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**TORRANCE AIRPORT COMMISSION AGENDA
JUNE 9, 2022
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. VIA TELECONFERENCE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS**

AIRPORT COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Commission members: De Rago _____, Gong _____, Cohen _____, Witherill _____, Zygielbaum _____, Chair O'Brien _____

2. FLAG SALUTE:

3. REPORT OF THE AIRPORT STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Bl. And on the City's Website on Thursday, June 2, 2022.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to a 15 minute period)

This portion of the meeting is reserved for public comment on items on the agenda or on topics of interest to the general public. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, Commissioners cannot act on items raised during public comment but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. Speakers under this Public Comment period will have no longer than 1 minutes per speaker. Please do not use Bluetooth or speaker devices, mute the volume on your television or other electronic devices and speak clearly. Your phone call to the Commission meeting will be recorded as part of the meeting. By staying on the line and making public comment during the meeting, you are agreeing to have your phone call recorded.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Commissioner from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES MAY 12, 2022.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 7A. Accept and File Monthly Update of Aeronautical Operational Information Under the Purview of the General Services Department.**
- 7B. Accept and File Update of New FAA IFR Departures, Runways 11L and 11R.**
- 7C. General Services, Facilities Operations Manager – Recommendation that the Airport Commission Nominate and Elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the term 2022 – 2023.**

8. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment of the Airport Commission Meeting to Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 members of the Airport Commission and staff will participate in this meeting via teleconference or other electronic means.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE AIRPORT COMMISSION**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Torrance Airport Commission Agenda convened in a regular session at 7:01 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2022, via teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Cohen, Gong, Zygielbaum, and Chair O'Brien.

Absent: Commissioners De Rago and Witherill.

Also Present: Environmental Quality Officer Jana Dartois, Environmental Quality Officer Nora Duncan, City of Torrance Airport Manager Rafael Herrera, Facility Operations Manager Gerry Pinela, Community Development Director Michelle Ramirez, Public Works Engineering Manager John Dettle, Tetra Tech Project Manager Nate Schriener, and Slink Pilot Academy Co-CEO Matt McKnight.

MOTION: Commissioner Gong moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner De Rago. Commissioner Cohen seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval (Commissioners De Rago and Witherill absent).

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Zygielbaum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. REPORT FROM THE AIRPORT STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Facility Operations Manager Pinela reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City's Website on Thursday May 5, 2022.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

Facility Operations Manager Gerry Pinela stated that there were two supplemental items that were posted and stated that there was a request from Public Works to be the first to present.

MOTION: Commissioner Cohen moved to accept the movement of Public Works Item 7C to be presented before Item 7A. Commissioner Gong seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval (Commissioners De Rago and Witherill absent).

5. REPORT FROM THE AIRPORT STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Cohen expressed her concerns regarding an unattended vehicle as well as the overgrowth of weeds on the North side of the parking lot and inquired when the issues would be handled. Facility Operations Manager Pinela replied that the outside landscaping is handled by Streetscape and Public Works who has sprayed the area; a follow up will be put in place. City of Torrance Airport Manager Rafael Herrera replied that the gentleman that occupies the unattended vehicle has been approached and spoken to before; Staff can have another conversation with him.

Facility Operations Manager Pinela stated that during the June 2022 meeting, an Item regarding election of Chair will be presented.

A member of the public spoke.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 14, 2022

MOTION: Commissioner Cohen moved to approve the April 14, 2022 minutes as presented. Commissioner Zygielbaum seconded the motion. A roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval (Commissioners De Rago and Witherill absent).

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7C. ACCEPT AND FILE PRESENTATION ON TORRANCE AIRPORT STORM WATER BASIN PROJECT BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, CITY OF TORRANCE

Public Works Engineering Manager John Dettle stated that he's in charge of the Storm Water Basin project for the Torrance Airport and introduced Tetra Tech Project Manager Nate Schriener, a consultant for the project.

