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Message from the Chief Executive Officer

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As we come to end of another busy summer, I am pleased to report on some exciting news for our community and international travelers.

First, we recently made entering the country at Tampa International Airport easier with the addition of 10 new Automated Passport Control (APC) kiosks to help U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents process passports more efficiently.

Arriving passengers use the self-service kiosks to answer a series of questions, verify their documents and identity then print a receipt to present to Customs officials. U.S. and Canadian citizens plus visitors from 38 Visa Waiver countries can use the machines.

This project is an investment in attracting international tourism to the region, which is critical to the Tampa Bay economy and our ongoing mission at TPA. When international travelers come to this area, they spend an average of \$4,500 each. Those dollars are invested in our community to create jobs and support businesses large and small.

The airport installed the kiosks on July 18 and has already seen a 20 to 30 percent reduction in Customs processing time. That time savings is expected to improve even more as the kiosks become more familiar.

I am also pleased to report that Copa Airlines has announced that they will expand their nonstop flights between Tampa and Panama City from four days a week to seven days a week for the busy holiday travel season beginning in November. The decision is a response to the strong traffic and support from the Tampa Bay community that Copa has enjoyed since they began service here in December 2013.

I appreciate your continued support for our mission at Tampa International Airport and your participation in our community outreach efforts.

<u>Airport Update</u> – Information provided by Herman Lawrence, Jr.

For the second quarter, the Airport posted a 2% decrease in commercial and cargo aircraft landings compared to a year ago. In contrast, passenger traffic increased by 2.64% as the Airport handled 234,592 more passengers than it did compared to the first half of last year. Continuing the exciting news, international passenger traffic increased by 13.33% or 38,527 compared to the first six months a year ago.

Months	Year 2013	Year 2014	% Change
January	6,508	6,419	-1.37%
February	6,148	6,028	-1.95%
March	7,701	7,647	-0.7%
April	7,134	7,076	-0.81%
May	6,688	6,528	-2.39%
June	6,449	6,101	-5.4%
Total	40,628	39,799	-2.04%

Table 1 - Commercial and Cargo Aircraft Landings

Construction Update

Currently, there are no scheduled constructions that will impact the normal flow of traffic.

Reminder of routine scheduled runway closures for maintenance:

- 1st Wednesday of every month Runway 1L-19R closed from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
- 3rd Wednesday of every month Runway 1R-19L closed from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

To be included on the mailing list for notification of anticipated turbojet aircraft over-flights over the South Tampa area, please send an email to <u>HLawrence@TampaAirport.com</u> and/or visit the Community Impact Notifications web page on our web site, <u>www.TampaAirport.com</u>.

If you have any questions regarding noise issues, please contact me at: **813-870-7843 or HLawrence@TampaAirport.com**.

Jet Operations

Figure 1 illustrates runway utilization for jet operations at the airport. Runway 1L was the primary runway for jet arrivals during a north flow and Runway 19R was the primary runway for jet departures during a south flow.



Note: North Flow Operations at 44% and South Flow Operations at 56%

Figure 2 illustrates all jet landings on Runways 1R by operator and cause. This quarter the Authority achieved a 98.3% voluntary compliance rate of jet landings on Runway 1L which was almost similar to the same quarter a year ago at 98.5%.



The Authority continues to work with airlines, tenants and corporate operators to encourage compliance with our voluntary Preferential Runway Use Program. During the closures of Runway 1L-19R for construction/maintenance, all jet landings on Runway 1R are compliant deviations.

Figure 3 shows airlines and cargo jet departures on Runways 19L by cause. Similarly, all commercial and cargo jet departures on Runway 19L during the closure of Runway 19R for construction were considered compliant deviations. As such, operators were not sent non-compliant deviation emails and/or letters.

This quarter the compliance rate was 99.9%. A year ago the compliance rate was almost similar, approximately 99.8%.



Noise Complaints

The airport received **65** noise complaints this quarter from **11** different households. Compared to last year, **50** noise complaints were received from **10** different households. Two years ago, 129 noise complaints were received from 14 different households.

This quarter eight multiple callers accounted for approximately 95% or 62 of the total complaints. Residential communities south of the airport were responsible for 36 or approximately 55% of the total complaints. For Q2 2014, noise complaints were from the following areas.

- → Beach Park 27
- → Belmar Shores and Sunset Park 1
- \rightarrow Brandon and Lutz 2
- → Odessa 2
- → Dana Shores 7
- ➔ Areas North, East & West of Airport 18
- \rightarrow South of Gandy Blvd. 8



Figure 4 depicts the annual total number of complaints the Authority has received by individual complainants.

South Tampa Jet Aircraft Over-flights

Jet turns north of MacDill accounted for approximately 1.6% of the 8,770 total jet arrivals during a north flow this quarter which is a compliance rate of 98.4%.



Figure 5 – Q2 2014 Jet Turns South of MacDill during a North Flow

Our Next Meeting

The next CNC meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Thursday**, **October 23**, **2014** at **5:30** p.m. Meeting dates and times may change, so watch your email and U.S. mail for invitations.