KANSAS DOT SECRETARY DEBRA MILLER TO RECEIVE
W. N. CAREY, JR., DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Debra L. (Deb) Miller, Secretary of the Kansas Department of Transportation, is the 2010 recipient of the W. N. Carey, Jr., Distinguished Service Award. Miller, recognized for her exceptional service to transportation research and TRB, will receive the award on January 26, 2011, during the Chairman’s Luncheon at the TRB 90th 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 leadership and distinguished service to transportation research and to TRB but who have not necessarily been personally active in transportation research.

Miller has provided outstanding leadership in policy and strategic planning for the Board, has served with distinction on study committees and technical project panels, and has championed research and policy analyses that address long-term challenges faced by transportation agencies at all levels of government. She was the 2008 chair of TRB’s Executive Committee, and also chaired its Subcommittee on Planning and Policy Review.

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She served on the specially appointed study committees that produced the 1996 report, *Paying Our Way: Estimating Marginal Social Costs of Freight Transportation*, and the 2009 report, *A Transportation Research Program for Mitigating and Adapting to Climate Change and Conserving Energy*. Miller chaired the National Cooperative Highway Research Program Project Panel on Commuting in America III and was chair of TRB’s standing committee on Transportation and Economic Development. An ex officio member of the TRB Executive Committee, she is currently a member and secretary of the Technical Coordinating Committee for Capacity Research being conducted under the second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP 2).

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) 90th Annual Meeting, in Washington, DC, January 23-27, 2011. The meeting, held at the Marriott Wardman Park, Omni Shoreham, and Hilton Washington hotels, includes more than 4,000 presentations in 650 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.

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