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PAPER ON MAKING ASSET MANAGEMENT WORK IN MICHIGAN WINS 2009 CHARLEY WOOTAN AWARD

The recipients of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) 2009 Charley V. Wootan Award for the outstanding paper in the field of policy and organization are Terry McNinch and Timothy K. Colling, both of the Michigan Tech Transportation Institute (MTTI). This award, which may be conferred annually, was established in memory of Wootan, who served as Director of the Texas Transportation Institute, Texas A&M University System, from 1976 until his retirement in 1993. He continued to be active in the university until his death in 2001. A 1984 W. N. Carey Award recipient, Wootan also served as Chairman of the TRB Technical Activities Council and chaired the TRB Executive Committee in 1980. The award will be presented on January 11, 2010, at the Thomas B. Deen Distinguished Lecture and Presentation of Outstanding Paper Awards during the TRB 89th Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. The award-winning paper, "*Making Asset Management Work: Innovative Components for Successful Implementation by Local Agencies in Michigan*," has been published in the *Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board*, No. 2121.

The award-winning paper details some of the components that have led to making asset management work at the local agency level in Michigan and provides examples of agencies that are making progress.

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Terry McNinch joined the Michigan Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) in 1990 and has been serving as Director of LTAP and Technology Development Group (LTAP & TDG) of MTTI since 1997. His office provides technical support to the Transportation Asset Management Council's statewide asset management initiative on more than 84,000 lane miles of federal aid road. McNinch has been involved in the development and implementation of RoadSoft, the infrastructure management system for counties, cities, and villages. He holds a B.S. degree in scientific and technical communication and an M.S. degree in rhetoric and technical communication, both from Michigan Technological University.

Timothy Colling is a senior research engineer at MTTI and the Assistant Director of the Michigan LTAP & TDG. His research interests include pavement management, roadway asset management systems, and traffic safety engineering. Colling is a 2009 Eno Transportation Foundation Fellow, an affiliate of the National Association of County Engineers, and a member of the Institute of Transportation Engineers. He holds a master's of science degree in civil engineering from Michigan Tech University and is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in civil engineering with a focus on traffic safety engineering. Colling has 15 years of practical engineering experience and is a registered professional engineer in Michigan and Wisconsin.

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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