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## **ALAN PISARSKI IS RECIPIENT OF W. N. CAREY, JR., DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

Alan E. Pisarski is the 2007 recipient of the W. N. Carey, Jr., Distinguished Service Award. Pisarski, an expert on U.S. commuting patterns, is a consultant on travel behavior, transport policy, and data development and analysis. He will receive the award on January 16, 2008, during the Chairman's Luncheon at the TRB 87th 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.

Best known for his *Commuting in America* series, which began in 1985, Pisarski has worked for 25 years as an independent analyst and consultant, advising the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), the U.S. Census Bureau, federal agencies and commissions, and private associations. A former senior staff member at USDOT, he has been involved as a lead author or advisor on the national transportation studies conducted periodically by USDOT, and he has assisted the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials in preparing investment recommendations in a series of "bottom-line" reports to Congress. He has

testified before both houses of Congress on many occasions, represented the United States on international agency groups, and served as a consultant to a number of international organizations.

A volunteer leader in TRB for more than 35 years, Pisarski has served on numerous committees, panels, and task forces, and on the Technical Activities Council, and he has chaired or co-chaired more than a dozen of these groups. He recently chaired the Technical Activities Division's Section on Data and Information Systems and the Transportation History Committee, which he helped to found; and he is an Emeritus Member of the Committee on Urban Transportation Data and Information Systems. He has also served as both a panel member and a researcher for the National Cooperative Highway Research Program and the Transit Cooperative Research Program.

Pisarski has worked tirelessly on data-related issues, helping to build TRB's portfolio of activities and expertise in that field. He has provided significant volunteer leadership and service on many other aspects of transportation, as well—including recreational travel, travel behavior and values, transportation education, and policy formation.

A previous TRB Distinguished Lecturer, he received the Road Gang's P.D. McLean Award in 2000, was recognized in 2003 by the American Society of Public Administration for excellence in transportation policy and administration, and was named by the American Road and Transportation Builders Association as one of the top transportation figures of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

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) 87th Annual Meeting, in Washington, DC, January 13-17, 2008. The meeting, held at the Marriott Wardman Park, Omni Shoreham, and Hilton Washington hotels, includes more than 3,000 presentations in 600 sessions, 85 workshops, and 400 TRB committee meetings 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. 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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