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Republic Airport expects increased helicopter traffic due to U.N. General Assembly meeting

Republic Airport officials are advising local residents, community leaders and elected officials that they may see increased helicopter traffic in and around the airport as the United Nations General Assembly convenes its opening session now through Wednesday, September 24 in Manhattan.

Airport Director Michael Geiger explained, “As part of an extensive security program, Republic Airport is occasionally used as a ‘gateway’ for helicopter traffic entering New York City. This may increase the amount of helicopter traffic in the vicinity of the airport as these aircraft arrive and depart. Republic has established helicopter routes provided to all helicopter pilots designed to divert them away from residential areas. All traffic using the airport during this period will be asked to follow those routes and thereby keep noise to a minimum.”

An aviation center since 1927, Republic Airport remains a full partner in Long Island's economy. It provides over 900 full-time jobs on and off airport grounds and generates over \$140 million in economic activity including wages and goods and services purchased including fuel, ground handling, landing fees and catering. It has been cited by the Association for a Better Long Island (ABLI) as one of the top ten economic “multipliers” in the region, creating an “air bridge” to global markets and new investment.

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