

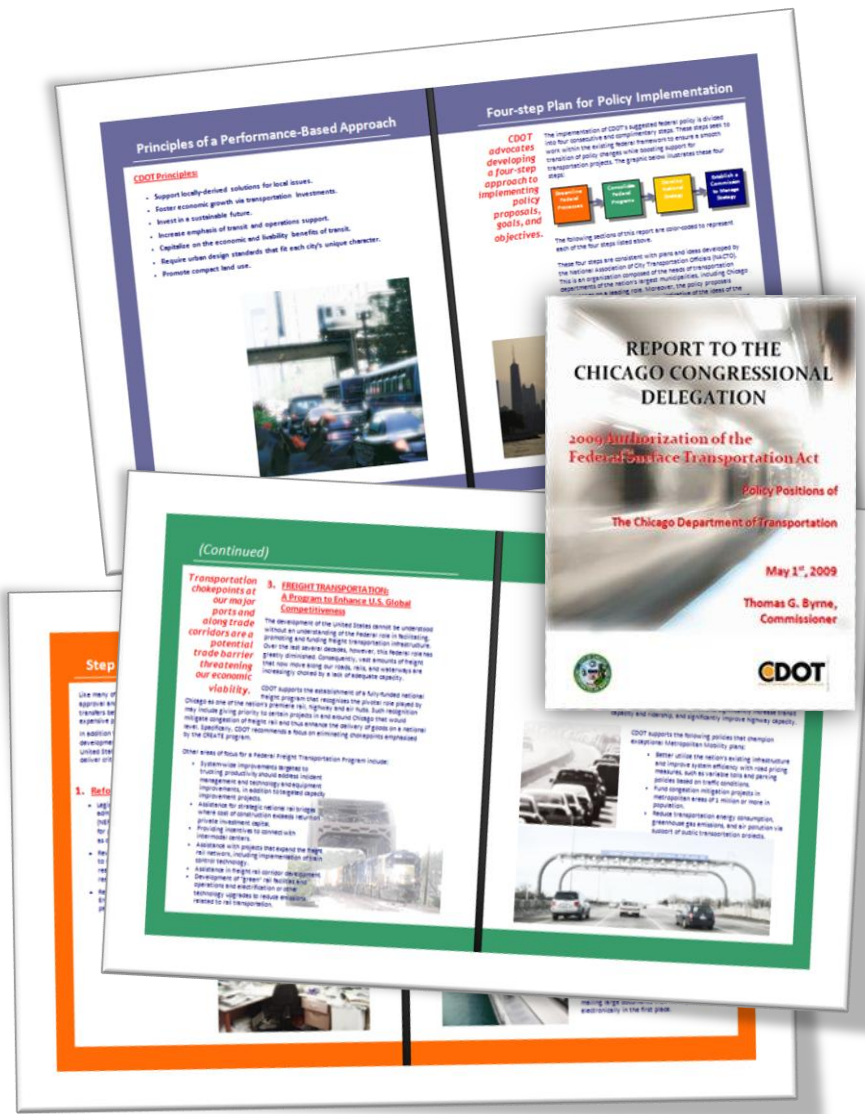
**REPORT TO THE CHICAGO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION:**  
Policy Positions of The Chicago Department of Transportation

As the US transportation system remains a critical component of the nation's economy, its development has been funded through some of the nation's most significant legislation. The most recent act is the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) of 2005.

To prepare for the next federal surface transportation bill, the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) provided policy recommendations for Chicago's delegation in the United States Senate and House of Representatives.

VleCIDes-Schroeder Associates examined various policy positions and proposals from CDOT and other leading organizations with a stake in transportation issues, such as the National Association of Transportation Officials (NACTO). These policy recommendations were organized into a report that developed the issues into a cogent series of categories.

Most recommendations stemmed from issues important to the Chicago metropolitan area such as mass transit, increasing federal program efficiencies, and strategic implementation. Also important was recognition of how regional, state, and national, and other goals collectively support an integrated transportation system.



CDOT and the Chicago delegation expect the transportation bill to be part of the the federal legislative agenda sometime in 2010-2011. In the meantime, most SAFETEA-LU provisions and funding levels have been extended indefinitely.

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