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2012 Officers and New Members of TRB Executive Committee Announced

Sandra Rosenbloom, Professor of Planning, University of Arizona, has been named the 2012 Chairman of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Executive Committee. **Deborah H. Butler**, Executive Vice President, Planning, and Chief Information Officer, Norfolk Southern Corporation, is the Committee's 2012 Vice Chair. Rosenbloom and Butler will serve one-year terms in these offices, beginning January 26, 2012.

Newly appointed members of the Executive Committee are **Chris T. Hendrickson**, Duquesne Light Company Professor of Engineering and Co-Director of the Green Design Institute, Carnegie Mellon University; and **Gary P. LaGrange**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Port of New Orleans. Hendrickson and LaGrange will serve three-year terms. Reappointed members of the Executive Committee are **Adib K. Kanafani**, Professor of the Graduate School, University of California, Berkeley (one year); and **Henry G. Schwartz, Jr.**, Retired Chairman, Jacobs/Sverdrup Civil, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri (three years). All terms begin January 26, 2012.

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 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

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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.

2012 TRB Executive Committee Officers

Sandra Rosenbloom is Professor of Planning at the University of Arizona. She is currently on leave from the university to direct an infrastructure initiative at the Urban Institute in Washington, D.C. 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.

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 from Agnes Scott College and 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 Trustees of Virginia Wesleyan College, on the Board of Directors of TTX Company, as a Commissioner on the Norfolk Airport Authority, and is past Chair of the National Grain Car Council, chartered by the U.S. Congress and the Surface Transportation Board.

Newly Appointed TRB Executive Committee Members

Chris T. Hendrickson (NAE) is the Duquesne Light Company Professor of Engineering and Co-Director of the Green Design Institute at Carnegie Mellon University. His research, teaching, and consulting are in the general area of engineering planning and management, including design for the environment, project management, transportation systems, finance, and computer applications. Current research projects include life-cycle assessment methods, assessment of alternative construction materials, economic and environmental implications of e-commerce, product take-back planning, and infrastructure for alternative fuels. He has co-authored three textbooks, including *Environmental Life Cycle Assessment of Goods and Services: An Input-Output Approach* (Resources for the Future, 2005), as well as two monographs. In addition, he has published numerous articles in the professional literature. Prof. Hendrickson is a member of the National Academy of Engineering, a Distinguished Member of the American Society of Civil Engineering (ASCE), an Emeritus Member of the TRB standing committee on the Application of Emerging Technologies to Design and Construction, and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Gary P. LaGrange has been President and Chief Executive Officer of the Port of New Orleans since 2001. Under LaGrange's direction, the Port made great expansions in spite of facing great adversity. During his tenure the Port opened new state-of-the-art container and cruise terminals. Also notably, and most publicly, LaGrange's leadership brought the Port of New Orleans back into operation within two weeks after Hurricane Katrina, the most extensive natural disaster in U.S. history. LaGrange has

held numerous leadership positions at state, regional, and national levels. He is the Chairman of the National Waterways Conference and serves on the Board of the Waterways Council, Inc. He is Past Chairman of the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA), an alliance of 350 ports in the Western Hemisphere. He also serves on the board of the Gulf Ports Association of the Americas, is past chairman and past president of the Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association, and was named to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta's Advisory Council on Trade and Transportation. He received the Leadership Award for his administration of the Port of New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina and was named to the Hall of Fame by the International Maritime Association at the United Nations. LaGrange previously served as the Executive Director of the Mississippi State Port Authority in Gulfport, Mississippi, and as Executive Director of the Port of South Louisiana on the Mississippi River as well as the Port of West St. Mary. He received a B.A. degree in geography/economics and a master of arts degree in urban planning, with honors, from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Reappointed TRB Executive Committee Members

Adib K. Kanafani (NAE) is Professor of the Graduate School of Civil Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley. Since joining the Berkeley faculty in 1970, he has taught and conducted research on transportation systems, transportation engineering, airport planning and design, and air transport economics. Dr. Kanafani has made major contributions to air transport demand analysis, airport capacity analysis methods, and airline network analysis. In 1997 he was founding co-Director of the National Center of Excellence in Aviation Operations Research at Berkeley. He was Director of Berkeley's Institute of Transportation Studies from 1983 to 1998, and he subsequently served as Chairman of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. Elected to the National Academy of Engineering (NAE) in 2002, he is the recipient of numerous awards, including the American Society of Civil Engineers' James Laurie Prize (2000) and the 2011 W.N. Carey Jr., Award—one of TRB's highest awards. A former Chairman of the TRB Executive Committee, Dr. Kanafani currently chairs the its Subcommittee on Planning and Policy Review. He has been active on TRB committees since the mid-1970s and has made significant contributions to multiple policy study committees. He earned master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of California, Berkeley, and a bachelor's degree in engineering from the American University of Beirut.

Henry G. Schwartz, Jr. (NAE) retired from the post of Senior Professor and Director of the Engineering Management Program at Washington University in St. Louis. Dr. Schwartz is a nationally recognized civil and environmental engineering leader who spent most of his career with Sverdrup Civil, Inc. (now Jacobs Civil, Inc.), which he joined in 1966. In 1993, Schwartz was named President and Chairman, directing the transportation, public works, and environmental activities of Sverdrup/Jacobs Civil, Inc. before he retired in 2003. He has served on the Advisory Boards for Carnegie Mellon University, Washington University in St. Louis, and the University of Texas, Austin, and has served as President of the Academy of Science of St. Louis. He is Founding Chairman of the Water Environment Research Foundation and served as President of the Water Environment Federation. Dr. Schwartz is Past President of the American Society of Civil Engineers and was a member of the Civil Engineering Research Foundation Board of Directors. Elected to the NAE in 1997, he has served on a number of NRC study committees, including the TRB Committee for a Future Strategic Highway Research Program, and on the NRC Board on Infrastructure and the Constructed Environment. He chaired the policy study committee that produced the report, *Potential Impacts of Climate Change on U.S. Transportation*. He currently serves as Vice Chair of TRB's Subcommittee for NRC Oversight. Dr. Schwartz received a Ph.D. degree from the California Institute of Technology and master of science and bachelor of science degrees from Washington University. He is a registered professional engineer.