DAVID L. HUFT IS RECIPIENT OF
W. N. CAREY, JR., DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

David L. Huft, Research Program Manager and Intelligent Transportation Systems Coordinator for the South Dakota Department of Transportation, is the 2009 recipient of the W.N. Carey, Jr., Distinguished Service Award. Huft, recognized for his outstanding service to transportation research and TRB, will receive the award on January 13, 2010, during the Chairman’s Luncheon at the TRB 89th Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Created by the TRB Executive Committee in 1972 as the Highway Research Board Distinguished Service Award, the award was renamed in 1987 to honor W. N. Carey, Jr., who served with distinction as the TRB Executive Director from 1967 until 1980. The award recognizes individuals who have given outstanding leadership and service to transportation research and to TRB.

Huft has served the Board tirelessly for more than 20 years in a variety of roles. The consummate TRB state representative, he has long been the South Dakota Department of Transportation’s voice in TRB and a key contributor to the Board’s strong continuing partnership with the states, both through his work in that post and through his leadership roles on the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Research

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Advisory Committee (RAC) and Standing Committee on Research (SCOR). Those two groups, which work closely with the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP), have benefited from Huft’s thoughtful and far-reaching contributions as RAC Chair from 1997 to 2002 and as SCOR Vice Chair from 1998 to 2002.

He continues to serve as the AASHTO Region 4 representative on both groups, and he recently cochaired AASHTO’s Transportation Research Program Management scan in Europe and Asia.

Huft chaired the TRB standing committee on Highway Traffic Monitoring from 1995 to 2001 and has served as a member of numerous other committees and NCHRP project panels. He currently chairs the NCHRP project panel on Long-Range Strategic Issues Affecting Preservation, Maintenance, and Renewal of Highway Infrastructure.

More than 10,000 policy makers, administrators, practitioners, researchers, and representatives of government, industry, and academic institutions are expected to attend the Transportation Research Board (TRB) 89th Annual Meeting, in Washington, DC, January 10-14, 2010. The meeting, held at the Marriott Wardman Park, Omni Shoreham, and Hilton Washington hotels, includes more than 3,000 presentations in 600 sessions and workshops covering all aspects of transportation.

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 offers research management services that promote technical excellence; provides expert advice on transportation policy and programs; and disseminates research results broadly and encourages their implementation. A major focal point of TRB's activities, the Annual Meeting provides an opportunity for transportation professionals from all over the world to exchange information of common interest.

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