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AGENDA ITEM 3

November 18, 2021

TO: Commissioners/Alternates
FROM: Lea U. Choum, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Administrative Status Report

The following attachments are for your review and information:

- JWA Statistics for August and September 2021
- ALUC comments on the County of Orange Draft Housing Element Update
- JWA comments on the County of Orange Draft Housing Element Update
- ALUC comments on the City of Los Alamitos Draft Housing Element Update and Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration
- Referral Confirmation Letter to the County of Orange for Draft Housing Element Update

Respectfully submitted,

Lea U. Choum
Executive Officer

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John Wayne Airport Posts August 2021 Statistics

October 4, 2021

SANTA ANA, Calif. - Airline passenger traffic at John Wayne Airport increased in August 2021 as compared to August 2020. In August 2021, the Airport served 831,522 passengers, an increase of 211.1% when compared with the August 2020 passenger traffic count of 266,986 and a decrease of 11.8% when compared to August 2019 of 942,541 passengers.

Commercial aircraft operations increased 89.6% and commuter aircraft operations decreased 5.1% when compared with August 2020 levels. Comparing August 2021 to 2019 levels, commercial aircraft operations of 7,305 decreased 5.4% and commuter aircraft operations of 520 decreased 4.6%.

Total aircraft operations increased in August 2021 as compared with the same month in 2020. In August 2021, there were 29,814 total aircraft operations (take-offs and landings), a 29.8% increase compared to 22,963 total aircraft operations in August 2020, and decreased 0.4% compared to August 2019 of 29,921 total aircraft operations.

General aviation activity, which accounted for 73.7% of the total aircraft operations during August 2021, increased 18.5% when compared with August 2020, and increased 2.1% when compared to general aviation activity of 21,520 in August 2019, which accounted for 71.9% of total aircraft operations.

The top three airlines in August 2021 based on passenger count were Southwest Airlines (355,670), American Airlines (138,241) and Alaska Airlines (105,812).

John Wayne Airport
Monthly Airport Statistics - August 2021

	August 2021	August 2020	% Change	Year-To- Date 2021	Year-To- Date 2020	% Change
Total passengers	831,522	266,986	211.4%	4,341,266	2,704,119	60.5%
Enplaned passengers	417,070	132,788	214.1%	2,160,186	1,352,638	59.7%
Deplaned passengers	414,452	134,198	208.8%	2,181,080	1,351,481	61.4%
Total Aircraft Operations	29,814	22,963	29.8%	210,515	155,442	35.4%
General Aviation	21,961	18,540	18.5%	161,674	119,404	35.4%
Commercial	7,305	3,852	89.6%	45,227	32,401	39.6%
Commuter ¹	520	548	-5.1%	3,335	3,233	3.2%
Military	28	23	21.7%	279	404	-30.9%
Air Cargo Tons ²	1,491	1,652	-9.7%	12,035	11,910	1.0%
International Statistics ³	(included in totals above)					
	August 2021	August 2020	% Change	Year-To- Date 2021	Year-To- Date 2020	% Change
Total Passengers	9,691	0	0.0%	56,723	17,246	228.9%
Enplaned passengers	4,365	0	0.0%	27,222	8,703	212.8%
Deplaned passengers	5,326	0	0.0%	29,501	8,543	245.3%
Total Aircraft Operations	123	0	0.0%	694	172	303.5%

1. Aircraft used for regularly scheduled air service, configured with not more than seventy (70) seats, and operating at weights not more than ninety thousand (90,000) pounds.

2.

All-Cargo Carriers: 1,318 tons

Passenger Carriers (incidental belly cargo): 173 tons

Current cargo tonnage figures in this report are for: July 2021

3. Includes all Canada and Mexico Commercial passengers and operations.

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John Wayne Airport Posts September 2021 Statistics

November 5, 2021

SANTA ANA, Calif. - Airline passenger traffic at John Wayne Airport increased in September 2021 as compared to September 2020. In September 2021, the Airport served 783,737 passengers, an increase of 185.2% when compared with the September 2020 passenger traffic count of 274,813 and a decrease of 8.8% when compared to September 2019 of 859,174 passengers.

