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**LOUISIANA TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH CENTER
DIRECTOR HAROLD R. PAUL
W.N. CAREY, JR., DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT**

Harold “Skip” Paul is the 2013 recipient of the W.N. Carey, Jr., Distinguished Service Award. Paul, recognized for his outstanding service to transportation research and to TRB, will receive the award on January 15, 2014, during the Chairman’s Luncheon at the TRB 93rd Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Created by the TRB Executive Committee in 1972 as the Highway Research Board Distinguished Service Award, the award was renamed in 1987 to honor W. N. Carey, Jr., who served with distinction as the TRB Executive Director from 1967 until 1980. The award recognizes individuals who have given leadership and distinguished service to TRB.

Paul, who is Director, Louisiana Transportation Research Center, Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, has served the Transportation Research Board tirelessly for more than 25 years in a variety of roles. The consummate TRB state representative, he has long been the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development’s voice in TRB and a key contributor to the Board’s strong continuing partnership with the states, both through his work in that post and through his leadership roles on the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Research Advisory Committee (RAC) and Standing Committee on Research (SCOR).

Those two groups, which work closely with the National Cooperative Highway Research Program,

have benefited from Paul's thoughtful and far-reaching contributions as the current RAC Chair and SCOR Vice-Chair.

Paul has served as a member or chair of more than 30 TRB councils, groups, sections, committees, panels, and task forces. As Chairman of the Division A Council—now the Technical Activities Council—from 1999 to 2002 he initiated the effort that led to the reorganization of TRB's standing technical committees and task forces into the current 11 group functional and modal structure. The enhanced structure has been credited with creating a new synergy among the groups, enabling the standing committees to address a wider variety of transportation research issues. In 2001 he was named a National Associate of the National Research Council of the National Academies.

Paul began his career with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in 1976. In 1986 his responsibilities within the department grew with the creation of the Louisiana Transportation Research Center, where he was named Director in 2006. Paul is a former board member of the Association of Asphalt Paving Technologists and has participated on many Federal Highway Administration advisory groups. Paul is a retired Navy Reserve Intelligence Officer with 42 years of service. He is a graduate of Lehigh University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering (1976) and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English (1976).

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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