



Richard M. Daley, Mayor



Rosemarie S. Andolino, Commissioner

CDA Web Alert

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NextGen Forum Hosted at O'Hare International Airport

The Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce hosted a roundtable discussion at O'Hare International Airport on the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) plan to implement the NextGen air traffic management system.

Congressman Dan Lipinski (IL-3) and Congressman Jerry Costello (IL-12), Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce President Jerry Roper, Chicago Department of Aviation Commissioner Rosemarie S. Andolino and Mike Romanowski, Director of the FAA NextGen Implementation and Integration Office all participated in today's forum.

Commissioner Andolino welcomed the distinguished group to O'Hare and thanked Congressmen Lipinski and Costello for their commitment and support to the aviation industry and specifically to the needs of airports. She also complimented their leadership on NextGen.

Today's forum featured a roundtable discussion and presentation of the merits of moving aviation from ground-based air traffic control systems to the satellite-based air traffic management system called NextGen. The NextGen system incorporates Global Positioning System Technology (GPS), advanced weather forecasting, data networking and digital communications.

For more information and to view the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce news release on today's forum please visit www.chicagolandchamber.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.airportgoinggreen.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Modernization Program (OMP), introduced by Mayor Richard M. Daley in June 2001, transforms O'Hare's airfield from an outdated system of intersecting runways into a modern parallel runway configuration.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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