Commercial aircraft operations increased 130.8% and commuter aircraft operations increased 1.8% when compared with September 2020 levels. Comparing September 2021 to 2019 levels, commercial aircraft operations of 7,271 decreased 1.2% and commuter aircraft operations of 498 increased 11.9%.

Total aircraft operations increased in September 2021 as compared with the same month in 2020. In September 2021, there were 27,956 total aircraft operations (take-offs and landings), a 22.4% increase compared to 22,844 total aircraft operations in September 2020, and increased 6.6% compared to September 2019 of 26,218 total aircraft operations.

General aviation activity, which accounted for 72.16% of the total aircraft operations during September 2021, increased 5.1% when compared with September 2020, and increased 10.2% when compared to general aviation activity of 18,309 in September 2019, which accounted for 69.8% of total aircraft operations.

The top three airlines in September 2021 based on passenger count were Southwest Airlines (303,714), American Airlines (124,906) and Alaska Airlines (100,335).

John Wayne Airport
Monthly Airport Statistics - September 2021

	September 2021	September 2020	% Change	Year-To- Date 2021	Year-To- Date 2020	% Change
Total passengers	783,737	274,813	185.2%	5,125,003	2,978,932	72.0%
Enplaned passengers	389,625	136,590	185.3%	2,549,811	1,489,228	71.2%
Deplaned passengers	394,112	138,223	185.1%	2,575,192	1,489,704	72.9%
Total Aircraft Operations	27,956	22,844	22.4%	238,471	178,286	33.8%
General Aviation	20,173	19,186	5.1%	181,847	138,590	31.2%
Commercial	7,271	3,151	130.8%	52,498	35,552	47.7%
Commuter ¹	498	489	1.8%	3,833	3,722	3.0%
Military	14	18	-22.2%	293	422	-30.6%
Air Cargo Tons ²	1,494	1,612	-7.3%	13,529	13,522	0.1%
International Statistics ³	(included in totals above)					
	September 2021	September 2020	% Change	Year-To- Date 2021	Year-To- Date 2020	% Change
Total Passengers	7,967	0	0.0%	64,690	17,246	275.1%
Enplaned passengers	3,945	0	0.0%	31,167	8,703	258.1%
Deplaned passengers	4,022	0	0.0%	33,523	8,543	292.4%
Total Aircraft Operations	116	0	0.0%	810	172	370.9%

1. Aircraft used for regularly scheduled air service, configured with not more than seventy (70) seats, and operating at weights not more than ninety thousand (90,000) pounds.

2.

All-Cargo Carriers:	1,354 tons
Passenger Carriers (incidental belly cargo):	140 tons
Current cargo tonnage figures in this report are for:	August 2021

3. Includes all Canada and Mexico Commercial passengers and operations.

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October 15, 2021

Joanna Chang, Land Use Manager
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Subject: Draft County of Orange Housing Element Update 2021-2029

Dear Ms. Chang:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the 2021-2029 County of Orange Draft Housing Element Update. As you know, unincorporated portions of the County are located within the Notification Areas (also known as Planning Areas) for John Wayne Airport and for JFTB-Los Alamitos.

The September 16, 2021 Draft Housing Element Update identifies new housing sites which are located within the notification area for JWA, thereby requiring a submittal to the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) for Orange County for a consistency review prior to County Board of Supervisors approval. While the parking lot area of the Santa Ana Country Club property (APN 119-200-21) was identified in the 2013-2021 Housing Element Update as a potential site for housing, the majority of the Country Club site (APNs 119-200-11 and 119-201-21) is now identified as a potential housing site for an additional 435 units. Also, the Back Bay Commercial Center on Irvine Avenue in Costa Mesa (APN 439-101-40) is identified as a potential site for 245 new units. These two locations are of particular concern as they are located within the 60 CNEL contour, and within Safety Zone 6 for JWA.

