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## **FORMER COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAMS DIRECTOR ROBERT REILLY WINS TRB'S 2007 ROY W. CRUM DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

Robert J. Reilly is the 2007 recipient of the Roy W. Crum Distinguished Service Award. Reilly, who retired recently as Director of Cooperative Research Programs for TRB, is honored for his outstanding leadership in transportation research management. He will receive the award on January 16, 2008, during the Chairman's Luncheon at the Transportation Research Board (TRB) 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

The Roy W. Crum Distinguished Service Award is named for a former TRB Executive Director, who served from 1928 until his death in 1951. The award recognizes outstanding achievement in the field of transportation research.

Reilly, who served TRB with distinction for 34 years, was Cooperative Research Programs director from 1985 until his retirement in 2007. Under his leadership, the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP)—the first of TRB's programs of applied, contract research—grew in both size and stature. Throughout his tenure, Reilly worked closely with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), whose member departments sponsor NCHRP in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, to ensure the responsiveness, quality, and usability of the research results.

NCHRP became a model that other organizations sought to emulate. In response, Reilly helped to initiate new cooperative research programs in transit, airports, freight, and hazardous materials transportation. Under his leadership, these programs managed hundreds of research projects that have improved the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of U.S. transportation facilities and have enhanced safety and mobility for users.

A structural engineer by training, Reilly holds a doctorate from the University of Maryland, where he served as a faculty member before joining TRB's staff in 1972. He has received many awards and honors, including the Federal Highway Administration Administrator's Public Service Award in 2007, Texas Transportation Institute's 2007 Research Champion Award, the Road Gang's 2006 P.D. McLean Award, the AASHTO President's Transportation Award for Research in 2003, and the 1997 Alliance for Transportation Research National Award for Science and Ethics in Transportation Research.

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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