



Balram Bheodari

Airport Deputy General Manager

Balram Bheodari is the Airport deputy general manager. With 30 years of aviation industry experience Bheodari oversees public safety and security; operations, maintenance and transportation; planning and development; and sustainability, asset management and facilities.

Bheodari rejoined the Hartsfield-Jackson leadership team in August 2016 after a stint as the chief operating officer (COO) for the Houston Airport System (HAS). As the COO, he led strategic and business plan development, business process re-engineering, technologically complex project implementation, infrastructure programs and airport operations.

Previous to that, Bheodari served as the general manager of George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH). He was responsible for the daily operations of Houston's largest airport, with more than 41 million annual passengers — nearly 10 million of whom were international passengers — and more than 1,350 daily flight operations. Bheodari was in charge of the development and implementation of the airport's policies, procedures and cost-effective workforce planning. In addition, he coordinated the preparation, implementation and execution of IAH's budget.

Bheodari is no stranger to Hartsfield-Jackson. Before joining HAS, he served more than three years as ATL's deputy general manager. During that time, he managed an annual operating budget of more than \$170 million and an annual capital budget of more than \$300 million.

Before becoming deputy general manager, Bheodari served as interim assistant general manager for Operations, Maintenance and Security (OMS), which later was reorganized into two divisions (Public Safety and Security; Operations, Maintenance and Transportation). The OMS division comprised Airside Operations, Landside Operations, Airport Maintenance, Security, Ground Transportation, Airport Police, Airport Fire, Automated People Mover Systems and the Airport Centralized Command and Control Center, or C4.

In November 2009, Bheodari spearheaded the activation of Hartsfield-Jackson's consolidated Rental Car Center and the ATL SkyTrain automated people mover. In May 2012, he led the opening of the 1.2-million-square-foot Maynard H. Jackson Jr. International Terminal, which accommodates more than 12 million international travelers each year.

In 2008, Bheodari received the American Association of Airport Executives' Accredited Airport Executive (AAE) designation, which fewer than 10 percent of airport executives nationally have earned. In 2011, he earned the International Airport Professional (IAP) accreditation from the Airports Council International and the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Before arriving at ATL in 1999, Bheodari was assigned to Third U.S. Army headquarters in Atlanta and served as a senior aviation adviser to the chief of aviation in support of operations in Southwest Asia.

Bheodari graduated from Troy University with a Bachelor of Science in aviation management. He also completed the Emory University Executive Education Management Development Program. He retired from the Army with 22 years of active military service in the aviation branch as an instrument-rated rotary wing pilot.