

## Bradley Terminal at LAX To Undergo Renovation

The 20-year-old Tom Bradley International Terminal at LAX, one of the main ways the City connects to the rest of the world, is scheduled to undergo a major interior renovation over the next two-and-a-half years, it was announced Dec. 8 by Mayor Jim Hahn. The project is estimated at costing \$225 million and intends to improve operational efficiency and enhance customer satisfaction.



LAX's Bradley Terminal is scheduled to undergo renovation.

The Bradley renovation is unrelated to the Mayor's proposed \$9 billion general rebuild of the entire airport, currently under consideration.

Nearly 40 percent of the estimated cost of the Bradley rehab is allocated to security and safety upgrades. The terminal overhaul will be the most extensive capital improvement project undertaken by Los Angeles World Airports since the 1984 Summer Olympics.

The \$225-million project will be financed with a combination of airport revenues, Passenger Facility Charges (PFCs), and LAWA's commercial paper program. The U.S. Transportation Security Administration is expected to reimburse LAWA for up to 90 percent of the cost of installing a new outbound baggage security screening system. At an estimated cost of \$72 million, the screening system complies with a federal mandate to screen 100 percent of all checked luggage and will replace an interim solution in place since September 2001 that has resulted in increased passenger congestion and circulation challenges.

"Since Tom Bradley International Terminal opened in 1984, it has welcomed millions of passengers to Los Angeles from all over the world," said Los Angeles City Councilmember Cindy Miscikowski. "But over the years wear and tear has begun to show and it is time to remake the terminal in the image of Los Angeles as the Gateway to the Pacific Rim and the world."

### Other major elements of the TBIT renovation project on both the Upper/Departures and Lower/Arrivals Levels include:

- Dynamic overhead signage and plasma displays for flight information and other public communication;
- Improved acoustics and lighting of all public areas, including new back-lit walls and additional exterior windows for natural light;
- A new canopy over ticketing counters and back walls;
- New terrazzo and carpet flooring;
- Improved ramps and stairs for easier passenger access to bus-gate hold-rooms and exits from federal inspection areas;
- New food/beverage and retail concessions with outdoor seating, a children's play area, and a second-level walkway connecting the mezzanine seating area to new concessions;
- More relaxing in-transit waiting lounges;
- Replacing existing airline clubs with new combined airline lounges;
- Faster-throughput baggage claim carousels;
- Upgrading all elevators, escalators and moving walkways.

The Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners is expected to consider authorization to request proposals for construction management in the near future and will begin soliciting construction bids in May 2004. Airport officials anticipate construction will begin in late fall 2004 and take up to two-and-a-half years to complete.

Thirty-two international air carriers currently operate at the Bradley Terminal, serving more than 9 million passengers annually. LAX serves almost one-third of all air travelers between the United States and Asia-Pacific, the fast growing international market in the world. ■

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