Tetra Tech Project Manager Schriener presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Torrance Airport Storm Water Basin:

- The project will focus on capturing and diverting storm water from the L.A. County storm drain running through the Torrance Airport, per the State's storm water permit requirements.
- The project is two years out before construction; estimated construction costs is twelve-million dollars and estimated construction time is eighteen months. The City of Torrance is seeking funding from the Safe Clean Water Program.
- Wet-weather-flow during the winter has the most contaminated water during a storm event; the project will divert the contaminated water from the storm drain into a pre-treatment unit which will flow into an underground 8-acre-foot storage reservoir. Water will be pumped from the reservoir to an underground storm drain where it will discharge into an L.A. County sewer. The County will send the water to a wastewater treatment plant, and once treated, use the water as recycled water. Recycled water will be used for irrigation purposes, not for potable water or drinking water.
- To not interfere with Torrance Airport operations, Tetra Tech is looking to use lower construction equipment; if lower construction equipment is not an option, a cast-in-place storage reservoir or an underground concrete tunnel will be investigated.
- The goal of the project is to not have any closures - this is to be determined and will be left to the FAA's final decision.
- Public Works Department is implementing a community outreach program and will be updating the community through their web page.

Public Works Engineering Manager Dettle stated that once designs are completed, another presentation will be presented to the Airport Commission before final bids.

Commissioner Cohen inquired if there would be any impacts on the Madrona Marsh. Public Works Engineering Manager Dettle replied that there will be no impacts as the project does not drain to the Madrona Marsh.

Chair O'Brien inquired how the project would affect instrument landing systems. Tetra Tech Project Manager Schriener replied that the goal is not to interfere with instrument landing systems. Public Works Engineering Manager Dettle replied that his team will work with airport Staff to ensure that there is no interference with the instrument landing system.

City of Torrance Airport Manager Herrera stated that Tetra Tech and/or Public Works will submit a FAA 7460-1 Form prior to starting the project; FAA will make the determination of the affects the airport will experience.

Commissioner Zygielbaum inquired what the likelihood would be regarding the disruption of flight operations. Public Works Engineering Manager Dettle replied that the project would not shut down the main runway and stated that the City would not have approved the project if the main runway were to be shut down.

Commissioner Gong inquired how the project would interfere with traffic along Crenshaw Boulevard. Public Works Engineering Manager Dettle replied that a lane may be taken out to do tie-in work to the manhole.

A member of the public spoke.

MOTION: Commissioner Cohen moved to accept and file the presentation on the Torrance Airport Storm Water Basin Project. Commissioner Zygielbaum seconded the motion. A roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval (Commissioners De Rago and Witherill absent).

7A. ACCEPT AND FILE MONTHLY UPDATE OF AERONAUTICAL OPERATIONAL INFORMATION UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

City of Torrance Airport Manager Herrera reported a monthly update of aeronautical operational information under the purview of the general services department:

- There are (5) hangar vacancies and (61) tie-down vacancies.
- Job specifications continue to be generated for AWOS.
- The meeting list is growing with two to three groups meeting per month.
- (3) incidents were reported for the month of March; the Torrance Fire Department was not required for any incidents.
- March 2022 had a total of 15,204 operations.

Commissioner Zygielbaum inquired when the last time Torrance Airport experienced over 15,000 operations. City of Torrance Airport Manager Herrera replied that he had never seen that total in the five years he worked for the Torrance Airport.

A member of the public spoke.

MOTION: Commissioner Zygielbaum moved to accept and file the monthly update of aeronautical operations. Commissioner Gong seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval (Commissioners De Rago and Witherill absent).

7B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – ACCEPT AND FILE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (ZAMPERINI FIELD) NOISE ABATEMENT UPDATE

Environmental Quality Officer Jana Dartois gave a presentation regarding noise abatement:

- CASPER has ordered equipment for the new ATC recorder, noise monitor and completed designs for the noise system.
- A CASPER subcontractor will visit monitor sites to clean and prepare the location before the noise monitor installation. Noise monitors are on track to be operational June 2022.
- A one-week test period will be implemented when the noise monitors are in operation.
- Staff training on CASPER system will commence June 2022.

Chair O'Brien requested to have a CASPER presentation scheduled to learn about the details of the system. Environmental Quality Officer Nora Duncan replied that a presentation can be done closer to when the system goes live.

