§ 1.3 Organization of the Department.

(a) The Secretary of Transportation is the head of the Department.
(b) The Department is comprised of the Office of the Secretary and the following operating elements, the heads of which report directly to the Secretary:
(1) The Federal Aviation Administration, headed by the Administrator.
(2) The Federal Highway Administration, headed by the Administrator.
(3) The Federal Railroad Administration, headed by the Administrator.
(4) The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, headed by the Administrator.
(5) The Federal Transit Administration, headed by the Administrator.
(6) The St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, headed by the Administrator.
(7) The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, headed by the Administrator.
(8) The Maritime Administration, headed by the Administrator and including within it the Maritime Subsidy Board composed of the Maritime Administrator, the Deputy Maritime Administrator, and the Chief Counsel of the Maritime Administration.
(9) The Research and Innovative Technology Administration, headed by the Administrator.
(10) [Reserved]
(11) The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, headed by the Administrator.


§ 1.4 General responsibilities.

(a) Office of the Secretary. Provides for:
(1) Leadership in formulating and executing well-balanced national and international transportation objectives, policies, and programs;
(2) Stimulating and promoting research and development in all modes and types of transportation, with special emphasis on transportation safety;
(3) Coordinating the various transportation programs of the Federal Government;
(4) Encouraging maximum private development of transportation services;
(5) Responsive, timely, and effective liaison with Congress, and public and private organizations on transportation matters;
(6) Innovative approaches to urban transportation and environmental enhancement programs; and
(7) Effective management of the Department as a whole.

(b) The Federal Aviation Administration. Is responsible for:
(1) Promulgating and enforcing regulations on all safety matters relating to the manufacture, operation, and maintenance of aircraft;
(2) Registering aircraft and recording rights in aircraft;
(3) Developing, modifying, testing, and evaluating systems, procedures, facilities, and devices needed for the safe and efficient navigation and traffic control of aircraft;
(4) Locating, constructing or installing, maintaining, and operating Federal aids to air navigation, wherever necessary;