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## 2009 Officers and New Members of TRB Executive Committee Announced

Adib K. Kanafani, Cahill Professor of Civil Engineering, University of California, Berkeley, has been named the 2009 Chairman of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Executive Committee. Michael R. Morris, Director of Transportation, North Central Texas Council of Governments, is the Committee's 2009 Vice Chair. Kanafani and Morris will serve one-year terms in these offices, beginning January 14, 2009.

Newly appointed as a member of the Executive Committee is Steven T. Scalzo, Chief Operating Officer, Marine Resources Group. Reappointed members of the Executive Committee are Michael D. Meyer, Professor, Georgia Institute of Technology; Pete K. Rahn, Director, Missouri Department of Transportation; Sandra Rosenbloom, Professor of Planning, University of Arizona; and Henry G. (Gerry) Schwartz, Jr., Chairman (retired), Jacobs/Sverdrup Civil, Inc. All were appointed to three-year terms, with the exception of Dr. Meyer, who was reappointed for one year, to coincide with his remaining term as Chair of the Executive Committee's Subcommittee on Planning and Policy Review. All appointments begin January 14, 2009.

Organized in 1920, TRB is one of six major divisions of the National Research Council (NRC)—a private, nonprofit institution that is the principal operating agency of the National Academies in providing services to the government, the public, and the scientific and engineering communities. The NRC is jointly administered by the National Academy of Sciences (NAS), the National Academy of Engineering (NAE), and the Institute of Medicine. The TRB Executive Committee, whose members are appointed by the chairman of NRC, exercises oversight responsibility for the Board's programs and activities. Members include senior transportation industry executives, top officials of public-sector transportation agencies, and distinguished researchers from academia.

The mission of the Transportation Research Board is to provide leadership in transportation innovation and progress through research and information exchange, conducted within a setting that is objective, interdisciplinary, and multimodal. TRB facilitates the sharing of information on transportation practice and policy by researchers and practitioners; stimulates research and provides research management services that promote technical excellence; provides expert

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advice on transportation policy and programs; and disseminates research results broadly and encourages their implementation.

TRB's varied activities annually draw on more than 5,000 engineers, scientists, and other transportation researchers and practitioners from the public and private sectors and academia, all of whom contribute their expertise in the public interest by participating on TRB committees, panels, and task forces. TRB is supported by state transportation departments, federal agencies including the component administrations of the U.S. Department of Transportation, and other organizations and individuals interested in the development of transportation.

## **2009 TRB Executive Committee Officers**

**Adib K. Kanafani** is the Edward G. and John R. Cahill Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley. Since joining the Berkeley faculty in 1970, he has taught and conducted research on transportation systems including planning and economics, and on air transportation including airport planning and design, airline economics, and air traffic management. Dr. Kanafani has made major contributions to transport demand analysis, airport capacity analysis, and airline network analysis. He has authored more than 170 publications on transportation, including a book on transportation demand analysis and one on national transportation planning. He was Director of Berkeley's Institute of Transportation Studies from 1983 to 1998, during which time he played an important role in establishing the intelligent transportation research effort in the United States as a founding member of Mobility 2000 and of California's PATH program. In 1997 he was founding co-Director of the National Center of Excellence in Aviation Operations Research at Berkeley. He also served as Chairman of Berkeley's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. Elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 2002, he is the recipient of numerous awards, including the American Society of Civil Engineers' James Laurie Prize (2000). Kanafani has a long and distinguished record of public service. He has served on a number of national and international advisory panels to governments, multinational organizations, and industry worldwide. He has been active on TRB committees since the mid-1970s, and has served on a number of National Research Council panels and committees. He served the American Society of Civil Engineers as Chairman of the Air Transport Division. Dr. Kanafani currently serves on the TRB Executive Committee and its Subcommittee on Planning and Policy Review. In 2008 he was named a lifetime National Associate of the National Academies. He earned master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of California, Berkeley, and a bachelor's degree in engineering from the American University of Beirut.

**Michael R. Morris** has been Director of Transportation for the North Central Texas Council of Governments, the metropolitan planning organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth area, since 1990. Mr. Morris' responsibilities include implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, and air quality-related transportation control measures in the State Implementation Plan. Mr. Morris was previously Assistant Director of the Transportation Department. He received the 1994 Transportation Engineer of the Year Award from the Institute of Transportation Engineers, and the Texas Department of Transportation Road Hand Award in 1995. Mr. Morris earned a master's degree in civil engineering from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1979 and is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Texas.

