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## FORMER FHWA ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR DENNIS JUDYCKI WINS TRB'S 2008 ROY W. CRUM DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Dennis C. Judycki, former Associate Administrator for Research, Development, and Technology at the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is the 2008 recipient of the Roy W. Crum Distinguished Service Award. Judycki, who served concurrently as Director of FHWA's Turner-Fairbank Highway Research Center, is honored for his outstanding leadership in transportation research management. He will receive the award on January 14, 2009, during the Chairman's Luncheon at the Transportation Research Board (TRB) 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

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

Judycki joined FHWA in 1968; his first permanent assignment at the agency was as an urban transportation planning specialist in the agency's California Division office. He also served in the "region five" Chicago office before moving to Washington as Special Assistant to the Executive Director. In 1981, Judycki was appointed to the Senior Executive Service, and in 1990 he became Associate Administrator for Safety and System Applications. In January 1999, he was named Associate Administrator for Research, Development, and Technology and

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Director of FHWA's Turner-Fairbank Highway Research Center. In that role, which he held until his retirement in 2008, he was responsible for leadership in developing and coordinating national research and technology partnerships; facilitating the corporate coordination of delivery of technology and innovation; and directing the formulation, conduct, and evaluation of R&D.

Judycki has been a proponent of innovation throughout his career. Early on, his focus was on urban transportation planning and financing; later, as Associate Administrator for Safety and System Applications, he was actively engaged in the first wave of intelligent transportation systems (ITS) initiatives. When Judycki took over responsibility for FHWA's research enterprise, he turned his attention to how best to organize efforts to deliver innovation, both within the agency and industry-wide. He brought great commitment and skills to these leadership tasks. As FHWA's chief manager, overseer, and champion of research, Judycki worked tirelessly to enhance national programs and to develop partnerships in highway research and technology, reaching out systematically to stakeholders and promoting the implementation of innovative research results.

Judycki has received numerous awards, including the FHWA Distinguished Service Award, the Secretary of Transportation's Distinguished Service Award, and the Presidential Meritorious Senior Executive Rank Award. Active in TRB since the 1980s, he is a member of several professional organizations, including the Institute of Transportation Engineers and the American Public Works Association. Judycki holds a B.S. degree in civil engineering from New England College, New Hampshire, and an M.S.C.E. degree, with a specialty in urban transportation planning and traffic operations, from West Virginia University.

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 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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