Chair O'Brien inquired if there would be new printed material on CASPER. Environmental Quality Officer Nora Duncan replied that Staff is working on new printed material.

MOTION: Commissioner Gong moved to accept and file the noise abatement update. Commissioner Cohen seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval (Commissioners De Rago and Witherill absent).

7D. ACCEPT AND FILE PRESENTATION BY THE SLING PILOT ACADEMY MANAGEMENT REGARDING NOISE ABATEMENT PROCEDURE USED AT TORRANCE AIRPORT

Matt McKnight, a Co-CEO for the Sling Pilot Academy, gave a presentation on the noise abatement procedures used at the Torrance Airport:

- Sling Pilot Academy has selected the quietest planes available and uses unleaded car gasoline to burn less fuel and provide for cleaner air resulting in the reduction of their carbon footprint.
- Sling Pilot Academy follows the existing noise abatement procedures, avoids the South pattern as much as possible, and are investigating additional procedures to have less of an impact. Tests will be conducted to measure noise impacts on the community.
- Noise abatement procedures are followed, and all students and pilots are presented with a color-coded noise abatement sheet. If noise abatement procedures are not followed, pilots are informed in real time.
- Sling Pilot Academy is open to ideas from the community and welcome feedback.

Commissioner Cohen inquired if the Commission could be informed when testing would be conducted. Sling Pilot Academy Co-CEO McKnight replied that there won't be an increase in activity and invited Commissioners to join in the testing process.

MOTION: Commissioner Zygielbaum moved to accept and file the Sling Pilot Academy noise abatement procedures presentation. Commissioner Cohen seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval (Commissioners De Rago and Witherill absent).

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 8:31 p.m., Commissioner Zygielbaum moved to adjourn the meeting to Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference. Commissioner Gong seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 4-0 approval (Commissioners De Rago and Witherill absent).

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Subject to Approval

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Honorable Chair and Members
of the Airport Commission

Members of the Commission:

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Aeronautical Operational Information under the Purview of
the General Services Department for the Months of **MAY 2022**

The General Services Department acts as both the landlord for the city-owned facilities
at the airport and as business manager for the airport. As such, the department is
providing the following informational reports for review by the commission:

Report #1: Hangar and Tie down Rental Status

Report #2: Ongoing Projects

Report #3: Meeting Room Calendar

Report #4: Hangar Waiting List

Report #5: Events Requiring Emergency Response

Report #6: Airfield Operations Status

For any questions about this transmittal, please call Rafael Herrera at
(310) 784-7900.

Item 7A

REPORT 1

ZAMPERINI FIELD

HANGAR AND TIEDOWN INFORMATION

Total Number of City-Owned Hangars	341
Total Number of Hangar Vacancies	5
Total Number of Airport Tiedowns	181
Total Number of Tiedowns Available	62

The 341 hangars owned by the City are broken down into three size categories: small, medium, and executive. Of 341 total hangars, 74 were built by the City, while 267 hangars were funded by several private contractors. At time of construction, these hangars were built with individual preferences in mind and were not standardized according to size. Here are approximate sizes of small, medium and executive hangars.

Small Type A: Under 40' Door Opening Width	800-1,200 sq. ft.
Small Type B: 40'-41' Door Opening Width	800-1,200 sq. ft.
Medium: 52'-54' Door Opening Width	1,200-2,200 sq. ft.
Executive: 57'-61' Door Opening Width	2,200-3,200 sq. ft.

Current rates for hangars are: \$0.619/sq. ft. per month for Torrance Residents.
\$0.694/sq. ft. per month for Non-Residents.

Current rates for Tiedowns are: Single Engine \$123.00
Twin Engine \$136.00

Current rates for Transient (Overnight) are: Single Engine \$10.00
Twin Engine \$16.00
Jet Engine \$21.00

REPORT 2

ONGOING PROJECTS JUNE 9, 2022

1. Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) – We continue to build our job specifications for This project. We have met with AWOS specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, an electrical contractor, airport engineering consulting firms to structure a plan for this project. This is a multi-component project that involves location, weather equipment installation, and implementation. We held a job walk on May 26, 2022 and we had several contractors attend. This is a mandatory meeting for contractors interested in the project. We will meet with our vendors and contractors to review all the technical information to thoroughly analyze this project at every step of the way. We will have monthly updates as we progress through this development.

