

CHAO Confirmed at DOT

Elaine Chao was confirmed this week to begin her job as the nation's Secretary of Transportation. Senators approved the nomination in a 93 to 6 vote allowing her to get to work to deal with a full plate of issues.

Chao has a strong maritime résumé. The former Secretary of Labor, she chaired the Federal Maritime Commission, previously

served at the Department of Transportation as Deputy Secretary and spent time as Deputy Maritime Administrator. The daughter of a shipping magnate who emigrated from Taiwan, Elaine headed up the United Way and also served as director of the Peace Corps. Her husband is Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY).



The new Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao. She's seen here about 10 years ago (when she was Labor Secretary) touring the Calhoun M.E.B.A. Engineering School with current CMES Director Chuck Eser.

M.E.B.A. congratulates Secretary Chao and looks forward to working with her again. Transportation Trades Department (AFL-CIO) President Ed Wytkind also wished her well as she prepares to head up a multitude of challenges. “Secretary Chao will play a central role in following through with President Trump’s promise to reverse this neglect and finally modernize our transportation system with significant new investments. I look forward to working with Secretary Chao to advance a robust, bipartisan investment plan that repairs and expands our transportation system, lifts more working people into the middle class and protects and honors the jobs and rights of frontline transportation workers who operate, maintain and build our vast passenger and freight network.”