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2010 Officers and New Members of TRB Executive Committee Announced

Michael R. Morris, Director of Transportation, North Central Texas Council of Governments, has been named the 2010 Chairman of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Executive Committee. **Neil J. Pedersen**, Administrator, Maryland State Highway Administration, is the Committee's 2010 Vice Chair. Morris and Pedersen will serve one-year terms in these offices, beginning January 14, 2010.

Newly appointed members of the Executive Committee are **Beverly A. Scott**, General Manager, Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority; **David Seltzer**, Co-founder, Mercator Advisors; **Daniel Sperling**, Interim Director, Energy Efficiency Center (EEC), and Professor of Civil Engineering and Environmental Science and Policy and founding Director of the Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of California, Davis; and **Douglas W. Stotlar**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Con-way Inc. Reappointed members of the Executive Committee are **J. Barry Barker**, Executive Director, Transit Authority of River City; **Tracy L. Rosser**, Vice President, Corporate Traffic Department, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.; and **C. Michael Walton**, Ernest H. Cockrell Centennial Chair of Engineering, University of Texas, Austin. All were appointed to three-year terms, beginning January 14, 2010.

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 NRC chairman, 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 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.

2010 TRB Executive Committee Officers

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. He is a member of the TRB Subcommittee on Planning and Policy Review. 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. Mr. Morris has served as Vice Chair of the TRB Executive Committee in 2009.

Neil J. Pedersen is the Administrator, Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration. Prior to assuming this position, he served as Deputy Administrator/Chief Engineer for Planning and Engineering and as Director of the Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering for the Maryland State Highway Administration. Active in TRB for more than 30 years, Mr. Pedersen has served on many TRB committees and panels, chaired TRB's Technical Activities Council from 2005 to 2008, and currently chairs the SHRP 2 Technical Coordinating Committee for Capacity Research. He is also actively involved with several American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials committees, and he chairs the Executive Board of the I-95 Corridor Coalition, which includes transportation agencies of 16 states, the District of Columbia, and two Canadian provinces along the Eastern Seaboard. Mr. Pedersen holds an undergraduate degree from Bucknell University and a master's degree in civil engineering from Northwestern University, and is a registered professional engineer. He was the recipient of the 2006 George S. Bartlett Award for his career efforts in promoting highway innovation.

Newly Appointed TRB Executive Committee Members

Beverly A. Scott has been General Manager, Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA), since 2007. Dr. Scott has been in the transportation industry for more than 30 years and has held leadership positions with some of the nation's largest and most notable transit organizations. She was the 2009 Chairperson of the American Publication Transportation Association, a national organization with more than 1,500 membership groups and businesses. Dr. Scott has held prior positions as General Manager/Chief Executive Officer of the Sacramento Regional Transit District and General Manager of the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority. She is a past recipient of the Carnegie Foundation Fellowship at Texas Southern University, was

named 2008 Woman of Excellence by Atlanta's *Business to Business Magazine*, and received numerous awards for her leadership and service in the field of public transportation. Dr. Scott has been active on TRB committees since 1995. She holds a doctorate in political science from Howard University and a bachelor's degree from Fisk University.

David Seltzer is co-founder, Mercator Advisors LLC, a Philadelphia-based financial advisory firm. Mr. Seltzer has more than 30 years of experience in arranging financing for transportation and other infrastructure projects. He served for three years as in-house financial advisor to the Federal Highway Administrator regarding development and implementation of "innovative financing" initiatives, including finance provisions in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. Mr. Seltzer has taught graduate-level courses at the Wharton School and the Fels Center of Government at the University of Pennsylvania and for the University of Southern California. He holds a BA degree in urban studies from Trinity College, Hartford, and an MBA from the Wharton School. He currently serves as chairman of the board of Philadelphia Gas Works, the nation's largest municipally owned gas distribution company.

