



Richard M. Daley, Mayor



Rosemarie S. Andolino, Commissioner

# CDA Web Alert

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## **Commissioner Andolino Selected to Participate in Transportation Research Board Project Panel**

Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) Commissioner Rosemarie S. Andolino was asked to provide counsel and technical guidance to a project panel for the Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP) entitled: Sustainability for Airports: Best practices, Success Metrics and Beyond. The panel was established by the Transportation Research Board (TRB) of the National Academies in Washington, D.C.

At the panel's first meeting today, Andolino discussed the CDA Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM), which is an integral part of Chicago's ongoing efforts toward implementing more environmentally sustainable buildings and civil infrastructure on airports. The SAM incorporates best practice guidance for planning, operations and maintenance of all airport facilities and functions, and those of its tenants.

The panel is being administered by the ACRP in cooperation with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); Airports Council International - North America; American Association of Airports Executives (AAAE); National Association of State Aviation Officials, and Air Transport Association of America.

The National Academies work together in the status of a private nonprofit corporation. Panel members include scientists, engineers, technologists and research workers with personal expertise selected to contribute to the Academies through the work of the National Research Council's Transportation Research Board.

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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](http://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](http://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](http://www.oharemodernization.org) to learn more about the OMP.

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