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PATRICIA L. MOKHTARIAN HONORED BY TRB WITH THE 2018 THOMAS B. DEEN DISTINGUISHED LECTURESHIP

WASHINGTON -- Patricia L. Mokhtarian, the Susan G. and Christopher D. Pappas Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE) at the Georgia Institute of Technology, is the 2018 recipient of the Thomas B. Deen Distinguished Lectureship. Mokhtarian will present the Deen Lecture, “The Times They Are A-Changin’: What Do the Expanding Uses of Travel Time Portend for Policy, Planning, and Life?” on Monday evening, Jan. 8, 2018, at the 97th Transportation Research Board (TRB) Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Mokhtarian joined the Georgia Institute of Technology in August 2013, after 23 years on the CEE faculty at the University of California, Davis (UCD). At UCD she was Associate Director for Education of the Institute of Transportation Studies, and founding Chair of the interdisciplinary M.S./Ph.D. program in Transportation Technology and Policy as well as a Professor of CEE. While at UCD, she also served as Principal Investigator on a \$2.7 million National Science Foundation Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship award. Prior to joining UCD in 1990, she spent nine years in regional planning and consulting in southern California.

The lectureship recognizes the career contributions and achievements of an individual in one of the areas covered by the TRB’s Technical Activities Division. Originally known as the Transportation Research Board Distinguished Lectureship, the award was renamed in 2002 in honor of the eighth TRB executive director, who served with distinction from 1980 to 1994. Honorees are invited to present overviews of their technical areas including evolution, present status, and prospects for the future. TRB also publishes each lecture in a volume of the *Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board*.

In her academic career, Mokhtarian regularly teaches graduate classes in transportation survey methods and discrete choice modeling, and undergraduate probability and statistics, the latter taken by more than 2,000 students over the course of her career. She has been credited with making important and substantial contributions in the areas of transportation planning and policy making, information and communications technologies’ impacts on travel, and human attitudes and perceptions toward travel. She has authored or co-authored more than 200 refereed journal articles, technical reports, and other publications. Mokhtarian is one of the five most highly cited scholars in the field of transportation, and accordingly has shaped the nature of discourse in the field for generations to come.

Since 1988, Mokhtarian has provided continued service to TRB as a chair or member of six different TRB standing committees or subcommittees. In recognition of her service, she is an

Emeritus Member of the Standing Committees on Effects of Information and Communication Technologies on Travel Choices, and Traveler Behavior and Values. Mokhtarian was also a member of the committee that produced TRB Special Report 298: Driving and the Built Environment: Effects of Compact Development on Motorized Travel, Energy Use, and CO2 Emissions. The report estimates the contributions that changes in residential and mixed-use development patterns and transit investments could make to reducing vehicle miles traveled by 2030, and then also by 2050, and the impact this could have on meeting future transportation-related greenhouse gas reduction goals.

She earned her master's and Ph.D. degrees in Industrial Engineering/Management Science from Northwestern University, and her bachelor's degree in Mathematics (summa cum laude) from Florida State University.

The mission of TRB is to provide leadership in transportation innovation and progress through research and information exchange, conducted within a setting that is objective, interdisciplinary, and multimodal. Its annual meeting -- a major focal point of TRB's activities -- provides an opportunity for transportation professionals from all over the world to exchange information of common interest. Approximately 13,000 policymakers, administrators, practitioners, researchers, and representatives of government, industry, and academic institutions are expected to attend the 97th TRB Annual Meeting, taking place Jan. 7-11, 2018. The meeting, held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C., includes more than 5,000 presentations in more than 800 sessions and workshops covering all aspects of transportation.

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