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### **Long Beach Airport to Launch Ride Share Pilot Program on April 5, 2017**

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Long Beach Airport (LGB) will begin a pilot program to allow operation of Transportation Network Companies (TNCs), more commonly known as ride sharing, at the airport. Beginning Wednesday, April 5, 2017 companies such as Uber, Lyft, Wingz, and See Jane Go will be allowed to pick-up at LGB as part of the pilot program. Previously, they were only permitted to drop-off.

“The TNC pilot program will enhance the travel experience and increase accessibility to Long Beach,” said Mayor Robert Garcia. “This is a great opportunity to modernize our regulations and allow taxis and ride-share companies an environment to compete fairly while still improving services for travelers.”

Long Beach Airport invited TNCs, ground transportation service providers and the public to participate in a meeting February 1 to discuss and gain feedback on the proposed changes to the Airport’s ground transportation program and fee structure. Staff also performed a survey of the traveling public which determined that 87 percent of those travelers at LGB would use TNCs if available.

“Our study findings showed that adding TNC travel as an option to our passengers will benefit both travelers and the airport,” said Airport Director Jess L. Romo, AAE. “The pilot program will evaluate usage, infrastructure needs, airport revenue impacts, and enforcement, so we can continue to offer the high level of customer service which we are known for and still strive to provide a level playing field for all ground transportation operators at Long Beach Airport.”

A \$3.00 per-trip fee will be implemented for TNCs and fixed permitting fees will be updated for taxis, limousines, and shuttles.

#### **About Long Beach Airport**

Founded in 1923 as the first municipally-owned airport in California, Long Beach Airport (LGB) recently completed a revitalization to update its facilities. In 2012, a new passenger concourse

opened to the public and has since garnered extensive praise for its modern design and architecture, local eateries and easygoing travel experience. Recently, both Fodor's Travel Guide and the BBC named LGB one of the top 10 terminals in the world, and USA Today and 10Best.com recognized LGB for Best Airport Dining in their Readers Choice poll. LGB offers non-stop service to several U.S. cities while supporting a healthy general aviation community with nearly 300,000 annual operations. The airport is also a source of substantial economic activity and employment, as well as a leader in maintaining a sustainable, environmentally responsible operation. For more news, pictures, videos and announcements of what's happening, "Like" us on [Facebook](#), or follow us on Twitter [@LBAirport](#) and Instagram [@lgbairport](#).

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