

INTRODUCTION

The role of the Department of Transportation is to develop and coordinate an effective national transportation system that serves the needs and interests of all parts of the country and segments of the economy. To carry out this responsibility and achieve maximum results, it is vital that the Department:

- *Establish goals and objectives which will direct and coordinate the total transportation resources of the United States;*
- *Provide leadership in identifying and solving transportation problems and issues;*
- *Provide an effective administration of transportation programs including the coordination of intermodal and interagency programs;*
- *Establish a level of priorities among the various alternative programs which will result in maximum achievement of the goals and objectives.*

Accordingly, the purpose of this document is to establish the Departmental goals and objectives and provide the basic framework for carrying out its related responsibilities of guiding and coordinating the research and development and other program activities of the various modal operations into a cohesive and integrated national transportation system.

Section I defines the goals and objectives and describes policy implications. The major problem areas which must be faced under the various goals and objectives are discussed in Section II as well as a review of some of the more significant current programs and a listing of areas