LAWA
LOS ANGELES WORLD AIRPORTS

Report to the
BOARD OF AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS
Meeting Date: 9/23/2026

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Approved by:	**Jean-Pierre Tabet** Deputy Executive Director Commercial Development Group
Item Type	☒ Award ☐ Amendment ☐ Appropriation ☐ Policy/Program ☐ Other
Subject	Request to adopt the following report and approve the Award of a Lease to Joby Aero, Inc. for the use and development of aviation land and building space located at Van Nuys Airport for a ten-year term that will generate approximately $175,000 in revenue during the first year and a minimum of $1,750,000 in total revenue over the full ten-year term.

☒ Item REQUIRES City Council Approval. ☐ Item is subject only to STANDARD REVIEW by the City Council.

DISCUSSION

1. Background and Necessity of Requested Action

On December 5, 2025, Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) staff released a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking a qualified operator to lease a propeller use aviation facility located at 7646 Hayvenhurst Avenue at Van Nuys Airport consisting of 2.4 acres of aviation land and 3,481 square feet of office and hangar space.

On February 11, 2026, LAWA received four proposals in response to the RFP. Following the evaluation process, Joby Aero, Inc. (Joby) was determined to be the highest ranked proposer. LAWA completed negotiation of a proposed ten-year Lease with Joby for the use, operation, maintenance, and development of the premises.

Under the proposed Lease, Joby will invest approximately $2.5 million in facility modernization, electrical upgrades, aircraft charging infrastructure, battery energy storage systems, and other sustainability improvements. The project includes the development of an Aviation Community Center and Public Observation Area to support workforce development and aviation education. Joby anticipates creating at least seven permanent full-time positions and promotes supplier diversity through opportunities for Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs), Women Business Enterprises (WBEs), Small Disadvantaged Businesses (SDBs), and veteran-owned businesses in subcontracting opportunities. The proposed Lease will generate long-term revenue to LAWA while supporting facility modernization, capital improvements, sustainability objectives, workforce development, aviation education, job creation, and community engagement at VNY.

2. **Selection Process:** ☒ Competitive process. ☐ Other process. ☐ Not applicable.

The Lease was negotiated pursuant to a competitive RFP process that resulted in the selection of Joby Aero, Inc. as the highest-ranked proposer.

☐ Request to find that Charter Sec. 1022 is applicable to this action.

3. **Fiscal Impact:** ☐ None. ☒ Revenue generation. ☐ Cost/cost recovery. ☐ Other.

The Lease will generate a minimum of $1,750,000 in revenue over the ten-year term, excluding any rate adjustments.

4. **Alternative Actions:** ☐ Alternatives considered. ☒ No alternatives considered.

No alternatives were considered because the proposed lease is the result of a competitive RFP process and reflects the negotiated agreement with the highest ranked proposer.

APPROPRIATIONS

☐ Appropriation required. ☒ No appropriation required. ☐ Funding is available.

INCLUSIVITY & IMPACT

☐ Goals/requirements identified. ☐ No goals/requirements stipulated. ☒ N/A or other.

PROVISIONS

The Chief Executive Officer has approved this item.

The Board of Airport Commissioners is hereby requested to adopt staff's determination that the requested action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Class 1(18)(c) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines. The proposed action consists of the approval of a lease for the use of existing municipal airport facilities. Therefore, the proposed action is categorically exempt from CEQA.

The Board is hereby further requested to authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to execute the Lease with Joby Aero, Inc. subject to approval by the Los Angeles City Council and approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Actions taken on this item by the Board of Airport Commissioners will become final pursuant to the provisions of Los Angeles City Charter Section 606.