



Richard M. Daley, Mayor



Rosemarie S. Andolino, Commissioner

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Senator Kirk affirms strong support for the OMP



United States Senator Mark Kirk met today with Chicago Aviation Commissioner Rosemarie Andolino for an update on the progress of the O'Hare Modernization Program and to discuss his support for this vital infrastructure project.

"The successful completion of the O'Hare Modernization Program is essential to the future economic success of Chicagoland," said Kirk. "This project is one of the best ways we can show future employers that Chicagoland is one of the best places to locate their business and create jobs. If O'Hare can regain its top status against the competition from Hartsfield

International, we will build a synergy between growing local employment and international markets, founded on the top airport in America."

"We are very appreciative to have Senator Kirk's continued support for the O'Hare Modernization Program. He understands the importance of the OMP to our City, State, as well as the national aviation system," said Commissioner Rosemarie S. Andolino. "The OMP continues to make tremendous progress to provide increased efficiency, capacity and economic activity for our region."

The FAA approved the O'Hare Modernization Program in 2005. Since then, one new runway has been built, another runway has been extended and a second new runway is currently under construction. The OMP Completion Phase, including two more new runways and the extension of a third, is underway.

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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, and concessions and tenants in accordance with the CDA Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM) Version 2.0, released in November 2010. 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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