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2011 Officers and New Members of TRB Executive Committee Announced

Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator, Maryland State Highway Administration, has been named the 2011 Chairman of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Executive Committee. **Sandra Rosenbloom**, Professor of Planning, University of Arizona, is the Committee's 2011 Vice Chair. Pedersen and Rosenbloom will serve one-year terms in these offices, beginning January 27, 2011.

Newly appointed members of the Executive Committee are **James M. Crites**, Executive Vice President, Operations Division of Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport; **Lawrence A. Selzer**, President and Chief Executive Officer, The Conservation Fund; **Kumares C. Sinha**, Edgar B. and Hedwig M. Olson Distinguished Professor of Civil Engineering, Purdue University, and Director, Joint Transportation Research Program, Purdue University and Indiana Department of Transportation; and **Carolann D. Wicks**, Secretary, Delaware Department of Transportation. Reappointed members of the Executive Committee are **Larry L. Brown, Sr.**, Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Transportation; **Deborah H. Butler**, Executive Vice President, Planning, and Chief Information Officer, Norfolk Southern Corporation; **William A.V. Clark**, Professor of Geography and Adjunct Professor of Statistics, University of California at Los Angeles; and **Susan Martinovich**, Director of the Nevada Department of Transportation. All were appointed to three-year terms, beginning January 27, 2011.

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

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programs; and disseminates research results broadly and encourages their implementation.

TRB's varied activities annually engage more than 7,000 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.

2011 TRB Executive Committee Officers

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.

Sandra Rosenbloom is Professor of Planning at the University of Arizona. Previously, she was Director of the Roy P. Drachman Institute for Land and Regional Development Studies at the University of Arizona. Dr. Rosenbloom has authored numerous publications in the field of transportation planning and on the impact of societal trends on transportation and community development. Among her major awards and fellowships, Dr. Rosenbloom received the inaugural Roger Tate Award for Outstanding Contributions to Accessible Transportation Research in 1999, was a member of the Leadership Council of the Urban Land Institute from 1998 to 2000, and received TRB's Roy W. Crum Award for 2004. An active participant on many TRB committees, Dr. Rosenbloom holds a master's degree in public administration and a doctorate in political science from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Newly Appointed TRB Executive Committee Members

James M. Crites is the Executive Vice President for the Operations Division of Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. He oversees the activities of Airport Operations, Airport Maintenance, Customer Service, Department of Public Safety, and Environmental Affairs. Mr. Crites joined the staff at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport in 1995 as the Director of Planning and Marketing Support. He provided key leadership in planning and support for the development of facilities, identification and assessment of business opportunities, and development of marketing strategies as part of the Airport Development Plan. He also acted as the focal point for Division- and Board-wide development of the facility Master Plan, the long- and short-term business plan, and a specific marketing strategy. From 1987 until joining the airport staff, Mr. Crites held several key management positions at American Airlines, Inc. In his latest assignment, as Managing Director, Airport Services, he was responsible for development of all policies and procedures for American's field operations, worldwide. Additionally, he led the development of American's "Airport Services Technology Initiative" designed to identify

and implement automation opportunities to facilitate passenger processing while reducing operation costs. He holds a bachelor of science degree from the University of Illinois.

Lawrence A. Selzer is President and Chief Executive Officer of The Conservation Fund, a position he has held since 2001. The Conservation Fund is a national non-profit organization headquartered in metropolitan Washington, D.C., that combines a passion for conservation with an entrepreneurial spirit to protect America's favorite places, from city parks to historic battlefields to wilderness. Since 1985, the Fund has protected nearly 7 million acres. Prior to being named president and CEO, Selzer led the Fund's efforts to integrate economic and environmental goals by launching the Fund's training, leadership, and climate programs; mitigation banking efforts; and its Natural Capital Investment Fund. Before joining The Conservation Fund, Mr. Selzer conducted research on marine mammal and seabird populations on the eastern outer continental shelf on behalf of the Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences. He serves on the boards of the American Bird Conservancy, The Outdoor Foundation, Sustainable Forestry Initiative, and Wildlife Habitat Council. Mr. Selzer holds a master's degree in business administration from the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia and a bachelor of science degree in environmental science from Wesleyan University.

