



Richard M. Daley, Mayor



Rosemarie S. Andolino, Commissioner

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Commissioner Rosemarie S. Andolino shares Green Vision for Chicago's airports with Illinois Economic Recovery Commission

Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) Commissioner Rosemarie S. Andolino was the featured speaker at a meeting of the Illinois Economic Recovery Commission this afternoon at the Thompson Center in Chicago.

Andolino was invited by the Commission to give a presentation on the sustainable efforts taking place at O'Hare and Midway International Airports.

During her presentation, Andolino highlighted the numerous successful green initiatives of the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), including the OMP's innovative 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 North Air Traffic Control Tower.

Commissioner Andolino also discussed how the CDA's Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM) is being implemented at O'Hare and Midway, as well as both airports' newest sustainable initiatives.

"Overall, our work has demonstrated that going green at airports is possible, cost effective, and more importantly - it is the right thing to do." Andolino said in closing.

The Illinois Economic Recovery Commission was created by the Governor in November 2009 to develop solutions to stimulate and strengthen Illinois' economy. The Commission is comprised of committees including: Education, Global Markets, Government, Infrastructure, Innovation and Sustainability.

The Commission focuses on encouraging economic growth, decreasing unemployment, attracting new business enterprises, strengthening existing business enterprises, supporting small businesses and entrepreneurship, and ensuring long-term economic growth and stability.

For more information on the Illinois Economic Recovery Commission, please visit: www2.illinois.gov/economy

For more information on the CDA's Sustainable Airports 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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