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STPP PRESIDENT ANNE CANBY WINS TRB'S 2006 W. N. CAREY, JR., DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Anne P. Canby is the 2006 recipient of the W. N. Carey, Jr., Distinguished Service Award. Canby is President of the Surface Transportation Policy Partnership (STPP), a national advocacy coalition for transportation reform based in Washington, D.C. She will receive the award on January 24, 2007, during the Chairman's Luncheon at the TRB 86th 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 outstanding leadership and service to transportation research and to TRB.

Born in Jamestown, New York, Canby grew up in Wilmington, Delaware, and earned a bachelor's degree from Wheaton College. From 1977 to 1981 she served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs at the U.S. Department of Transportation, and from 1981 to 1982 she was Assistant Commissioner and then Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation, and ex officio chair of the New Jersey Transit Board of Directors. After working in the mid-1980s for Brophy & Associates and for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, Canby became a Principal of Canby Cameron & Associates (later, Canby Associates). In 1993 she was appointed Secretary of the Delaware Department of Transportation, a post she held until 2001. In her eight-year tenure, she gained national recognition as a progressive leader who successfully transformed a traditional highway agency into a multimodal service provider and as an advocate for integrating land use and transportation planning. Under her leadership the department also established a system preservation program for roads and bridges, created an intelligent transportation systems operations program, introduced high-speed toll collection on Route 1, increased and enhanced transit services, and built strong planning and financial management divisions. In 2001 Canby became a Senior Consultant for Cambridge Systematics, and in 2003 she was named President of STPP.

Canby's service to TRB has spanned her interests and emphasized her strong problem-solving abilities. She has been tapped twice to serve on the Board's Executive Committee—once while she was head of the Delaware Department of Transportation and again in her current role

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as President of STPP. Canby's most challenging role for TRB came in her tenure, from 2002 to 2005, as Chair of the Technical Activities Council (TAC), the group that provides leadership to the Board's hierarchy of 200 standing technical committees. Canby directed the major reorganization of these committees that took effect in 2004. This monumental undertaking—a difficult, overdue task—required vision, dedication, and firm leadership by the TAC Chair. With Canby's guidance, the effort's highly successful result is a combined functional and organizational structure that has created synergy among the component groups, enhanced the representation of committees focused on nonhighway modes, and enabled the standing committees to address a wide variety of specific and crosscutting transportation research issues. Canby also spearheaded efforts that have led to an increased focus on diversity among standing committee members.

Canby was honored as a Leadership Award Winner in 2000 by the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations, which cited (among other achievements) her instrumental role in fostering the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, her leadership and support in working with Delaware's metropolitan planning organizations while she was that state's transportation secretary, and her dedication to the public participation process in transportation planning. Also recognized by the Delaware Chapter of the American Planning Association and the American Public Transportation Association, Canby was named Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) Woman of the Year in 2004 by the Washington, D.C., chapter and in 2005 by WTS International.

More than 10,000 policy makers, administrators, practitioners, researchers, and representatives of government, industry, and academic institutions are expected to attend the Transportation Research Board (TRB) 86th Annual Meeting, in Washington, DC, January 21-25, 2007. The meeting, held at the Marriott Wardman Park, Omni Shoreham, and Hilton Washington hotels, includes more than 2,800 presentations in 500 sessions, 75 workshops, and 400 TRB committee meetings covering all aspects of transportation.

TRB's mission is to promote innovation and progress in transportation through research. In an objective and interdisciplinary setting, 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.

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