

**Report to La Quinta City Council
Palm Springs International Airport Commission Meeting
May 20, 2015**

Finance: YTD revenue was \$1.5 million higher than last April. All categories were higher, but car rentals accounted for the largest increase; followed by landing fees. (Note; the airport receives \$10 per car rental transaction, and rental transactions require an average of 6 minutes.) Expenses were up, but only 0.6%, and still below plan. Unrestricted cash stands at \$6.1 million – which is on target.

2015/2016 Budget: After reviewing several models, the Commission approved the submission of the Budget to the Palm Springs City Council for approval at tonight's council meeting. Key points are:

General: The plan provides for a surplus of \$388,000.

Personnel: One promotion in Security from Officer to Sergeant, and one newly hired HVAC technician

There are a total of 65 fulltime employees; the same as pre 9/11.

Passenger Activity: April passenger activity was down 0.3% from last year. This is down only 600 passengers, but it is significant because it is the first month of lower traffic in quite a while. It was anticipated, however, and should not be a problem.

General Observations: It's easy to see the general slowdown in airport activities as summer approaches. Now that the budget has been sent to the Council, the issues for the Commission are substantially reduced as well. The Staff, however, are taking advantage of the reduced activities to advance several capital projects that have already been approved and funded.

1. One of the car rental agency counters will be moved around the corner (where the USO had been). This will reduce congestion around the baggage area.
2. The rear wall in the baggage claim area will be a "digital wall", allowing for increased advertising revenue.
3. The seats in the Bono concourse will be reupholstered.
4. Over 1000 carpet tiles will be replaced.
5. Both escalators will be replaced.
6. Required ADA improvements will be done.
7. The sustainable landscaping will be completed.
8. FCC maintenance work order software will be updated.
9. The Bono passenger boarding bridge will be refurbished.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2015.

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