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MICHAEL MEYER IS RECIPIENT OF W. N. CAREY, JR., DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Michael D. Meyer, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology, is the 2008 recipient of the W. N. Carey, Jr., Distinguished Service Award. Meyer, one of the most influential scholars working in the area of surface transportation planning, will receive the award on January 14, 2009, during the Chairman's Luncheon at the TRB 88th 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.

Meyer has been highly engaged with TRB throughout his career, both as a participant on committees and panels and as an investigator on Cooperative Research Program projects. His numerous leadership roles have included chairing the TRB Executive Committee and its Subcommittee on Planning and Policy Review; serving as International Secretary and chair of the International Activities Committee; and serving as a member and chair of a wide array of

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standing technical committees, policy study committees, conference planning committees, and research program panels. His service in these varied assignments is noteworthy for the quality of his intellectual contributions and for the energetic, hands-on participation he can be counted on to provide. In recent years, he has given special emphasis and effective leadership to strengthening TRB's international partnerships and outreach.

A gifted researcher, teacher, and administrator, Meyer has published extensively in the areas of transportation system planning, practice, administration, and policy. He is the co-author of the widely used college textbook, *Urban Transportation Planning: A Decision-Oriented Approach*. Meyer's recent book, *Transportation Congestion and Mobility: A Toolbox for Transportation Officials*, sponsored by the Institute of Transportation Engineers and the Federal Highway Administration, focuses on transportation and land-use actions that can be implemented to enhance mobility. He has also been involved with many expert review panels that have advised state and local officials on cost-effective investments in transportation, and has participated in consulting projects pertaining to transportation planning in a number of states.

Meyer is the recipient of numerous awards, including the 2000 Theodore M. Matson Memorial Award for outstanding contributions in the field of transportation engineering; TRB's Pyke Johnson Award for the best paper in planning and administration, 1995; and the 1988 Harland Bartholomew Award of the American Society of Civil Engineers for contribution to the enhancement of the role of the civil engineer in urban planning and development.

Meyer has been a Professor at Georgia Tech since 1991, and is the former chair of the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering there. Previously, he served as the Director of Transportation Planning for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and was on the faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He holds a B.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin, an M.S. degree from Northwestern University, and a Ph.D. from MIT, all in civil engineering. He is a registered professional engineer in the State of Georgia.

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) 88th Annual Meeting, in Washington, DC, January 11-15, 2009. The meeting, held at the Marriott Wardman Park, Omni Shoreham, and Hilton Washington hotels, includes more than 3,500 presentations in 600 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

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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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