

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goals and objectives give purpose, scope and direction to planning. They are most important to the Department of Transportation since they form the focal point for coordinating and shaping the resources and activities of the various modal administrations into an integrated and effective national transportation system.

The following goals and objectives have been established for the Department :

- *Economic Efficiency in Transportation*
- *Optimal Use of Environmental Resources*
- *Safety*
- *Support of Other National Interests*

The above Departmental objectives, although only four in number, are purposely designed to be broad enough to permit flexibility in developing an integrated national transportation system yet comprehensive enough to provide criteria which can be used in establishing objectives for individual modal or intermodal programs. The role of the Departmental objectives is to form the framework around which the operating activities can plan specific programs and direct research and development in such a manner that the sum total of the DOT effort is channeled toward the same end—the development of an integrated national transportation system.