Please use the Housing Element Submittal Form which is available at <https://www.ocair.com/about/administration/airport-governance/commissions/airport-land-use-commission/>. Complete submittals must be received by our office on or before the first day of the month to be placed on the agenda for the next scheduled ALUC meeting. The ALUC meets on the third Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Airport Commission meeting room at 3160 Airway Avenue, Costa Mesa. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at lchoum@ocair.com, or Julie Fitch at jfitch@ocair.com. You may also contact us by phone at (949) 252-5170.

Thank you.

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Dear Ms. Chang,

Thank you for the opportunity to review the County of Orange Draft Housing Element Update 2021-2029. The Draft includes a site inventory assessment, which identifies parcels that can achieve the County's assigned 2021 Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) for the 2021-2029 planning period. The Santa Ana Country Club (Costa Mesa Island) and the Back Bay Commercial Center on Irvine Avenue in Costa Mesa are in close proximity to John Wayne Airport (JWA) and identified as opportunity sites for future residential development. While the parking lot area of the Santa Ana Country Club property (APN 119-200-21) was identified in the 2013-2021 Housing Element Update as a potential site for housing, the majority of the Country Club site (APNs 119-200-11 and 119-201-21) is now identified for an additional 435 units. The Back Bay Commercial Center is identified as a potential site for 245 new units.

The proposed new residential uses within the Santa Ana Country Club and the Back Bay Commercial Center would be located within the 60 dB CNEL noise contour, Safety Zones and Obstruction Imaginary Surfaces for JWA. Adding new residential sites to the 60 dB CNEL noise contour would subject future residents to aircraft overflight, noise and safety impacts due to the close proximity to the airport. Specific areas that should be addressed within the Draft Housing Element are as follows:

- 1) The Draft Housing Element should discuss the noise and safety impacts to future residents of the housing sites located within the 60 dB CNEL noise contour. Primary concerns of JWA are the ability to ensure the continued operation of the airport and the ability to protect the public from adverse effects of airport noise. JWA requests that the proposed housing in the 60 dB CNEL noise contour be revised to reflect non-residential uses.
- 2) The proposed housing sites within close proximity to JWA fall beneath the obstruction imaginary surfaces for JWA. The Draft Housing Element should emphasize that potential future residents would be exposed to significant aircraft overflights, safety impacts, noise and annoyance as approaching aircraft fly overhead. It has been JWA's experience that residential uses located near aircraft approach corridors generate a significant number of noise complaints from affected residents. The County should give consideration as to how these noise complaints will be addressed should these housing sites be approved.

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- 3) The Draft Housing Element should also discuss safety concerns related to proposing housing sites within the Safety Zones for JWA. Proposed housing sites within the Santa Ana Country Club and the Back Bay Commercial Center have been identified within Safety Zone 6: Traffic Pattern Zone. Locating residential uses within this safety zone would place future residents within close proximity to the airport and locate residential development directly under a general aviation, low-altitude, primary flight corridor.

As the County develops its Draft Housing Element, we ask that compatibility with JWA be fully addressed. Since portions of the County jurisdiction fall within Airport Planning Areas as defined by the *Airport Environs Land Use Plans (AELUP) for JWA*, California Public Utilities Code Section 21760, and the "Notification Area" and Obstruction Imaginary Surfaces" as defined by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) FAR Part 77, the County's Draft Housing Element should incorporate language to ensure airport compatibility based upon criteria and policies defined in these plans and regulations.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft County Housing Element Update. Please contact Kyle Kotchou, Deputy Airport Director of Facilities Development at (949) 252-5270 or via email at kkotchou@ocair.com should any questions arise regarding these comments.

