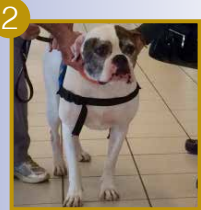


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**GOING GREEN**— Pictured from left: Commissioner Rosemarie S. Andolino, Chicago Department of Aviation; **Robert D. Freeman**, Airport Environmental Manager II, Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA); Environmental and Land Use Planning Division Director **Lisa Trifiletti**, LAWA; Environmental Affairs Officer **Carolyn Lin**, LAWA; and David Robbins, Projects Administrator-Environment & Sustainability, Design & Construction, Chicago Department of Aviation.

The LAX Dunes Endangered El Segundo Blue Butterfly Recovery and Habitat Restoration program was honored November 4 as a recipient of the 2014 "Airports Going Green" award.

This prestigious award recognizes the value of this program, as well as LAWAs outstanding leadership in pursuit of sustainability within the aviation industry.

**Robert Freeman**, Los Angeles World Airports Environmental Manager II, accepted the award during the seventh annual Airports Going Green Conference in Chicago.

The Airports Going Green conference is the aviation industry's leading sustainability forum, bringing sustainability leaders and innovators together from around the world.

Los Angeles International Airport has 307 acres of sand dunes voluntarily set aside as a nature preserve.

Native animals and plants, including the beautiful and delicate El Segundo Blue Butterfly, are thriving again as part of the restoration project by Los Angeles World Airports, community organizations, and volunteers.

# U.S. Customs and Border Protection Coming to VNY

Van Nuys Airport (VNY) has announced plans to offer U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) services for international general aviation flights, with a dedicated facility and staffing located at Signature Flight Support at the airport.

CBP services will be available in 2015, making VNY the only general aviation airport in Los Angeles to offer on-site inspection and clearance services.

In addition to saving private jet travelers time and money, the service will benefit the environment by reducing emissions from repositioning flights and decreasing overall operations within the Los Angeles basin's congested airspace.

Although customs service is available at Los Angeles International Airport, regional general aviation airports have been without CBP service since 2007 when support was withdrawn.

"Having U.S. Customs and Border Protection Services at Van Nuys Airport is a great example of how local support can produce improved services at airports across the country," said Gina Marie Lindsey, LAWA executive director. "Working with our partners, Signature Flight Support and the Van Nuys Airport Association, Los Angeles' business airport will now be even more appealing and convenient for international travelers."

"Signature is proud to host the new U.S. CBP office on our leasehold," said Maria Sastre, president and

chief operating officer for Signature Flight Support. "We truly appreciate our partnership with LAWA and the Van Nuys Airport Association to implement services that will benefit both users of business aviation and airport stakeholders."

VNY's proximity to downtown Los Angeles and Hollywood, combined with the addition of CBP services, makes it the ideal destination for business travelers.

The airport's four fixed-based operator facilities offer a full range of services and amenities including modern passenger lounges, fueling services, maintenance support, and aircraft hangar and tie-down areas.

VNY is one of the world's busiest general aviation airports.

## PAWS Program to Begin at ONT

PAWS (Pets Assisting With Smiles) is a new program that will begin at LA/Ontario International Airport (ONT) soon to bring comfort and smiles to the public.

ONT has joined with the Pet Prescription Team of La Habra where volunteers and their pets are trained and screened for animal programs.

PAWS to improve the lives of people based on the premise that pets are

good for our health and well-being, while enhancing the lives of people by promoting the human-animal bond through animal-assisted activities and visits.

ONT looks forward to getting this program started so once underway in January, please stop and "PAWS" awhile and introduce yourself to our new team members roaming the terminal.



## What if the City Could Fund Your Idea?

The City of Los Angeles has created its first-ever "Innovation Fund" to provide one-time funds to City departments to test new ideas that could make the City work better.

The City is looking to fund projects that haven't been tried before in Los Angeles, that increase efficiency, improve the

quality of life for Angelenos, and are feasible and measurable.

Every City employee is encouraged to submit ideas. There is no deadline, but ideas will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis until the funding is gone. Share your ideas at [innovate.lacity.org](http://innovate.lacity.org).

The ideas should be innovative and original; support greater efficiencies; emphasize priority outcomes and quality of life, and be feasible and measurable.

For additional information, contact staff by email at [innovate@lacity.org](mailto:innovate@lacity.org) or the City Administrative Officer at (213) 473-7500.

# 56 Sworn Officers, Civilians Cited for Bravery, Heroism

The November 3 biennial Los Angeles Airport Police Awards Program at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel-LAX honored and celebrated 56 airport police officers and for exceptional bravery and heroism.

Los Angeles Mayor **Eric Garcetti**, Congresswoman Janice Hahn, Los Angeles City Councilmember **Tom LaBonge**, Board of Airport Commissioners President **Sean O. Burton**, Los Angeles World Airports Executive Director **Gina Marie Lindsey**, and Los Angeles Airport Police Chief **Patrick M. Gannon**, were joined by other city and airport officials during the event. NBC News Weathercaster Fritz Coleman served as master of ceremonies and narrator.

