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Architect: ARUPGrimshaw ArchitectsGruen Associates

Application: Facades

Subsection: Ceilings

Location: Los Angeles, California

Square Feet: 80,000

Market Segment: Transportation

DESCRIPTION

As one of the most dynamic metro centers in the world, Los Angeles attracts people from near and far. The city is heralded worldwide for its culture, the entertainment industry, and a vibrant arts scene. For many visitors and travelers, a harrowing challenge can be the Los Angeles International Airport. LAX has traditionally been difficult to get in or out of, a prevalent issue for the airport and the city for decades. Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) wanted to address this problem - creating the new LAX Metro Transit Center at 96th Street Station in Inglewood, CA, an iconic gateway serving one of the world's busiest airports. At the heart of the center's visual and functional program are sweeping, ribbon-like ceilings clad with approximately 80,000 square feet of GKD Omega 1520 PC metal mesh, a material that feels industrial yet elegant.

Design discussions began in 2017, and by June 2018 early schematic concepts included protective canopies swooping through the space, creating dynamic, ribbon-like roofs. Through this aesthetic, LAWA sought a design that conveyed strength and permanence. This commitment to longevity informed all parts of the project, including the ceiling treatment. Ultimately, GKD stood out in its willingness to be a true partner in the project. GKD stepped up to meet the ambitious design, engineering, and sustainability requirements. More than just a supplier of high-quality components, GKD was able to provide engineering support and creativity to solve complex installation challenges.

AESTHETIC

DURABILITY

NATURAL LIGHTING

PROTECTION

SUSTAINABILITY

VENTILATION



