

Mark Vicelja

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Mark Vicelja is the Chief Airports Engineer for the Airport Development Program (ADP) under the Airport Development Group (ADG) at Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA). Mr. Vicelja began his current role as Chief of the ADP in March of 2021. He recently completed two major north runway and taxiway safety improvement projects at LAX, as well as the Midfield Satellite Concourse South (MSC-S) project which celebrated its first flight on September 30, 2025. He is also leading the Airfield Terminal Modernization Program (ATMP) Roadway Improvement Projects which will reconfigure access to the terminals and help reduce airport-related congestion by separating airport traffic from surrounding public streets.

Mr. Vicelja has over 35 years of experience in the design, development and delivery of airport and heavy civil infrastructure projects. He has led programs and projects from concept through planning, entitlement, procurement, design, construction, commissioning, activation and close-out. Mr. Vicelja joined the City in 1988 and has worked for LAWA since 1992. He has been responsible for delivering a variety of airfield, building, terminal, baggage screening and infrastructure improvements throughout his career including projects at Van Nuys Airport, former LA/Ontario International Airport and Los Angeles International Airport. He is known as industry leader with extensive experience in FAA airfield design, construction, and federal grant reimbursements.

Mr. Vicelja has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from University of Southern California. He is a registered Professional Engineer in California and was awarded the 2023 Outstanding Civil Engineer of the Year in the Public Sector by the Los Angeles Section of American Society of Civil Engineers