

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Overview: The Office of the Secretary provides policy development, oversight and coordination for the overall planning and direction of the Department. The total FY 2006 request of \$259 million (\$209 million discretionary and \$50 million mandatory) is \$25 million less than the FY 2005 enacted funding level. Included in the discretionary funding request is \$100 million for the new DOT headquarters building project. The mandatory funding request assumes \$50 million and 10 FTEs for the Essential Air Service (EAS) program, which will be funded through overflight fees collected by the Federal Aviation Administration.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY BUDGET

(Dollars In Millions)

	<u>2004</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2005</u> <u>Enacted</u>	<u>2006</u> ^{1/} <u>Request</u>
Salaries & Expenses	78	83 ^{2/}	87
Planning, Research, & Development	20	19	9
Civil Rights and MBRC	12	12	13
New HQs Building	0 ^{3/}	67	100
EAS/Payments to Air Carriers (discretionary)	52	52	0
EAS (mandatory-Overflight Fees)	[50] ^{4/}	50	50
TOTAL	163	284	259

1/ Reflects transfer of the Office of Intermodalism to the Research and Innovative Technology Administration.

2/ Reflects moving the operational responsibility for the Office of Emergency Transportation from RSPA to the Office of the Secretary.

3/ In FY 2004, \$42 million was provided for the new DOT Headquarters Building through the General Services Administration Federal Buildings Fund.

4/ \$50 million was provided from unobligated balances of overflight fees.

FY 2006 Budget

Salaries and Expenses: \$87 million is requested for FY 2006, including \$11.9 million to strengthen the management of the Department's large information technology investment portfolio, increase security of its information and technical infrastructure against cyber threats, and improve the American public's access to information and services through electronic government.

Planning, Research, and Development: \$9 million is requested for FY 2006, including a comprehensive analysis of aviation practices, mergers, and international alliances to support the formulation of national transportation policies.

Office of Civil Rights: The FY 2006 budget request includes \$8.6 million to support and advance internal and external civil rights initiatives, administer Federal civil rights statutes, investigate EEO complaints, support the Disability Resource Center, the Shared Neutrals Alternative Dispute Resolution Program, and oversee and ensure compliance of environmental justice programs throughout the Department.

Minority Business Resource Center (MBRC): \$3.9 million is requested for MBRC activities. \$0.9 million in Federal subsidy and administrative expenses will support an \$18 million short-term loan guarantee program to assist small, disadvantaged and women-owned transportation-related businesses; and \$3 million will fund the Minority Business Outreach program, which includes a clearinghouse for national dissemination of information on transportation-related projects and grants to minority educational institutions.

New Headquarters Building: \$100 million is requested to finance the FY 2006 costs for the new Department of Transportation headquarters building. The goal is to consolidate the Department's headquarters operating functions into efficient leased office space in the District of Columbia.