NON- INFRASTRUCTURE

Capital Projects	<u>FEAP #</u>	<u>PRIMARY FUNDING</u>	<u>PROJECT TOTAL</u>
Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS)	FEAP – 00722	AIRPORT	\$352,000
Remodel General Aviation Center and East “T” Restrooms	FEAP – 00719	AIRPORT	\$275,000
Total			\$627,000.00

REPORT 4

HANGAR WAITING LIST

1	Schmidt, O.	01/17/12	MEDIUM
2	Giannola, P.	08/08/12	MED/EXEC
3	Bohner, R.	08/21/12	EXEC
4	Freitag, D.	11/05/12	EXEC
5	Striplin, D.	04/17/13	EXEC
6	Myronowicz, C.	05/01/13	MED/EXEC
7	Dwoskin, D.	07/12/13	EXEC
8	Deaver R.	10/22/13	EXEC
9	Ellison, B.	11/05/13	EXEC
10	Adams, R.	01/10/14	EXEC
11	Grau, W.	01/31/14	MED/EXEC
12	Yarymovych, N.	05/05/14	MED/EXEC
13	Rietdyk, G.	11/26/14	MED/EXEC
14	Deal, J.	03/12/15	MED/EXEC
15	Deal, B.	03/12/15	MED/EXEC
16	Myers, L.	03/12/15	MED/EXEC
17	Reisman, G.	08/20/15	MEDIUM
18	Garcia, D.	08/20/15	MED/EXEC
19	Hadley, L.	08/31/15	MED/EXEC
20	Schladen, M.	02/18/16	MED/EXEC
21	Robinson, A.	03/22/16	MEDIUM
22	Broen, P.	05/06/16	MED/EXEC
23	Macey, B.	08/02/16	MED/EXEC
24	Van De Velde, D.	09/26/16	MEDIUM
25	Woodside, D.	12/29/16	MED/EXEC
26	Ristevski, B.	01/09/17	MED/EXEC
27	Mabry, M.	01/24/17	MED/EXEC
28	Geiger, G.	02/06/17	EXEC
29	Adli, B.	02/22/17	EXEC
30	Constable, W.	03/23/17	EXEC
31	Stewart, D.	04/07/17	EXEC
32	Regan, K.	05/24/17	MEDIUM
33	Gerts, I.	06/27/17	MEDIUM
34	Armstrong, S.	11/14/17	MED/EXEC
35	Levine, M.	01/26/18	MED/EXEC
36	Bryson, Z.	03/22/18	EXEC
37	Badour, S.	09/24/18	MED/EXEC
38	Wachner, J.	10/02/18	MED/EXEC
39	Vartanian, J.	10/15/18	MED/EXEC
40	McNerney, R.	11/05/18	MED/EXEC
41	McKay, R.	03/28/19	MEDIUM
42	Burshtan, D.	06/24/19	MEDIUM
43	Ribitsch, R.	10/04/19	MEDIUM
44	Jenkins, R.	12/03/19	MEDIUM
45	Colton, J	06/03/20	MEDIUM
46	Ristevki, B.	10/02/20	MED/EXEC

47	Elminoufi, G.	01/08/21	MED/EXEC
48	McGivern, J.	05/14/21	MED/EXEC
49	Zimmer, C.	05/26/21	EXEC
50	Hong, D.	06/17/21	MED/EXEC
51	Henry, M.	09/28/21	MED/EXEC
52	Ford, W.	09/28/21	MEDIUM
53	Liu, A.	12/28/21	MED/EXEC
54	Blaire, W.	03/31/22	MED/EXEC
55	Dessy, M.	04/05/22	SMALL TYPE A OR B
56	Foxlin, X.	04/13/22	SMALL TYPE A OR B
57	Peterson, J.	04/19/22	SMALL TYPE B/EXEC
58	Smith, C.	4/19/22	SMALL TYPE B
59	Schroebel, J.	04/6/22	SMALL TYPE A OR B
60	Jimenez, R.	05//04/22	SMALL TYPE B/MED
61	Gazsi, T.	05/04/22	SMALL TYPE A OR B
62	Barker, R.	05/11/22	SMALL TYPE A OR B
63	Le, T	5/23//22	SMALL TYPE B
64	Wodishek, M.	5/25/22	SMALL TYPE B

