

Biography
Cheri Heramb
Acting Commissioner
Chicago Department of Transportation

CDOT Acting Commissioner Cheri Heramb has over 30 years of experience in transportation planning in Chicago.

As Acting Commissioner, a post to which she was named in June 2005, Heramb is responsible for management of Chicago's ground transportation infrastructure and regulation of the public way. CDOT responsibilities include street, sidewalk, alley and curb and gutter construction and maintenance; traffic signal modernizations/interconnects, bridge construction and operations; transit station rehabilitation; various neighborhood infrastructure programs; and median and public way greening and beautification efforts. She oversees a department of more than 1,200 employees and an annual budget of more than \$500 million.

Heramb has served CDOT for almost 13 years, working as Managing Deputy Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner of Administration and Planning, Senior Director of Transportation Programming and Planning, and Director of Transportation Planning. Among the large-scale planning projects she worked on the Central Area Plan, the CREATE rail improvement program, the Central Lakefront Transportation Study and two federal transportation bill reauthorizations.

Prior to CDOT, Heramb served as Manager of Capital Planning and Administration, Manager of Rail System Assessment, and Assistant to the Executive Director for the Chicago Transit Authority.

Heramb also served as Director of Capital Facilities Planning and Policy Studies for the Chicago Department of Planning.

She began her tenure with the City of Chicago as a city planner and Supervisor of Project Monitoring with the Department of Public Works, CDOT's predecessor department.

A lifelong Chicago resident, Heramb earned a master's degree in urban planning and policy from the University of Illinois in Chicago, and bachelor's degrees in psychology and political science from the University of Illinois in Chicago.