The ceremony honored six Medal of Valor recipients, 32 Lifesaving Medal recipients, three Police Star recipients, four Distinguished Service Medal recipients, one Humanitarian Service Medal recipient; and 10 commendation recipients. The awards were earned during various police-involved incidents between 2011 and 2013.

Some of the awards went to officers saving the life of a Mission Hills resident who collapsed in front of Terminal 2

on New Year's 2011; heroic actions of officers and civilians during the November 1, 2013 shooting at Terminal 3, during which Transportation Security Officer Gerardo I. Hernandez was killed in the line of duty; and special recognition to an officer for a decade of detailed effort to ensure the honorable and dignified arrivals of U.S. Fallen

Soldiers arriving at Los Angeles and LA/Ontario international airports.

Airport Police Chief Gannon said, "I am very proud that we had the opportunity to acknowledge the actions of airport employees who have demonstrated their commitment to keeping our airports safe and secure. I am incredibly grateful for their service."



*ACCEPTS AWARD—Airport Police Officer **Thomas Dye**, left, accepts **Alfred L. Turner Humanitarian Service Medal** from retired Airport Police Division Sergeant Turner, after whom the award is named, and Airport Police Chief **Patrick M. Gannon**.*

## LAX: Airline Relocations, Dining, Shopping Tips

Additional time-saving tips to help motorists and pedestrians navigate LAX during the holiday season can be found at [www.LAXisHappening.com/holiday](http://www.LAXisHappening.com/holiday).

### Airline Relocations

- During 2014, the following airlines relocated to other terminals:
- US Airways now operates in Terminal 6
- United Airlines no longer operates in Terminal 6, but continues in Terminals 7 and 8
- Effective December 3, Air New Zealand will operate from the New Tom Bradley International Terminal

### New Dining and Shopping

- In recent months, Transportation Security Administration began a new policy that allows travelers holding boarding passes for same-day departures to process through passenger security screening in any terminal, regardless of their airline's terminal, to shop and dine.
- New restaurants and shops opened since last year offering passengers more dining, shopping, and personal service options, include:

- **Terminal 4:** Campanile; Cole's (originators of the French Dip); La Provence Patisserie & Café; Real Food Daily; and 8 oz. Burger Bar.
- **Terminal 5:** Ford's Filling Station; The Original Farmers Market.
- **Terminal 7:** The Counter; Loteria Grill; BLD; Yogurtland; The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf; and Rolling Stone Bar & Grill.
- **Terminal 8:** Engine Co. No. 28.
- **New Tom Bradley International Terminal (New TBIT):** Lucky Fish; Ill Forks; Petrossian Caviar & Champagne Bar; Larder at Tavern; 800 Degrees Pizza; Pinkberry; and James' Beach.
- Also, a 971-square-foot children's play area called "LAX Beach" features hand-painted, soft, sculpted foam pieces resembling beachscapes is open in New TBIT, beyond passenger security screening.

Timely information on flight status, traffic conditions, and other travel tips is available on LAX's Internet website at [www.lawa.org/lax](http://www.lawa.org/lax), and LAX's Twitter @flyLAXairport and Facebook at [www.facebook.com/LAInternationalAirport](http://www.facebook.com/LAInternationalAirport). Los Angeles Airport Police's Twitter @LAXPD\_Alerts also provides up-to-date information on traffic conditions at LAX.

# The Birth of Los Angeles International Airport

It was 1928 and the burgeoning community of Los Angeles was struggling to meet the rising demands of the post-World War I aviation boom. Small, privately operated airports dotted the Southland map. Aviation was an exciting adventure in this land of Hollywood glamour.

A group of businessmen, with support from the Los Angeles City council, recognized that the city needed a single airport that would meet the exploding demands for passenger flight, as well as air mail and cargo.

In an editorial on March 17, 1928 with the headline exclaiming "AIRPORT HERE CHOSEN," the *Daily Californian* said in part, "... the great metropolitan airport of a thousand acres, an area comparing with the largest similar airports of the world, is to be on the site...in Los Angeles." The article went on: "The reader can no doubt vision the importance to the community that the choice of the site entails...in a comparatively few years (giant liners of the air) will make port

here with hundreds of passengers where one to a dozen now travel by air."

A wind-blown bean and barley field "out in the country" at Inglewood-Redondo Road and Imperial Highway was selected by the city council. Mines Field (named for realtor William W. Mines, who brokered the land) was created on 640 acres of 10-year leased land. Two 100-foot by 100-foot "modern" hangars were constructed. Hangar No. 1 is the sole remaining building of the original airport.

That same year, Mines Field (as the airport was known for many years) was officially named Los Angeles Municipal Airport. The Los Angeles Department of Airports was created that October.

The airport was officially dedicated on June 7, 1930. In 1937 the city purchased total to the airport for \$2.24 million, saving \$3 million over the life of the lease.



Those decisions laid the groundwork for years of continuing progress, making aviation and its elements of the principal economic drivers of Southern California.

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**My Best Shot**



**BLACK AND WHITE**—Management Analyst II Jan Batson of Finance and Budget took this photo of a herd of elephants taking a break at a water hole during her safari tour of Southern Africa. The photo was taken at the Chobe National Park during 2009. The park, located in Botswana, is best known for its concentrations of elephants, some 120,000 in all.