# Serving General Aviation and Whiteman Airport >> the San Fernando Valley since 1946

ocated in the heart of the San Fernando Valley, Whiteman Airport facilitated 82,000 general aviation aircraft takeoffs and landings during 2018. The airport is home to over 600 based aircraft and numerous aviation businesses. With an Air Traffic Control Tower operating daily, state-of-the art navigational aids, and an advanced weather reporting Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS), the airport safely and efficiently accommodates a wide range of fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft ranging from small two-seat, single-engine propeller aircraft up to much larger and higher capacity turboprop and jet aircraft.

Owned and operated by the County of Los Angeles, the airport is self-sufficient. All income generated by the County at the airport is reinvested back into the airport or the County's system of airports.

Over the next 5 years, the County anticipates in-



vesting nearly \$3 million in various capital improvement projects at the airport. The majority of funding for the various capital projects comes from Federal Airport Im-

provement Program grants or State grants from the California Department of Transportation Division of Aeronautics. Additional funding for capital and other projects comes from the County's Aviation Enterprise Fund.

Overall, the airport plays a vital role in the nation's integrated system of airports and is a valuable asset to the local communities, serving the diverse constituents of Pacoima, the San Fernando Valley, and the broader County of Los Angeles.

## **COMMUNITY BENEFITS:**

# **General Aviation Products, Services, and Facilities**

- \* Business / Corporate Travel
- \* Aircraft Charter / Air Taxi
- \* Flight Training
- \* Personal Flying (Recreation and Training)
- \* Utility/Pipeline Patrol & Inspection
- \* Aerial Surveying & Observation
- Aircraft Storage
- Aviation Businesses (Aircraft Fueling, Maintenance/Repair, and Rental, Sale of Parts and Supplies, etc.)

# **Emergency Preparedness & Response**

- \* Aerial Fire Fighting Support (utilized by L.A. County Fire, U.S. Forest Service, and other support agencies)
- \* Law Enforcement/National Security
- \* Disaster Relief
- Search & Rescue (Civil Air Patrol—U.S. Air Force Auxiliary Squadron 35 is based at the airport)

# **Community Services & Facilities**

- \* Aeromedical / Air Ambulance Flights
- \* News, Weather & Traffic Reporting
- \* Events (Annual Air Fair, Airport Tours, etc.)
- \* Youth Organizations / Educational Programs
- \* Aircraft Viewing Area and Meeting Facilities

### **Destination & Special Events**

- \* Local and regional tourism
- Studio City (10 mi.), Universal Studios Hollywood Theme Park (11 mi.), Hollywood Bowl (12 mi.), Six Flags Magic Mountain Theme Park (18 mi.)

# **Employment**

The airport directly supports approximately 246 jobs. Accounting for the multiplier effect, the airport creates roughly 412 jobs, with associated labor income of nearly \$19 million annually.

# **Economic Impact**

The airport and the surrounding communities benefit from the estimated \$54.5 million in total airport-related (direct, indirect and induced) spending each year.



(General Aviation includes all civilian flying exclusive of scheduled passenger airlines and military.)

