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MAYOR GARCETTI ANNOUNCES GRAND OPENING OF NEW LAX FACILITY THAT EXPEDITES PASSAGE BETWEEN AIRPORT TERMINALS

(Los Angeles, California – September 29, 2016) Millions of LAX passengers will now reach their connecting flights more quickly and conveniently, thanks to a brand-new, \$148-million facility at the airport.

The Terminal 4 Connector is a new piece of the LAX Central Terminal Area that connects the airport's south side terminals — Terminals 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 — with the Tom Bradley International Terminal (TBIT). Mayor Eric Garcetti joined Councilmember Bob Blumenfield and Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) officials to announce the opening of the facility today.

The Terminal 4 Connector saves valuable time by giving travelers a direct, post-security route between terminals. Previously, passengers needed to exit one terminal and re-enter another through federal security screening to catch their connecting flights.

“LAX is one of the driving forces of our economy, supporting more than 600,000 jobs — that’s why we’re investing \$14 billion right now to make it one of the world’s premier airports,” said Mayor Garcetti. “The Terminal 4 Connector will make international travel easier and more seamless for millions of passengers, and help us continue to expand our global reach.”

The new facility enables domestic passengers arriving at the south side terminals to catch international connecting flights at TBIT without going back through TSA security. It gives international passengers arriving at TBIT — who, by law, must rescreen their bags once they have cleared customs — an expedited security screening area that connects directly with the south side terminal concourses.

TBIT and the south side terminals hosted a combined 52.3 million passengers last year — about 70 percent of all the passengers who passed through LAX.

“The Terminal 4 Connector not only makes LAX more accommodating for travelers, it also displays our City’s dedication to building environmentally friendly infrastructure,” said City Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, who chairs the Council’s Innovation, Grants, Technology, Commerce and Trade Committee. “It sets a powerful precedent for future projects to uphold the same green standards and increase energy conservation.”

The opening of the Terminal 4 connector is a significant milestone in the effort to create post-security connections between all LAX terminals. Future plans include another connector between TBIT and Terminal 3, and walkways between Terminals 1, 2 and 3.

“The key to successfully renovating the airport is building modern facilities that improve efficiency for the traveling public, which in turn improves the overall customer experience,” said Board of Airport Commissioners President Sean O. Burton. “The Terminal 4 Connector does that by reducing the walking distance between terminals and making transfers easier for passengers with checked luggage.”

“Today, we are dramatically improving the guest experience at LAX, and this connector will serve an important role by helping travelers save time,” said LAWA Chief Executive Officer Deborah Flint. “They will benefit from the freedom to move between terminals, where they can access more shopping and dining options, as well as other guest amenities.”

The Terminal 4 Connector is part of a broader \$14-billion LAX modernization that includes an airport rail system, a new rental car facility and capital renovations to eight out of the airport’s nine terminals. In total, the modernization program is creating more than 120,000 local jobs, and adding more than \$20 billion to the economy.

For more information about the Terminal 4 Connector and the LAX modernization program, visit www.laxishappening.com.

About Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)

LAX is the seventh busiest airport in the world and third in the United States. LAX served more than 74.9 million passengers in 2015. LAX offers 742 daily nonstop flights to 101 cities in the U.S. and 1,273 weekly nonstop flights to 76 cities in 41 countries on 64 commercial air carriers. LAX ranks 14th in the world and fifth in the U.S. in air cargo tonnage processed, with more than 2.1 million tons of air cargo valued at over \$101.4 billion. LAX handled 655,564 operations (landings and takeoffs) in 2015.

An economic study based on 2014 operations reported LAX generated 620,610 jobs in Southern California with labor income of \$37.3 billion and economic output (business revenues) of more than \$126.6 billion. This activity added \$6.2 billion to local and state revenues and \$8.7 billion in federal tax revenues. The study also reported that LAX’s ongoing capital-improvement program creates an additional 121,640 annual jobs with labor income of \$7.6 billion and economic output of \$20.3 billion, \$966 million in state and local taxes, and \$1.6 billion in federal tax revenues.

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