Summary of Changes to Hangar Waiting List

Applicants From Waiting List Who Received Hangars

Mascelli, J.	04/04/22	Small Type A or B
Becker, J.	04/07/22	Small Type A or B

New Waiting List Applicants Added

Barker, R.	05/11/22	Small Type A or B
Le, T.	05/23/22	Small Type B
Wodishek. M.	05/25/22	Small Type B

Request For Refund/Removal From Hangar Waiting List

*Hangars Received Through Advertisement (not from Waiting List)

NON- AVIATION HANGAR WAITING LIST

1	Brown, H.	05/09/22	SMALL
2	Pliska, A.	05/09/22	SMALL
3	Barry, J.	05/10/22	SMALL
4	McGivern, J.	05/13/22	SMALL
5	Kwan, T.	05/19/22	SMALL
6	Chang, M.	05/19/22	SMALL
7	McGrath, S.	05/26/22	SMALL

Summary of Changes to Non-Aviation Hangar Waiting List

Applicants From Waiting List Who Received Hangars

New Waiting List Applicants Added

Brown, H.	05/09/22	Small Type A or B
Burkle, A.	05/09/22	Small Type A or B
Pliska, A.	05/09/22	Small Type A or B
Barry, J.	05/10/22	Small Type A or B
McGivern, J.	05/13/22	Small Type A or B
Kwan, T.	05/19/22	Small Type A or B
Chang, M.	05/19/22	Small Type A or B
McGrath, S.	05/26/22	Small Type A or B

Request For Refund/Removal From Hangar Waiting List

Burkle, A.	05/09/22	Small Type A or B
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*Hangars Received Through Advertisement (not from Waiting List)

REPORT 5

EVENTS REQUIRING EMERGENCY RESPONSE

FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2022

OPERATIONS	-----TOTAL	14,457
INCIDENTS	-----	0
ACCIDENTS	-----	0
PERCENT OF OPERATIONS	-----	.00

Airport Incidents: None

Definitions:

ACCIDENTS: An occurrence associated with the operation of an aircraft, which takes place between the time any person boards the aircraft with the intention of flight and all such persons have disembarked, and in which any person suffers death or serious injury, or in which the aircraft receives substantial damage.

SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE means damage or failure which adversely affects the structural, strength, performance, or flight characteristics of the aircraft, and which would normally require major repair or replacement of the affected component. Engine failure or damage limited to an engine if only one engine fails or is damaged, bent fairings or cowling, dented skin, small punctured holes in the skin or fabric, ground damage to rotor or propeller blades, and damage to landing gear, wheels, tires, flaps, engine accessories, brakes, or wingtips are not considered "substantial damage".

SERIOUS INJURY means any injury which: (1) requires hospitalization for more than 48 hours, commencing within 7 days from the date the injury was received; (2) results in a fracture of any bone (except simple fractures of fingers, toes, or nose); (3) causes severe hemorrhages, nerve, muscle or tendon damage; (4) involves any internal organ; or (5) involves second or third degree burns; or any burns affecting more than 5% of the body surface.

INCIDENT: Any occurrence other than an accident associated with the operation of an aircraft, which affects or could affect the safety of operations.

NOTE: Per the FAA, Airport Operations totals will no longer be reported for the previous month. Due to automation, the totals will now be reported two months after they occur.

