

AIRFIELD SAFETY UPDATE

LAX Airport Operations

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Airfield Markings & Signs

Understanding airfield markings and signs helps keep everyone safe!

Understanding what airport markings and signs mean is crucial to operate safely on LAX's Vehicle Service Roads (VSRs). Below are some important markings and signs that every driver should know.

It is also recommended that you carry a current version of the Airport VSR map when driving. The map can be downloaded at www.lawa.org/AirfieldMaps.



Zipper Marking

The black & white "zipper" marking is painted whenever a vehicle service road crosses an aircraft taxiway. Wait until aircraft are clear before entering. Never enter a zipper marking unless you can completely cross and clear the zipper marking.



Stop For Aircraft

If a vehicle is stopping, it must stop BEFORE this bar (white line). Do not allow any portion of the vehicle to cross the bar until there are no approaching aircraft and you can safely drive all the way across the intersection.



Stop

A red stop sign or red painted stop marking indicates that you must come to a complete stop. Stop BEFORE the white stop bar and ensure there are no aircraft, vehicles or pedestrians approaching before continuing.



Non-Movement Area Boundary

This line divides the movement area (controlled by the Air Traffic Control Tower) from the non-movement area. Vehicles must stay on the solid side of the line at all times. Remain clear of the dashed side.

Safe Driving Tips

1. Be familiar with the [airfield layout](#), signs, and markings.
2. Conduct a pre-trip inspection of your vehicle to ensure it is safe to drive and there are no loose items that could become F.O.D.
3. Never drive on a taxiway or runway, remain on the vehicle service roads and ramp areas.
4. Before crossing a zipper marking, ensure you can cross and completely clear the zipper marking before proceeding. Never stop in a zipper marking.
5. Do not use handheld devices while driving.
6. Yield to all aircraft and emergency vehicles.
7. Do not pass another vehicle within 50ft of a service road intersection, taxiway intersection, stop sign/marking, stop for aircraft sign/marking or at any time within the zipper markings.
8. Know and comply with all AOA speed limits
 1. 20 mph on VSR
 2. 10 mph on VSR "K" "L" & "M"
 3. 10 mph outside of ramp/apron limit line
 4. 3 mph on all ramps/aprons
9. Reduce speed & use additional caution when driving in fog, rain, gusting winds & at night.



Contact the ARCC (424) 646-9071 if assistance is needed, your vehicle becomes disabled, you are lost or need to report a hazards or FOD.