

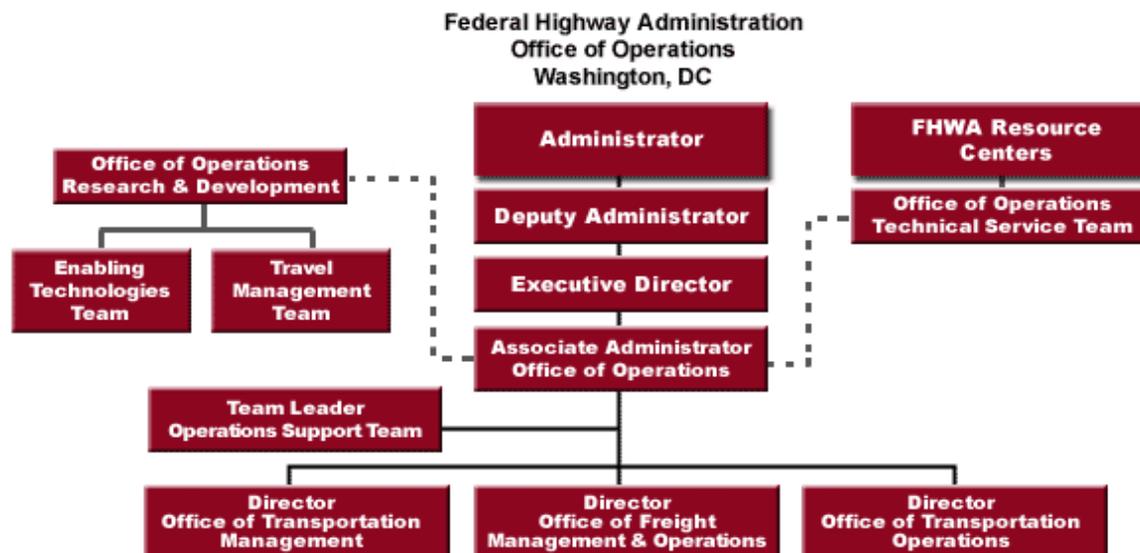
Office of Freight Management & Operations USDOT

MISSION:

To help the transportation community achieve the connections and choices they would like to see in their transportation systems by providing Departmental leadership and coordination in developing intermodal transportation solutions that move people and goods in an energy-efficient manner, provide the foundation for improved productivity growth, strengthen the Nation's ability to compete in the global economy, and obtain the optimum yield from the Nation's transportation resources.

KEY FUNCTIONS:

- a. Serves as the Department's principal advocate for, and advisor on, intermodal transportation.
 - (1) Publicizes and promotes intermodal initiatives and programs within the government and with industry.
 - (2) Explores, with States, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) and industry, flexible solutions for intermodal transportation planning projects.
 - (3) Monitors the DOT grants process to promote intermodal initiatives.
 - (4) Reviews DOT regulations to eliminate regulatory constraints to intermodalism and encourages intermodal considerations in rulemaking activities.
 - (5) Participates in coordinating intermodal planning, research and budgeting among DOT agencies.
 - (6) Evaluates transportation issues to identify intermodal solutions and formulates and advances appropriate courses of action.
- b. Coordinates Federal intermodal transportation policy and initiates policies to promote efficient intermodal transportation.
- c. Provides technical assistance to States and MPOs in large metropolitan areas that facilitates their collection of intermodal data and assists in intermodal planning.
- d. Coordinates Federal research on intermodal transportation in accordance with 23 U.S.C. § 502, including additional research needs identified by the Director.
- e. Coordinates miscellaneous DOT issues as required by law and/or as raised by the Secretary and the modal agencies.



WHAT WE DO

The Office acts as the Department's advocate for, and advisor on intermodal transportation. By doing so, it provides the Secretary and other senior officials with critical information on major policies and other initiatives. The office publicizes and promotes intermodal initiatives and programs within the federal government as well as participates in coordinating intermodal planning, research, and budgeting among DOT agencies. As the Secretary's intermodal advocate, the office monitors DOT grants process to promote intermodal initiatives. It evaluates transportation issues to identify intermodal solutions and formulates and advances appropriate courses of action.

