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FORMER FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATOR JANE GARVEY IS 2011 RECIPIENT OF FRANK TURNER MEDAL

Jane F. Garvey, Chairman of Meridiam North America, is the 2011 recipient of the Frank Turner Medal for Lifetime Achievement in Transportation. The award will be presented during the Chairman's Luncheon on January 26, 2011, at the TRB 90th Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. Garvey is being honored for her long career in transportation, which includes public service at both the state and federal levels, and for her widely recognized contributions in highways, aviation, and transportation finance.

The Frank Turner Medal recognizes lifetime achievement in transportation, as demonstrated by a distinguished career in the field, professional prominence, and a distinctive, widely recognized contribution to transportation policy, administration, or research. The award was established in 1998 to commemorate Frank Turner's extraordinary accomplishments in the development and construction of the U.S. transportation system. Turner was the initial recipient of the medal in 1999. TRB serves as the secretariat for the award, which may be conferred biennially. The following organizations are sponsors of the award: American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; American Concrete Pavement Association; American Highway Users Alliance; American Portland Cement Alliance; American Public

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Garvey was appointed Associate Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Public Works—her first transportation post—in 1983, and she went on to serve as Commissioner from 1988 to 1991. She was subsequently director of Boston’s Logan International Airport, before joining the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), where she served as Deputy Administrator and then Acting Administrator. At FHWA Garvey conceived and developed the Innovative Financing Initiative, which enabled states to use federal highway funds more effectively. One particularly successful innovation—designated a Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle, or GARVEE, by the U.S. public finance market—allows a state to pledge future highway revenues to repay a special debt instrument.

Garvey was appointed the fourteenth Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in 1997, becoming the first FAA Administrator to serve a five-year term. During her term, the FAA successfully navigated the “Y2K” transition, acted to restore Americans’ confidence in air travel following the 2001 terrorist attacks, established a risk management approach to improve aviation safety, and worked aggressively to expand the capacity and capabilities of the air traffic control system.

Since leaving the FAA, Garvey headed the U.S. Public-Private Partnerships practice at J.P. Morgan, advising states on financing strategies for project delivery; in August 2009 she was named Chairman of Meridiam North America, a development-investment fund that focuses on transportation, water, and social infrastructure.

Garvey’s many recognitions include the National Air Transportation Association’s Distinguished Service Award, the Women’s Transportation Seminar Woman of the Year award, the National Council of Public-Private Partnerships Leadership Award, and inclusion on the American Road and Transportation Builders Association list of “The Hundred Leaders in Transportation in the 20th Century.” She was a member of the TRB Executive Committee from 1997 to 2002, served on President Obama’s Transition Team for the U.S. Department of Transportation, and currently chairs the board of directors for the Bipartisan Policy Center’s National Transportation Policy Project. She also serves on the boards of several corporations, including United Airlines.

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.

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