

September 8th, 2018 Airport Commission Report #FLYSJC

SJC welcomed a new airline and another new non-stop flight last month with California Pacific Airlines announcement of flights from its Carlsbad, CA home to SJC, as well as new nonstop service to Detroit, via Delta. Thanks to new flights such as these, SJC's as experienced 17.2% year-over-year growth as of July 2018 and is on pace to the most passengers ever.

Fortunately, it will be faster and easier for international passengers to #FLYSJC, as SJC was selected by the US Customs and Border Protection to be the first West Coast airport to commit to processing all inbound and outbound international travelers with facial biometrics.

Work is proceeding on the city council approved a \$50M plan, financing via commercial paper with the debt serviced to be paid by the increased passenger activity, to build an interim facility with additional boarding gates that is to be opened in the summer 2019. Originally envisioned as four gates, the number is now 5 jet bridges and 1 ground boarding option within the same budget.

In May, the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on South Flow Arrivals (the committee comprised of representatives from cities throughout Santa Clara County), published its final report of recommendations to the FAA (the airspace authority) to mitigate noise levels due to South Flow air traffic (which occurs when airplanes are required to land from the North, causing them to travel over parts of West San Jose, Sunnyvale, Cupertino...).

"The Committee's recommendations can succinctly be prioritized as:

- Fly an alternate or more dispersed approach
- Modify procedures to reduce the ground noise generated by aircraft
- FAA Policy Changes;
- Avoid noisy flight maneuvers;
- Recommendations for SJC;
- Explore single regional noise reporting system"

<https://www.flysanjose.com/sites/default/files/commission/SJ%20Adhoc%20Cmte%20Report%20v6.pdf>

Meanwhile, at its June 2018 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County (CASCC) recommended the formation of a Santa Clara / Santa Cruz Airport Roundtable to continue to address the issue, even prior to hearing back from the FAA. The City of San Jose, with leadership from Councilmember Jones, voted to not be part of this process at this time due to, in Councilmember Jones words, "the governance model created, i.e., one vote per jurisdiction, the added staff time from our airport staff that would be required, the attempt by some jurisdictions during the Ad Hoc Committee process to move noise to an Eastern Approach over communities in East San Jose, and the associated financial contribution from the City."

Next regular airport commission meeting will be 11/05/18.

Respectfully submitted by Ken Pyle, District 1 Airport Commissioner