The Office of Freight and Logistics also coordinates Federal research in order to promote a more efficient transportation system. It provides technical assistance to States and MPOs in large metropolitan areas, and manages miscellaneous DOT issues raised by the Secretary and modal agencies.

Its goal is to coordinate the development of intermodal transportation solutions that result in an efficient and effective supply chain to benefit business and consumers.

Roles and Responsibilities:

The Office's major roles and responsibilities are:

- Publicizing initiatives and programs;
- Exploring flexible solutions for intermodal transportation planning projects;
- Monitoring DOT grants process to promote intermodal initiatives;
- Reviewing DOT regulations to encourage intermodal considerations where necessary;
- Participating in planning, research and budgeting; and,
- Evaluating transportation issues;

It promotes coordination of intermodal freight and passenger transportation operations in order to improve the efficiency of the nation's transportation system. Through coordination within the Department, the Office also promotes intermodal policies and initiatives that improve the nation's transportation system.

The Office works closely with state and local officials as well as the private sector to develop intermodal projects that promote safety and mobility. The Office works within DOT to help develop tools that assist public and private sector decision makers better understand the nation's transportation system, especially freight.

The Office's mandate is to ensure that the Department in the field of intermodalism maintains a quality transportation system that is able to compete in the global economy.

Mobility and Infrastructure Team:

The Mobility and Infrastructure Team has primary responsibility for federal transportation policies, development and review of legislation, regulations, and policy initiatives affecting these programs. The Team reviews and analyzes the economic and institutional implications of domestic transportation policy issues to provide a basis for and to advise management actions and decisions. The Mobility and Infrastructure Team focuses on passenger and freight travel on the nation's transportation system and its relationship to national economic, social, and environmental goals.

Major Policy Areas

Surface Transportation Legislation and Program Development
Marine Transportation System Policy
National Passenger & Freight Transportation Analysis
Urban Transportation Policy
Rural Transportation Policy
Transportation Planning and Financing
Sustainable Travel Strategies
Intercity Bus Services
Intermodal Terminals
Transportation System Performance
Commodity Flow Survey
Implementing Advanced Transportation Technology
Telecommuting
Census Journey to Work and National Personal Travel Surveys
Welfare-to-Work

Major Accomplishments

Safe and Flexible Transportation Efficiency Act of 2003 (SAFTEA)
Airport Congestion Impacts Resulting from Introduction of Improved Service in Eleven
FRA Designated High-Speed Rail Corridors
Transit Benefit Program
Working Together to Improve Mobility in the National Capital Region
Travel Model Improvement Program (TMIP) and TRANSIMS
Energy Material Distribution Requirements
Implementing Sustainable Urban Travel Policies
Federal Telecommuting Program
Successful Telecommuting Programs in the Public and Private Sectors
Transportation Decision Making – Policy Architecture For The 21st Century
An Assessment of Telework in the New York Metropolitan Area

Major Involvements

Led the Department in Developing Safe and Flexible Transportation Efficiency Act of 2003 (SAFTEA)
Completing Research Study on Airport Congestion Impacts Resulting from Introduction of Improved
Service in Eleven FRA Designated High-Speed Rail Corridors
Developed Executive Order for Transit Benefit Program
Convened Elected Officials to Examine Congestion Working Together to Improve Mobility in the
National Capital Region
Co managed Travel Model Improvement Program (TMIP) and TRANSIMS with FTA and FHWA
Completed Energy Material Distribution Requirements Analyses
Produced Report and Workshop for Implementing Sustainable Urban Travel Policies
Established, Developed and Evaluated Federal Telecommuting Program
Researched Successful Telecommuting Programs in the Public and Private Sectors
Published Congressionally Mandate Transportation Decision Making – Policy Architecture For The
21st Century Report
Developed and Published An Assessment of Telework in the New York Metropolitan Area