REPORT 6

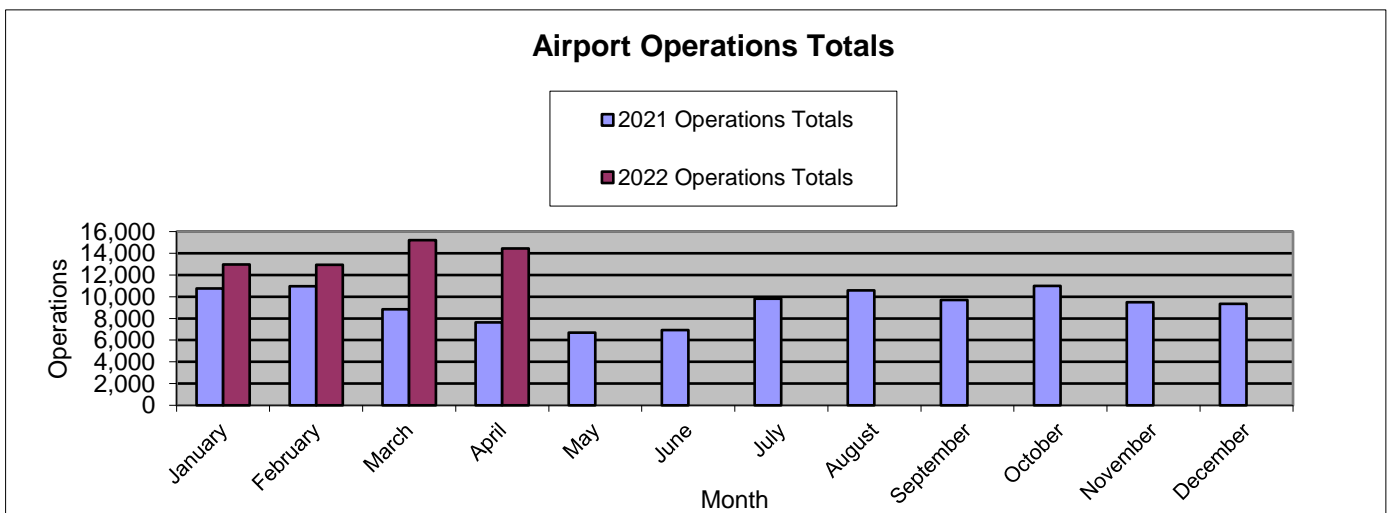
**AIRFIELD OPERATIONS STATUS
ZAMPERINI FIELD**

OPERATIONS ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2022

- Morning runway, taxiway, and hospital pad/lights checked for safety
- Foreign object debris checked on all runways and taxiways
- Storm water check done (for foreign object debris) for all drains, inlets, and outlets
- All runways, taxiways, and ramp areas vacuum swept
- Various hangars cleaned and prepared for rental
- All taxiway lights and signs sprayed for weeds
- All runways and taxiways swept
- Large items removed from trash bin area
- FOD removed from fence line