Sincerely,



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November 1, 2021

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Subject: NOI to Adopt Negative Declaration (ND) for Los Alamitos Housing Element Update (2021-2029)

Dear Mr. Oliver:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the City of Los Alamitos Initial Study to adopt a Negative Declaration for the proposed Housing Element Update in relation to the *Airport Environs Land Use Plan (AELUP) for Joint Forces Training Base, Los Alamitos*. The City of Los Alamitos is located within the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 77 Notification Area (also known as the airport planning area) and within the Obstruction Imaginary Surfaces. Also, a part of the City is located within the noise contours for JFTB, Los Alamitos.

The Draft Housing Element includes a site inventory assessment, which identifies sites that can achieve the City's assigned 2021 Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) for the 2021-2029 planning period. The Draft Element identifies three focus areas for residential development:

- Town Center Mixed Use Strategic Plan Area
- Lampson Site
- Arrowhead Site

The proposed site inventory includes new sites within the Notification Area, which requires submittal to the Airport Land Use Commission for a consistency review. The Draft Housing Element also proposes new residential sites within the conical and horizontal obstruction imaginary surfaces for JFTB, Los Alamitos. The ND should discuss the maximum building heights allowed for the three focus areas. With respect to building height restrictions, development proposals, which include the construction or alteration of structures more than 200 feet above ground level, require filing with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and ALUC notification. Projects meeting this threshold must comply with procedures provided by Federal and State law, with the

referral requirements of ALUC, and with all conditions of approval imposed or recommended by FAA and ALUC including filing a Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration (FAA Form 7460-1). Depending on the maximum building heights that will be allowed per the proposed Housing Element Update, the City may wish to incorporate a mitigation and condition of approval specifying the 200 feet height threshold within the ND and proposed Housing Element.

As discussed in the ND, the Lampson site is partially within the 60 CNEL noise contour. Per the *AELUP for JFTB, Los Alamitos* it is strongly recommended that residential units be limited or excluded from this area unless the sound attenuation provided is sufficient to ensure that interior noise levels do not exceed 45 dBA.

In addition, the ND should identify if the project allows for the development of heliports as defined in the *Airport Environs Land Use Plan (AELUP) for Heliports*. Should the development of heliports occur within your jurisdiction, proposals to develop new heliports must be submitted through the City to the ALUC for review and action pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 21661.5. Proposed heliport projects must comply fully with the state permit procedure provided by law and with all conditions of approval imposed or recommended by FAA, by the ALUC for Orange County and by Caltrans/Division of Aeronautics. The ND should address whether the development of heliports will be allowed within the City's jurisdiction.

A referral by the City to the ALUC is required for this project due to the location of the proposal within an AELUP Planning Area and due to the nature of the required City approvals (i.e. Housing Element Update) under PUC Section 21676(b). With respect to project submittals, please note that the Commission requests that referrals be submitted to the ALUC for a determination between the Local Agency's Planning Commission and City Council hearings. Since the ALUC meets on the third Thursday afternoon of each month, complete submittals must be received in the ALUC office by the first of the month to ensure sufficient time for review, analysis, and agendaing. The Housing Element Submittal form can be found at:

<https://www.ocair.com/about/administration/airport-governance/commissions/airport-land-use-commission/>

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this initial study. Please contact Julie Fitch at (949) 252-5284 or jfitch@ocair.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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November 5, 2021

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Subject: ALUC Referral Confirmation for General Plan Amendment H 20-01

Dear Ms. Alonso:

This is to confirm that Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) staff has received your referral request for a consistency review of the County of Orange 2021-2029 Draft Housing Element Update (GPA H 20-01).

Your November 2nd submittal package is hereby accepted and deemed complete for a review and consistency determination by the Commission. It will be agendaized for the November 18th meeting of the Commission unless otherwise noticed. Your attendance at the meeting would be appreciated in case there are questions regarding this item.

A copy of the meeting agenda and staff report regarding your item will be provided to you prior to the Commission meeting. Please contact us at (949) 252-5170 or at alucinfo@ocair.com if you need additional information regarding the Commission's review of this project.

Sincerely,

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