

**NEWS from Congressman John W. Olver (MA-1)  
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**Opening Statement as Prepared of Chairman John W. Olver  
Sustainability in Practice and HUD and DOT's Sustainability and Livability  
Initiatives in the FY 2011 Budget Request**

Today is a continuation of this Subcommittee's effort to incorporate sustainable planning and design principles in to federal transportation and housing programs. Through holistic approaches that break down silos, we can ensure that resources – be it land, energy, affordable housing, or transportation investments - are being optimally utilized on all federal infrastructure projects.

Before us is a distinguished panel of experts and practitioners who have been on the forefront of developing sustainable projects not because they were required to, but because they determined that a sustainable approach made economic sense and best met the needs of their communities.

- Rosemarie Andolino is Commissioner of the Department of Aviation for the City of Chicago;
- Fred Hansen is the General Manager of the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District in Oregon;
- Tom Darden is the Executive Director of the Make it Right Foundation;

- Bill McDonough is Founding Principal of William McDonough + Partners, Architecture and Community Design, and Cofounder and Principal of McDonough Braungart Design Chemistry

Thank you all for being here and I look forward to hearing each of your stories. Recognizing that a one size fits all approach is not appropriate for our diverse infrastructure needs, I'm particularly interested to hear what lessons you believe are transferable to projects of differing sizes and to varying communities, and what role you see the federal government playing in facilitating the incorporation of sustainability principles into transportation and housing projects.

Your testimony will also set the tone for our second panel during which we'll hear from the Department of Transportation and the Department of Housing and Urban Development on the Fiscal Year 2011 budget requests for their respective "livability" and "sustainability" initiatives.

--- Second Panel ---

For our second panel, I would like to welcome Ron Sims, Deputy Secretary for the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Roy Keinitz, Under Secretary for the Department of Transportation.

The subcommittee has just heard from four leaders in sustainable practices and will use the lessons learned through that discussion as a broad framework through which to consider your respective Fiscal Year 2011 budget requests. I am pleased to see that HUD and DOT are working together with EPA in the Partnership for Sustainable Communities, and that each of your budgets reflect this partnership. While the issues that we are discussing today may be called varying things, for example sustainability, livability, and smart growth, we are all working toward the same goal – investments in our communities that bring together housing and transportation resources, that draw on the expertise of each agency, and that consider energy, affordability, and mobility factors in the planning and design of healthy areas.

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