



LAX Airport Operations

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Space Shuttle Endeavour Arrival

On Friday, September 21th, the Space Shuttle Endeavour, mounted atop NASA's modified Boeing 747 Shuttle Carrier Aircraft (SCA) will make its final ferry flight from NASA's Kennedy Space Center to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The Endeavour will then spend a few weeks at the United Airlines hangar, where it will be prepared for the 12-mile trip to the California Science Center on the morning of October 12th.

Prior to the arrival, the SCA will be performing several low-level flyovers of various landmarks in the Los Angeles area, with an expected landing at LAX sometime after 11:30 a.m. Airport employees will not be allowed to use the vehicle service roads, ramp areas, or any other airfield location as a vantage point to watch the Endeavour's arrival; however, there are several off-airport locations that will offer a view of the arrival. If interested, employees should check local newspapers for locations. Airport operations will be continuing during this time and spectators congesting LAX's vehicle service roads would undoubtedly cause disruptions to operations and potential hazards to aircraft and vehicle operations.

LAWA Airport Police and Airport Operations will be patrolling/directing the vehicle service road traffic to ensure that traffic continues to move. LAWA Security Posts will be restricting access to the airfield to drivers that can articulate a legitimate business need to be on the airfield. Additionally, drivers will be escorted off the airfield and may be cited if it is determined that they do not have a legitimate business reason for being on the service roads during the arrival window.

In addition to the measures that LAWA has put in place we are asking you to advise your employees to refrain from driving on the vehicle service roads on Friday, September 21th, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. unless they have a legitimate business need to be there. During this time, it is also anticipated that the surface streets surrounding the airport will be congested due additional people coming to the airport to view the Endeavour's arrival. Streets that should be avoided are: Sepulveda highway, westbound Imperial highway, and the westbound 105 freeway. The best routes to utilize are Westchester Parkway and Manchester Boulevard.

For employees wanting to view the Endeavour it will be on display beginning October 30th at the California Science Center's Samuel Ochin Space Shuttle Endeavour Display Pavilion, located at 700 Exposition Park Drive, Los Angeles, CA.

Our plan is to accommodate this historic event with as little impact to airport operations as possible. Please help us accomplish this by informing your employees of the restrictions noted above. Thank you for your cooperation.

For questions or comments regarding this advisory please contact Airside Manager, Jeff Mort, Jmort@lawa.org

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