

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 request in FY 2005 of \$336 million is \$173 million more than the FY 2004 enacted level. Included in the request is \$160 million for the new DOT headquarters building project.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY BUDGET
(Dollars In Millions)

	2003 1/ Actual	2004 2/ 3/ Enacted	2005 Request
Salaries and Expenses	88	78	103
Planning, R & D	23	20	11
Civil Rights and MBRC	12	12	13
New HQs Building	0	0	160
Payments to Air Carriers	<u>52</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>50</u>
TOTAL	176	163	336

1/ An additional \$50 million for the Essential Air Service program was financed from balances in the FAA Facilities & Equipment account.
 2/ \$42 million is provided for the new DOT Headquarters building through the General Services Administration Federal Buildings Fund.
 3/ An additional \$50 million for the Essential Air Service Program is to be financed from balances in the FAA Facilities & Equipment account.



FY 2005 Budget

Salaries and Expenses: \$102.7 million is requested for FY 2005, including \$17 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: \$10.8 million is requested for FY 2005, 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 2005 budget request includes \$8.7 million to support internal and external civil rights and equal opportunity matters, enforce Federal civil rights statutes, investigate EEO complaints, support the Disability Resource Center, support the Shared Neutrals Alternative Dispute Resolution Program, and oversee and coordinate 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.

Payments to Air Carriers: \$50 million is requested for FY 2005, of which \$36 million will be derived from overflight fees deposited into the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and \$14 million will be derived from balances of previously collected overflight fees.

New Headquarters Building: \$160 million is requested to finance the FY 2005 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.

