

D1LG, Airport Commissioner Pyle Update (Views My Own) November 9th, 2019 #FLYSJC

Veteran's Day weekend is the start of the holiday season which also happens to be SJC's busiest travel period. SJC suggests arriving 2 hours before domestic flight boarding time and 3 hours prior to international flight boarding.

This also reflects the continued growth at SJC, which anticipates 15.7 million travelers for the calendar year of 2019 compared to 14.3 million in 2018. This growth, combined with the closure of private parking facilities, has meant full parking lots, such as on Columbus Day when all parking lots were closed for seven straight hours (as further documented by Mr. Roadshow).

Short-term relief is on the way as 900+ parking spaces will be freed up in the parking facility across from Terminal A (the brown terminal) by having employees park on the west side of the airport. Airport employees receive Eco Pass Clipper Cards, so they have that option as well. Another potential short-term option for D1 residents is the VTA's 60 bus line which is scheduled to be extended to the airport and BART. I will try this mode of transport at the next commission meeting.

Longer-term, the city is in the process of building an additional parking garage in the economy parking lot (Lot 1) on the northeast side of the airport, near 101 and 87.

Of course, many folks take Transportation Network Companies (e.g. Lyft, Uber, etc.) instead of a car or taxi. This is putting a dent in the taxi and door-to-door shuttle business (10k rides per month, compared to 150k TNC rides). It looks like there might be a proposal to provide a subsidy of up to \$10k per month for about a year until the contract with Taxi San Jose, (the non-profit dispatcher that dispatches taxis and door-to-door shuttles) is complete. If you want more info, let me know.

Finally, there will be a series of RFPs, including one anticipated for December requesting Marcom consulting help. Airport and City of San José contracting opportunities are available to the public at: <https://www.biddingo.com/sanjose>. The big thing will be the completion of the draft EIR for the revised Airport Master Plan, which will guide the airport's expansion through the year 2037. Again, if this is something that you are interested in seeing when it is available, let me know.

Lastly, if you want a warm break for the winter, AeroMexico is will have daily non-stops from SJC to Guadalajara from December 12th to January 12th, 2020.

Next planned meeting is February 10th, 2020 at SJC, 1701 Airport Boulevard Boeing/McDonnell Conference Room

Respectfully submitted by Ken Pyle, District 1 Airport Commissioner