

Our Responsibility to Our Neighbors

LAWA must deal responsibly with increasing demands for air transportation services in a progressive, proactive manner. But because airport operations use fuel, generate noise, and stimulate ground traffic to and from airports, we are also responsible for doing everything in our power to minimize any negative impacts on our closest neighbors — the communities of Westchester, El Segundo and Inglewood.

Over the past several years, LAWA has begun to convert its own ground transportation vehicles and ground service equipment at LAX to non-polluting fuels. More than 200 LAWA vehicles and 20% of the ground service equipment at LAX are already powered by alternative fuels. More than 80% of LAX's shuttle buses run on liquefied natural gas. We have also begun to require that shuttles and public transportation entering the airport use clean fuels, and we contract for electricity through the Department of Water and Power made from renewable "green power" sources. In addition, LAWA has already spent more than \$70 million and has earmarked many more millions of dollars for noise mitigation programs for local homeowners surrounding LAX.

As part of the LAX Master Plan process, LAWA is undertaking a thorough review of possible environmental impacts stemming from the planned modernization. Planners are now preparing a federally-mandated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and a state-mandated Environmental Impact Report (EIR). These two documents will examine every aspect of the proposed project, evaluate potential impacts, and outline how any environmental impacts are to be eliminated or reduced to insignificant levels.



LAX employee at electric vehicle charging station



Natural gas-powered LAX shuttle

Natural gas-powered ground service vehicle



Rare El Segundo Blue Butterfly in its protected habitat



Lydia Kennard, LAWA Executive Director, talks to neighbor



Neighborhood home undergoing soundproofing