four minutes.

Accessible in 13 languages, easy-to-follow instructions guide the user through the process, which includes scanning the passport, taking a photograph using the kiosk, answering questions, and fingerprinting for non-U.S. citizens. Travelers will then receive a receipt confirming their information and proceed to a U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) officer to complete their entry in the U.S.

APC is a free service, does not require pre-registration or membership, and travelers opting to use the kiosks will no longer have to fill out a paper customs declaration form. Travelers will still be inspected by a CBP officer to verify the purpose and intent of trip. Passengers can then proceed to baggage claim, customs declaration, and exit. As a guide, visit the CBP’s travel website for more information at [www.cbp.gov/travel](http://www.cbp.gov/travel).

### Funding Source

The \$2-million APC kiosk project was funded by LAWA. The TBIT Equipment Company, the consortium of the 39 airlines operating in TBIT, will fund the estimated \$1.6-million annual cost for staff to direct and assist travelers with the new system.

### Terminal 1: \$500-Million Modernization Program

City officials and Southwest Airlines helped kick-off construction of the \$508-million Terminal 1 Modernization Program at LAX. The groundbreaking ceremony in September highlighted the much needed improvements of the aging terminal, built in the early 1980s.

Southwest Airlines is the only carrier operating out of Terminal 1. It was the fourth busiest airline at LAX based on passengers enplaned, serving more than 7.4 million passengers, or 11.1 percent of the airport’s total passenger volume.

To be completed in 2018, construction is expected to transform and improve the entire passenger experience from the curb to the gate, and will include the following:

- a new 12-lane security screening checkpoint;
- a fully automated checked-baggage inspection and sortation system;
- a new and expanded dining and retail collection featuring activated gate hold rooms with lounge-style seating;
- refurbished arrival/baggage claim area; and
- replacement of the passenger boarding bridges



When finished, Terminal 1 will accommodate 13 of the airline’s larger Boeing 737-800 series aircraft. Once inside the terminal, passengers will enjoy a brightened ticketing lobby with sleek design features and additional windows for more natural light.

### “Gab’s Corner”

**Q: I drive an electric-vehicle, how many charging stations are in Lot C?**



A: Yes, 14 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations have been installed in LAX’s economy long-term Parking Lot C, located at 96th Street and Sepulveda Boulevard. Electrical charging is free, but users are still responsible for paying the posted parking rate.

In addition to the 14 stations in Lot C, 20 EV charging stations are located in Parking Structure (PS) 1, and 18 more in PS 6 in the Central Terminal Area. For more information on EV stations and parking, visit [www.lawa.aero](http://www.lawa.aero).

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