

## **Strategic Objective 7.1—Ensure Effective Response**

*Mitigate the impacts to transportation due to all hazards by developing effective response planning and training for leaders and responders.*

### **PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW**

DOT proactively prepares to use our internal authorities for the safety and resilience of the U.S. transportation systems and support the transportation mission of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and other Federal departments and agencies to improve the security of domestic and intermodal transportation sectors. In addition, DOT collaborates with DHS to strengthen the transportation network and effectively mitigate risk through an integrated systems approach. During a response, DOT employees work at various locations including the National Response Coordination Center, Regional Response Coordination Centers, and Joint Field Offices to regulate transportation, manage the Nation’s airspace, and ensure the safety and security of the national transportation systems. DOT ensures continuity of operations by maintaining emergency preparedness and response capabilities to effectively provide leadership and response to incidents and fulfill all of our commitments. The Department also provides guidance and technical assistance to localities, State departments of transportation, and their first response partners to improve their ability to conduct emergency response.

DOT Operating Administrations: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), and Office of the Secretary (OST).