

D1LG, Airport Commissioner Pyle Update (Views My Own) May 11th, 2019 #FLYSJC

To be clear, the words and how they are organized below are Ken Pyle's and do not necessarily reflect the Airport Staff's view.

Southwest launched its inaugural flight to Honolulu, Hawaii on 5/5 and on May 26th will be offering non-stop service to Maui. SJC now has three airlines (Alaska, Hawaiian and Southwest) flying non-stop to this tropical paradise (fun fact, SJC is more than 100 miles closer to Honolulu than is LAX - 2,410 versus 2,548 miles).

On May 3rd, SJC launched a fleet of 10 electric buses, from Burlingame-based Proterra, that will replace the aging compressed natural gas bus fleet to transport passengers and their luggage between SJC's parking lots, rental car center, and terminals. Funded in part by a \$5 million FAA grant, the electric buses not only provide a clean tailpipe, they will pay for themselves in lower maintenance and fuel costs over the long-term.

Lastly, the Council unanimously approved the raising of building heights in the downtown and Diridon Station Area for the so-called Scenario 4 recommended by Airport staff (see the March D1 Airport Commissioner report for more detail).

Respectfully submitted by Ken Pyle, District 1 Airport Commissioner