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VETERAN RAILROADER JAMES McCLELLAN HONORED WITH 2011 THOMAS B. DEEN DISTINGUISHED LECTURESHIP

The 2011 recipient of the Thomas B. Deen Distinguished Lectureship is James W. McClellan, Vice President, Woodside Consulting Group, Virginia Beach. His lecture, “*Railroads and the New Normal: Impacts of Lean and Green,*” will be delivered on January 24, 2011, at the Thomas B. Deen Distinguished Lecture and Presentation of Awards for Outstanding Papers during the Transportation Research Board (TRB) 90th Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. The lecture will be published in a forthcoming *Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board*.

The Deen Distinguished Lectureship recognizes the career contributions and achievements of an individual in one of the areas covered by the Board’s Technical Activities Division. Originally known as the Transportation Research Board Distinguished Lectureship, the award was renamed in 2002 in honor of the Board’s eighth Executive Director, who served with distinction from 1980 to 1994. Honorees are invited to present overviews of their technical areas, including the evolution, present status, and prospects for the future.

Jim McClellan’s unique career in rail transportation has included service in various

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capacities for Southern Railway, New York Central/Penn Central, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Amtrak, the U.S. Railway Association, the Association of American Railroads, and Norfolk Southern (NS). Milestones in which he participated include the creation and start-up of Amtrak, the creation of Conrail, the NS merger, and the split of Conrail between NS and CSX.

McClellan retired in 2003 as Senior Vice President for Planning at NS, where his areas of responsibility included rail mergers and acquisitions, sale and abandonment of rail lines, strategic and network planning, and public-private partnerships. He chaired the NS infrastructure team, which dealt with infrastructure and capacity issues, including the operation of passenger trains. He also provided technical liaison with FRA, the Surface Transportation Board, and state departments of transportation.

For TRB, McClellan has served on specially appointed committees for the studies on Landside Access to U.S. Ports, Freight Capacity for the Next Century, and Funding Options for Freight Transportation Projects of National Significance. He currently is a member of the Committee for Review of the Federal Railroad Administration Research and Development Program and the National Cooperative Freight Research Program project panel on Operational and Low-Cost Improvements to Freight Transportation System Performance. Among other committee and panel activities, he also served on the oversight committee for the Innovations Deserving Exploratory Analysis Program for high-speed rail.

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) 90th Annual Meeting, in Washington, DC, January 23-27, 2011. The meeting, held at the Marriott Wardman Park, Omni Shoreham, and Hilton Washington hotels, includes more than 4,000 presentations in 650 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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