



Richard M. Daley, Mayor



Rosemarie S. Andolino, Commissioner

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Commissioner Andolino Shares Green Vision for Chicago's Airports at ASCE 140th Annual Conference

Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) Commissioner Rosemarie S. Andolino was a guest speaker this afternoon at the 140th Annual American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Conference in Las Vegas, NV.

Andolino was invited to share the CDA's industry-leading sustainable initiatives on a panel entitled "Vision 2025 - Civil Engineers Innovating a Sustainable Future". She was joined by panelists Fran Eide, P.E., M.ASCE, City Engineer, City of Olympia and Rutherford Platt, Ph.D., J.D., Professor of Geography Emeritus and Director, Ecological Cities Project. The panel was moderated by ASCE 2010 President Blaine D. Leonard.

The session was attended by approximately 125 domestic and international civil engineering professionals interested in learning about how to incorporate long-term sustainability on their projects.

Commissioner Andolino discussed how the CDA Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM) helps the CDA achieve the triple bottom line with airport projects that are economically viable, socially responsible and environmentally sound. She cited specific O'Hare Modernization Program components, including the Runway 10C East Mass Grading project, to demonstrate how going green has saved time and money while helping to protect the natural environment. Andolino also spoke about SAM Version 2.0, which will be unveiled at the Airports Going Green conference in Chicago on November 15-17.

Founded in 1852, the ASCE represents more than 144,000 members of the civil engineering profession worldwide and is America's oldest national engineering society. The three-day ASCE annual conference expects to draw about 1,000 attendees from around the world. For more information about the conference visit: <http://content.asce.org/conferences/annual2010/index.html>

For more information about and to register for the Airports Going Green conference, 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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