## Newly Appointed TRB Executive Committee Member

**Steven T. Scalzo** is Chief Operating Officer, Marine Resources Group (MRG), Seattle, Washington. Mr. Scalzo joined MRG in 2005, bringing more than 30 years of management and hands-on maritime experience to the company. Previously, he led Foss Maritime, serving as President for six years after holding positions within the company as Port Captain, General Manager of Marine Operations, and Senior Vice President of Operations. Before joining Foss, he served as a Ship's Officer for the Chevron Shipping Company. Mr. Scalzo is a Past Chair of the American Waterways Operators Association. He has a broad understanding of maritime operations. Mr. Scalzo has served on TRB's Marine Board, on the TRB-National Research Council (NRC) Committee on Review of the National Science and Technology Strategy, and on the NRC Committee on Assessment of U.S. Coast Guard Polar Icebreaker Roles and Future Needs. He is a graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point and received a master's degree in law and commerce from Gonzaga University.

## Reappointed TRB Executive Committee Members

**Michael D. Meyer** has been Professor at the Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, since 1991, and is the former chair of the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering there. Previously, Dr. Meyer was Director of Transportation Planning and Development for Massachusetts, where he was responsible for statewide planning, project development, traffic engineering, and transportation research from 1983 to 1988. Prior to that, he was a professor in the Department of Civil Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Dr. Meyer has written more than 140 technical articles and has authored or co-authored numerous texts on transportation planning and policy, including a college textbook, *Urban Transportation Planning: A Decision-Oriented Approach*. He recently completed *Transportation Congestion and Mobility: A Toolbox for Transportation Officials*, a book sponsored by the Institute of Transportation Engineers and the Federal Highway Administration that focuses on transportation and land-use actions that can be implemented to enhance mobility. He is an active member of numerous professional organizations, and has chaired committees relating to public transportation, education, and intermodal transportation. Dr. Meyer has consulted with many transportation organizations and has been involved with numerous expert review panels that have advised state and local officials on cost-effective investments in transportation. He served as chair of TRB's Executive Committee in 2006 and has served on numerous TRB and NRC committees and panels over the past 30 years. He currently chairs the TRB Executive Committee's Subcommittee on Planning and Policy Review. Dr. Meyer is a registered professional engineer in the State of Georgia. He holds a B.S. degree in civil engineering from the University of Wisconsin; an M.S. degree in civil engineering from Northwestern University; and a Ph.D. in civil engineering from MIT.

**Pete K. Rahn** has been Director of the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) since 2004. Before joining MoDOT, he served as Vice-President, Government Relations, for Contech Construction Products. From 1995 to 2002 Mr. Rahn was Cabinet Secretary for the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department. He is a member of TRB's Task Force on Accelerating Innovation in Industry and of the TRB Executive Committee's Subcommittee on Planning and Policy Review, and serves on the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Board of Directors. He holds a B.A. degree in government and a B.S. degree in planning from New Mexico State University.

**Sandra Rosenbloom** is Professor of Planning at the University of Arizona. Previously, she was Director of the Roy P. Drachman Institute for Land and Regional Development Studies at the University of Arizona. Dr. Rosenbloom has authored numerous publications in the field of transportation planning and the impact of societal trends on transportation and community development. Among her major awards and fellowships, Dr. Rosenbloom received the inaugural Roger Tate Award for Outstanding Contributions to Accessible Transportation Research in 1999, was a member of the Leadership Council of the Urban Land Institute from 1998 to 2000, and received TRB's Roy W. Crum Distinguished Service Award for 2004. An active participant on many TRB committees, Dr. Rosenbloom holds a master's degree in public administration and a doctorate in political science from the University of California, Los Angeles.

**Henry G. (Gerry) Schwartz, Jr.** (NAE) recently retired from the post of Senior Professor and Director of the Engineering Management Program at Washington University in St. Louis, and currently is a member of the board of Berger Group Holdings, Inc. Dr. Schwartz is a nationally recognized civil and environmental engineering leader who spent most of his career with Sverdrup Civil, Inc. (now Jacobs Civil, Inc.), which he joined in 1966. In 1993, Schwartz was named President and Chairman, directing the transportation, public works, and environmental activities of Sverdrup/Jacobs Civil, Inc., before he retired in 2003. Dr. Schwartz's executive responsibilities included multibillion-dollar water and wastewater treatment systems as well as large civil infrastructure projects, such as highways, bridges, dams, and railroads. He has served on the Advisory Boards for Carnegie Mellon University, Washington University, and The University of Texas, Austin, and has served as President of the Academy of Science of St. Louis. He is Founding Chairman of the Water Environment Research Foundation, served as President of the Water Environment Federation, and is Past President of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He was elected to NAE in 1997 and has served on NRC study committees, including the Committee for a Future Strategic Highway Research Program, and on the NRC Board on Infrastructure and the Constructed Environment. He recently chaired the TRB-NRC Committee on Climate Change and U.S. Transportation. He serves as Vice Chair of TRB's Subcommittee for NRC Oversight. Dr. Schwartz received a Ph.D. degree from the California Institute of Technology and master of science and bachelor of science degrees from Washington University. He is a registered professional engineer.

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