



Richard M. Daley, Mayor



Rosemarie S. Andolino, Commissioner

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Commissioner Andolino Testifies Before Congress

Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) Commissioner Rosemarie S. Andolino addressed the U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation/Housing and Urban Development today in Washington D.C. at a "Sustainability in Practice" hearing.

The hearing, chaired by Congressman John W. Olver, focused on sustainable projects that showcase national best practices in transportation and housing. Commissioner Andolino was invited to speak about the CDA's successful efforts to incorporate sustainability at O'Hare and Midway International Airports, particularly with regards to the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP).

During her testimony, Andolino discussed the CDA Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM) as well as the OMP balanced earthwork plan, requirements for cleaner emissions in construction equipment, green roof projects, and the design and construction of the nation's first U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) LEED Silver certified air traffic control tower at O'Hare. Andolino emphasized that going green has resulted in positive impacts to the OMP's budget and schedule.

In closing, Andolino spoke about a new initiative led by the CDA and other industry experts called the Airport Sustainability Institute (ASI). The ASI would be an independent, not-for-profit agency that would promote sustainability performance standards, and could objectively assess and rate airports, certify their sustainability level and recognize their achievements. Andolino said the CDA will continue to work with members of Congress, other airports and industry partners to win broad support for this initiative.

Today's hearing was comprised of two panels. In addition to Andolino, the other witnesses during the first session included Fred Hansen, General Manager, Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Portland, Oregon; Tom Darden, Executive Director, Make it Right Foundation of New Orleans, Louisiana; and Bill McDonough, Founding Principal, William McDonough and Partners.

The second panel focused on the federal efforts around sustainability and featured Ron Sims, Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and Roy Kienitz, Undersecretary of the Department of Transportation.

For more information on the CDA's Sustainable Airport Manual, please visit: www.airportsgoinggreen.org

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The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit www.flychicago.com to learn more about the Chicago Department of Aviation.

The CDA continues to incorporate and expand sustainable initiatives for airport planning, operations and maintenance, concessions and tenants in accordance with the CDA Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM), released in August 2009. To view case studies, lessons learned and new technologies, and for more information on the SAM, please visit www.airportsgoinggreen.org.

The O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), introduced by Mayor Richard M. Daley in June 2001, transforms O'Hare's airfield from an outdated system of intersecting runways into a modern parallel runway configuration. The program will reduce overall delays at the Airport by 79 percent, and bad weather delays by 95 percent. It will create 195,000 new jobs and \$18 billion in additional economic activity each year. Please visit www.oharemodernization.org to learn more about the OMP.

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