Dr. Kumares C. Sinha is the Edgar B. and Hedwig M. Olson Distinguished Professor of Civil Engineering at Purdue University. He has been active in teaching, research and practice for over four decades in the areas of transportation planning, engineering and management. He is the co-author of a recent book, *Transportation Decision Making: Principles of Project Evaluation and Programming*. He has been a consultant for the World Bank on transportation and infrastructure issues. He served as the President of the Transportation and Development Institute of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and is currently the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Transportation Engineering*. Dr. Sinha is a registered Professional Engineer, Honorary Member of the ASCE, and Member of the U.S. National Academy of Engineering. His awards and honors include the Roy W. Crum Distinguished Service Award from the Transportation Research Board.

Carolann D. Wicks has been the Secretary of the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) since February 1, 2006. As Secretary, she manages a budget of almost \$1 billion and is responsible for 2,600 employees. DelDOT has responsibility for 90 percent of the state's roads and bridges and oversees the state transit system (Delaware Transit Corporation) and the Division of Motor Vehicles. Ms. Wicks is a graduate of the University of Delaware with degrees in civil engineering and public administration. She has served in various roles as a public servant for three Transportation Secretaries, and was DelDOT's first woman Chief Engineer. As Secretary, Wicks assumed a national leadership position as President of the Northeast Association of State Transportation Officials (NASTO) for 2008-2009. She is a member of the American Association of State Highway Engineers (ASHE), chairperson of the Subcommittee on Geometric Design for the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), and an executive board member for the Diamond State Port Authority. Most recently, Secretary Wicks was named Chairperson of the Northeast Corridor (NEC) Commission. She has earned many accolades for a distinguished career, including the University of Delaware's Presidential Citation for Outstanding Achievement and the University's Outstanding Alumnus Award, and the Women's Transportation Seminar of Philadelphia Woman of the Year Award. She was one of several Delaware women featured as part of the Biggs Museum's Women in Leadership exhibition. In addition, she has received DelDOT's Eugene E. Abbott Award for excellence in transportation planning, AASHTO's Alfred E. Johnson award for excellence in engineering and management, and the Woman in History Award presented by the Business and Professional Women/Dover Chapter.

Reappointed TRB Executive Committee Members

Larry L. Brown, Sr., has been Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Transportation, since June 2004. Mr. Brown was the former mayor of Natchez, serving in that position from 1992-2000. He has served on the Executive Board of Directors of the Mississippi Corporation, the White House Conference on Small Business, and the U.S. Department of Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Trade Policy. He has been active in the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and served as its President in 2010. He was a member and former chairman of the Mississippi-Louisiana Bridge Authority, responsible for funding construction of the new Natchez/Mississippi River Bridge. Mr. Brown is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi with degrees in management and marketing. He served in the school's department of marketing and management as an instructor for seven years.

Deborah H. Butler has served as Executive Vice President, Planning, and Chief Information Officer, Norfolk Southern Corporation since June 2007. She has been employed by Norfolk Southern since 1978; her most recent prior position was Vice President-Customer Service. She received a bachelor's degree in English literature from Agnes Scott College and has completed executive education programs at Northwestern University's Transportation Center, the Fuqua School of Business, at Duke University, and the Harvard Business School. Ms. Butler serves on the Board of Regents of Virginia Wesleyan College, on the Board of Directors of TTX Company, and is past Chair of the National Grain Car Council, chartered by the U.S. Congress and the Surface Transportation Board.

William A.V. Clark, a Professor of Geography and an adjunct Professor of Statistics, University of California at Los Angeles, has dual interests in geography and demography. His research is focused on understanding and modeling the changing urban mosaic, especially the changes in population at local neighborhood scales. Much of his work is concerned with residential mobility and tenure choice, and the interrelationships of population migration and the nature of demographic change in large metropolitan areas. Two recent books, *The California Cauldron* (1998) and *Immigrants and the American Dream: Remaking the Middle Class* (2003), extend the work on neighborhoods to examine the continuing debates about race and residential segregation in U.S. cities. Dr. Clark is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand, and a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is also a Fellow of the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences.

Susan Martinovich is Director of the Nevada Department of Transportation. She has worked for the Department for more than 27 years. She currently serves as the President of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)—being the first Nevadan and the first woman to hold that position. She has also served in leadership positions on many AASHTO committees, including the Standing Committee on Highways, the Standing Committee on Highway Traffic Safety, and the Standing Committee on Research. Ms. Martinovich served as a member of the TRB - National Research Council Committee for a Study for a Future Strategic Highway Research Program, which developed the goals, research agenda, administrative structure, and administrative needs for the second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP 2). She is a member of the SHRP 2 Oversight Committee. She holds a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the University of Nevada, Reno, and is a registered professional engineer in Nevada and California.

A listing of the entire [membership of the TRB Executive Committee](#) is available online.

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