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PURDUE UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR KUMARES C. SINHA WINS TRB'S 2009 ROY W. CRUM DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Kumares C. Sinha, the Edgar B. and Hedwig M. Olson Distinguished Professor of Civil Engineering at Purdue University, is the 2009 recipient of the Roy W. Crum Distinguished Service Award. Sinha is honored for his outstanding leadership in transportation research and education. He will receive the award on January 13, 2010, during the Chairman's Luncheon at the Transportation Research Board (TRB) 89th 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.

Dr. Sinha, who also serves as Director of Purdue's Joint Transportation Research Program with the Indiana Department of Transportation, has made important, wide-ranging research contributions in the areas of highway infrastructure performance, rehabilitation, finance, and safety; headed a vibrant civil engineering education and research program at Purdue University; and provided expert guidance that has shaped infrastructure management systems and practices used throughout the nation and the world.

Highly engaged in TRB committees and activities for more than 35 years, he has served

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on numerous standing committees and National Cooperative Highway Research Program project panels, chaired the Technical Activities Division's Group 5 Council and the Committee on International Activities, is an emeritus member of two standing committees (International Activities and Transportation Programming, Planning, and Systems Evaluation), and currently serves on six committees.

Sinha has authored or coauthored more than 400 journal articles and publications, including a recent book, *Transportation Decision Making: Principles of Project Evaluation and Programming*, and served as editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Transportation Engineering* for two decades. He was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 2008 for his "contributions to the advancement of highway infrastructure engineering and management and to the education of transportation professionals worldwide."

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) 89th Annual Meeting, in Washington, DC, January 10-14, 2010. The meeting, held at the Marriott Wardman Park, Omni Shoreham, and Hilton Washington hotels, includes more than 3,000 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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