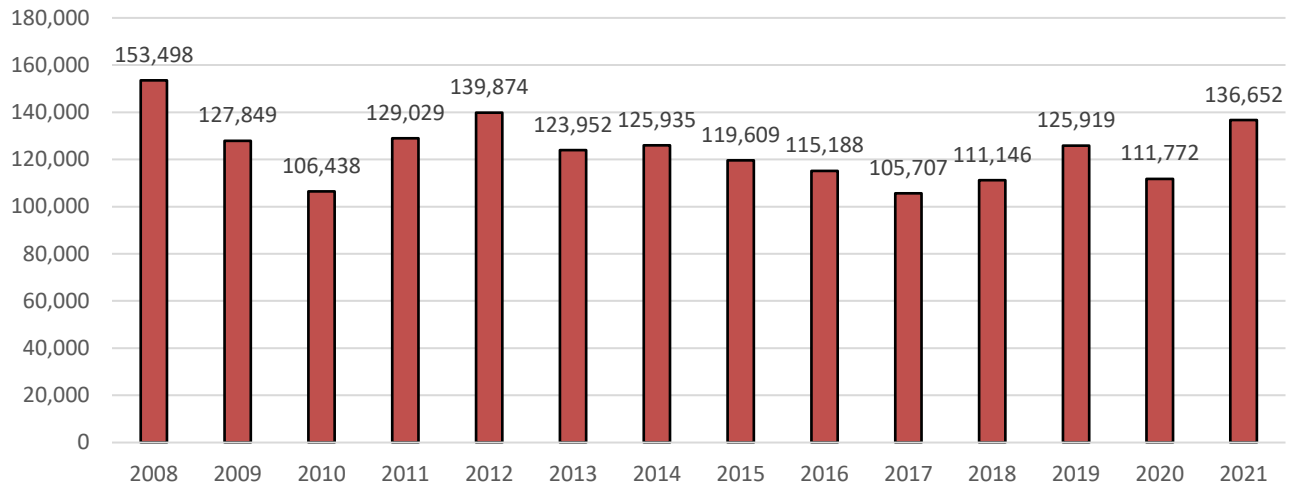
2021/2022 OPERATIONS TOTALS

Month	Year	Operations	Month	Year	Operations
January	2021	9,167	January	2022	12,965
February	2021	10,607	February	2022	12,930
March	2021	10,944	March	2022	15,204
April	2021	13,137	April	2022	14,457
May	2021	11,446	May	2022	
June	2021	13,098	June	2022	
July	2021	12,539	July	2022	
August	2021	14,177	August	2022	
September	2021	11,877	September	2022	
October	2021	11,031	October	2022	
November	2021	10,212	November	2022	
December	2021	8,417	December	2022	



2008 - 2021 Airport Operations Totals

■ Total Operations



Honorable Chair and Members
of the Airport Commission
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Commission:

SUBJECT: Accept and File Update of New FAA IFR Departures, Runways 11L and 11R.

On May 05, 2022, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Tower staff implemented new departures for runways 11L and 11R. The new Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) departures from runways 11L and 11R, to the east, will only be in effect when conditions (adverse weather) warrant them. The decision to change IFR departures was due to FAA safety concerns.

Airport winds primarily trend west to east on a daily basis, meaning the majority of the time aircraft take off to the west. This is approximately 90% of the time. When aircraft take off to the east, the other 10% it is mostly done using Visual Flight Rules (VFR). When conditions are IFR and departures are to the east, there is usually less air traffic. When it occurs, there will be a difference in the flight path, potentially exposing residents in Torrance and Lomita to possibly new noise. The amount of East and IFR departures are anticipated to be minimal, therefore not an everyday occurrence. Also of note, is that changes were mandated by the FAA due to safety. Staff is working with the FAA to determine a point of contact to direct residents to inquire with the FAA as to why this change was recently implemented.

The majority of pilots out of Torrance Airport are VFR rated, and do not fly in IFR conditions. VFR and IFR are described as:

- Most flights out of Torrance are VFR (Visual Flight Rules), Visual Flight Rules simply means that the aircraft is intended to operate in visual meteorological conditions (VMC, i.e. nice and clear weather).
- IFR (Instrument Flight Rules) Instrument Flight Rules implies that the flight may operate in instrument meteorological conditions (IMC, meaning cloudy or otherwise adverse weather conditions). IFR provides efficiency, additional safety, and usually consistent contact with air traffic control, it requires that pilots follow an exact pre-determined/pre-planned flight route. (This means the wind will have to be going east to west (take off to the east), and such weather conditions that mandate IFR.)

Airport staff has recently assisted the FAA Tower staff to communicate the new 11L and 11R IFR departure updates to Tenant Pilots and Fixed Based Operators by email communication as well as posting the changes in public areas of the airport. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Torrance FAA Tower, Victor Morales, (310) 325-8535

Respectfully Submitted,



Gerry Pinela,
Facilities Operations Manager


Honorable Chair and Members
of the Airport Commission
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Commission:

SUBJECT: General Services, Facilities Operations Manager – Recommendation that the Airport Commission Nominate and Elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the term 2022 – 2023.

The terms for Commissioner Anne O'Brien as Airport Commission Chair and Commissioner John De Rago as Vice Chair will end on June 30, 2022. The term for the newly elected Chair and Vice Chair will begin July 1, 2022 and run through June 30, 2023.

Office	Name	Term Begins	Term Expires
Chair	Anne O'Brien	12/01/2020	06/30/2024
Vice Chair	John De Rago	7-1-2021	6-30-2025
Member	Kathy Cohen	07/01/2021	06/30/2025
Member	Jack Gong	02/01/2018	06/30/2022
Member	Thomas M. Witherill	07/01/2019	06/30/2023
Member	David Zygielbaum	02/01/2018	06/30/2022
Member	Vacant		6-30-2023

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerry Pinela,
Facilities Operations Manager