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NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR JOSEPH L. SCHOFER WINS TRB'S 2011 ROY W. CRUM DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Joseph L. Schofer, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Northwestern University, is the 2011 recipient of the Roy W. Crum Distinguished Service Award. Schofer is honored for his distinguished achievement in transportation research. He will receive the award on January 25, 2012, during the Chairman's Luncheon at the Transportation Research Board (TRB) 91st Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

This award is named for former TRB Executive Director Roy Crum, who served from 1928 until his death in 1951. The award recognizes outstanding leadership in transportation research or research administration.

Schofer, who is also Associate Dean of the Robert R. McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science and Director of the Infrastructure Technology Institute at Northwestern, has made important, wide-ranging contributions on the planning and management of transportation systems, particularly the provision and use of data and information for effective decision making, decision support for infrastructure preservation and rehabilitation, and transportation policy. His work has spanned studies of travel behavior, evaluation methods, use of data in decision making, and infrastructure and operations management. A gifted teacher, Schofer is particularly proud of

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his many students who have gone on to become leaders across the transportation field.

Actively engaged with TRB for more than 40 years, he has chaired and served on numerous standing committees, policy study committees, expert task groups, and project panels. He provided outstanding leadership as chair of two recent study committees and played a key role in the development of the resulting reports, *How We Travel: A Sustainable National Program for Travel Data* and *Equity of Evolving Transportation Finance Mechanisms*—while simultaneously serving on a half-dozen other TRB committees, panels, and task forces. Schofer chaired the group that planned a 2009 national conference on developing a research agenda for infrastructure preservation and renewal. A member of the second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP 2) Technical Coordinating Committee for Capacity Research, he also serves as a member of the Technical Activities Division Section on Data and Information Systems, on a workshop planning committee and a task force focusing on the National Household Travel Survey, and as Northwestern University's longtime TRB representative.

A member of the Institute of Transportation Engineers and a life member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, Schofer also hosts a podcast—the “Infrastructure Show”—in which he interviews experts on transportation and other infrastructure systems. He earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Yale University, and master's and Ph.D. degrees in transportation engineering from Northwestern University. He has been on the Northwestern faculty since 1970 and has served as chair of his department and as Director of the Transportation Center.

More than 10,500 policy makers, administrators, practitioners, researchers, and representatives of government, industry, and academic institutions are expected to attend the Transportation Research Board (TRB) 91st Annual Meeting, in Washington, DC, January 22-26, 2012. The meeting, held at the Washington 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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