Daniel Sperling is Interim Director of the Energy Efficiency Center (EEC), Professor of Civil Engineering and Environmental Science and Policy, and founding Director of the Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of California, Davis, where he has been a member of the faculty since 1982. He is a leading international expert on transportation technology assessment, energy and environmental aspects of transportation, and transportation and climate policy. He has authored and co-authored more than 200 technical papers and 11 books, including *Two Billion Cars* (Oxford University Press, 2009) and *Driving Climate Change: Cutting Carbon from Transportation* (Elsevier 2007). Dr. Sperling is an expert on public policy aspects of alternative automotive propulsion systems, and he was appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger to the California Air Resources Board in 2007. He has served on numerous NRC committees and was founding chair of the TRB committee on Alternative Transportation Fuels. Dr. Sperling received a B.S. degree from Cornell University and a Ph.D. degree in transportation engineering from the University of California, Berkeley.

Douglas W. Stotlar is President and Chief Executive Officer of Con-way Inc., a \$5 billion freight transportation and logistics services company headquartered in San Mateo, California. Before assuming his current position in 2005, Mr. Stotlar served as president and chief executive officer of Con-way Transportation Services, Inc. He joined the Con-way organization as a freight operations supervisor in 1985 and rose through the ranks, holding a variety of management positions throughout the company. He serves on the executive committee of the American Trucking Associations, as well as a member of the board of directors for the American Transportation Research Institute. He also serves on the board of directors for URS Corporation. Mr. Stotlar earned a bachelor's degree in transportation and logistics from Ohio State University.

Reappointed TRB Executive Committee Members

J. Barry Barker has been Executive Director of the Transit Authority of River City (TARC), the public bus transportation system serving greater Louisville, Kentucky, since 1994. His team-based approach to management and a customer-focused approach to service have resulted in increased ridership and service innovations that have received national recognition. A 30-year veteran of transit, Mr. Barker has also been honored for his work to ensure diversity in the workplace and accessible transportation. Mr. Barker served as chair of TRB's Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP) Project Panel on Dissemination and Implementation of

Research Findings and is currently a member of the Transit Research Analysis Committee and several TCRP panels. He received a bachelor's degree in engineering from Case Western Reserve University and an MPA degree from Cleveland State University. Mr. Barker was also an Environmental Fellow at Tufts University.

Tracy L. Rosser has been Vice President, Corporate Traffic Department, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., since 2004. In this position he has responsibility for all Wal-Mart units' non-asset domestic transportation sourcing, strategy, consolidation, and operations. Prior to his current position, Mr. Rosser was Director of Corporate Traffic, General Manager of the Laurens South Carolina Distribution Centers, and Regional Transportation Manager, Western United States, of the Wal-Mart Private Fleet. He previously spent nine years in the truckload transportation industry. He received a B.S. degree in commerce and business administration from the University of Alabama.

C. Michael Walton is Professor of Civil Engineering and holds the Ernest H. Cockrell Centennial Chair in Engineering at the University of Texas at Austin. In addition, he holds a joint academic appointment in the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs. In 1971 Walton joined the faculty of the University of Texas, where his career in transport policy and engineering analysis has spanned more than 30 years. A member of the National Academy of Engineering, Walton served as chairman of the TRB Executive Committee in 1991, currently chairs its Subcommittee for National Research Council Oversight, and has served on or chaired numerous TRB committees and panels, including the Research and Technology Coordinating Committee (FHWA) and the committee for the Congressionally requested Study for a Future Strategic Highway Research Program. Dr. Walton has contributed to more than 200 publications in the areas of intelligent transportation systems, freight transport, and transportation engineering, planning, policy, and economics. His many awards include the George S. Bartlett Award for outstanding contributions to highway progress, the American Society of Civil Engineers' James Laurie Prize, and TRB's Distinguished Lectureship award and W.N. Carey, Jr., Distinguished Service Award. He earned a B.S. degree in civil engineering from the Virginia Military Institute and master's and Ph.D. degrees, also in civil engineering, from North Carolina State University.

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