



Richard M. Daley, Mayor



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CDA Web Alert

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CDA Participates in IRTBA Planning and Design Conference

Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) Chief Operating Officer Khaled Naja was a guest speaker today at the Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association (IRTBA) Planning & Design 4th Annual Conference at the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

Naja participated in the "Transportation Funding Outlook for 2011" panel discussion this afternoon along with Chris Reed, Deputy Director, Illinois Department of Transportation; Norm Stoner, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration of Illinois; and John P. Kos, Director, DuPage County Division of Transportation.

The session focused on the funding outlook for the transportation sector in Illinois. Naja provided an overview of the CDA and the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), as well as an update on upcoming OMP construction projects.

The IRTBA Planning & Design conference provided an opportunity for agency personnel and private sector engineers to discuss future funding to maintain and build infrastructure for all modes of transportation in Illinois. Representatives from the American Road and Transportation Builders Association, Office of the Secretary of State of Illinois, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Chicago Department of Transportation and Transportation for Illinois Coalition also presented at the day-long conference.

The IRTBA was formed in 1938 to promote the transportation needs of the state and is now the largest statewide organization of companies designing, building and maintaining the state highways, transit systems, railways and aviation systems. The IRTBA's core mission is to protect, improve and promote the transportation design and construction industry in Illinois.

For more information about the IRTBA please visit: www.irtba.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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