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## **MARTIN WACHS HONORED WITH THE 2010 THOMAS B. DEEN DISTINGUISHED LECTURESHIP**

The 2010 recipient of the Thomas B. Deen Distinguished Lectureship is Martin Wachs, Director of Transportation, Space, and Technology for the RAND Corporation. His lecture, “*Transportation Policy, Poverty, and Sustainability: History and Future*,” will be delivered on January 11, 2010, at the Thomas B. Deen Distinguished Lecture and Presentation of Awards for Outstanding Papers during the Transportation Research Board (TRB) 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. The lecture will be published in a forthcoming *Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board*.

The Deen Distinguished Lectureship recognizes the career contributions and achievements of an individual in one of the areas covered by the Board’s Technical Activities Division. Originally known as the Transportation Research Board Distinguished Lectureship, the award was renamed in 2002 in honor of the Board’s eighth Executive Director, who served with distinction from 1980 to 1994. Honorees are invited to present overviews of their technical areas, including the evolution, present status, and prospects for the future.

Wachs previously served as Director of the Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, one of the largest academic transportation research centers in

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the United States. At Berkeley he also held appointments as Professor of City and Regional Planning and as Carlson Distinguished Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering. Previously, he had a distinguished 25-year career at the University of California, Los Angeles, where he was Professor of Urban Planning, Head of the Urban Planning Program, and Director of the Institute of Transportation Studies.

Actively engaged with TRB for more than 35 years, Wachs chaired the Board's Executive Committee in 2000; chaired its Subcommittee on Planning and Policy Review; and has served as chair or member of numerous policy study committees, conference planning committees, and standing technical committees. One of the most highly regarded transportation analysts at work today, he has contributed books and articles on a wide range of topics, including the transportation needs of the elderly and handicapped, methods for evaluating alternative transportation projects, ethics in planning and forecasting, transportation finance, and the relationship between transportation, air quality, and land use. Wachs was the 2002 recipient of TRB's W. N. Carey, Jr., Distinguished Service Award.

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.

Organized in 1920, TRB is a division of the National Academies, which include the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, Institute of Medicine, and National Research Council. The nation turns to the National Academies for independent, objective advice on issues that affect people's lives worldwide.