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NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION VETERAN SUSAN MARTINOVICH WINS 2013 GEORGE S. BARTLETT AWARD

Susan Martinovich, Director, North American Highway/Bridge, Transportation Business Group, CH2M Hill, is the 2013 recipient of the George S. Bartlett Award for his outstanding contribution to highway progress. Martinovich will receive the award on January 15, 2014, during the Chairman's Luncheon at the TRB 93rd Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

The George S. Bartlett Award was established in 1931 by a group of friends of George S. Bartlett to perpetuate the spirit of friendship and helpfulness that he brought to his work in the highway field. The award is conferred annually. The recipient is selected by a Board of Award composed of one representative each from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, the American Road and Transportation Builders Association, and the Transportation Research Board.

Martinovich became a nationally recognized leader in transportation innovation and policy at the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), where she worked for more than 28 years and where she rose to the rank of director in 2007. In that role, she supervised the daily operations of the department, including an annual operating budget of almost \$700 million and 1,800 employees.

As director of NDOT, Martinovich is credited with significantly advancing alternative project delivery and transportation funding mechanisms within the department. Under her leadership, NDOT implemented construction management-at-risk; actively pursued public-private partnerships; and used the design-build project delivery system on the \$251.8 million widening of Interstate 15 in Las Vegas, which was completed seven and a half months ahead of schedule with no accidents or claims. She used a bridge slide replacement technique on the \$14 million I-15 interchange project in Mesquite and shepherded the historic \$240 million Hoover Dam Bridge to completion in 2010. She is also credited with initiating the multistate initiative that resulted in development of a multimodal master plan for the 840 mile I-15 corridor.

Martinovich was the first woman and first Nevadan to serve as president of AASHTO. 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.

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). Her association with SHRP 2 continued as a member of the SHRP 2 Oversight Committee. She also served as a member of the TRB Executive 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.

Nearly 12,000 policy makers, administrators, practitioners, researchers, and representatives of government, industry, and academic institutions are expected to attend the Transportation Research Board (TRB) 93rd Annual Meeting, in Washington, D.C., January 12-16, 2014. The meeting, held at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park, Omni Shoreham, and Hilton Washington hotels, includes more than 4,500 presentations in 800 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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