

# Facing the Future

Current projections by the Federal Aviation Administration, Southern California Association of Governments and others indicate that demand for aviation services in the region – and particularly at LAX – is soaring. If we fail to implement a Master Plan to deal with increasing demand, air service will soon deteriorate. There will likely be extensive flight delays and traffic gridlock on the ground – both within the airport complex and on the automobile routes leading to and from it. Furthermore, without critical adjustments to runway configurations at LAX and the addition of new access taxiways, operational efficiencies will suffer and LAX will have difficulty accommodating the next generation of large jets.

LAX fully expects to see its future share of regional air travel drop from the current 75% to 60%, as other regional airports are developed or expanded. Nevertheless, demands upon LAX will inevitably grow beyond present levels. Doing nothing is not a realistic option. We must have a practical plan of action based on a sound regional approach to meeting future passenger and cargo demands.



*A view from the Air Traffic Control Tower*



*International travelers*



*Cargo delivery*

