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## **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, PROFESSOR ADIB K. KANAFANI TO RECEIVE W. N. CAREY, JR., DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

Adib K. Kanafani, Professor of the Graduate School and former Edward G. and John R. Cahill Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley, is the 2011 recipient of the W. N. Carey, Jr., Distinguished Service Award. Kanafani, recognized for his outstanding service to transportation research and TRB, will receive the award on January 25, 2012, during the Chairman's Luncheon at the TRB 91st 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 leadership and distinguished service to TRB.

Since joining the Berkeley faculty in 1970, Kanafani has taught and conducted research on transportation systems, transportation engineering, airport planning and design, and air transport economics. He has made major contributions to air transport demand analysis, airport capacity analysis methods, and airline network analysis. In 1997 he was founding Codirector of

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the National Center of Excellence in Aviation Operations Research at Berkeley. He was Director of Berkeley's Institute of Transportation Studies from 1983 to 1998, and he subsequently served as Chairman of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

Kanafani has provided outstanding leadership in policy and strategic planning for the Board and has made major contributions to the work of TRB's Executive Committee and its subcommittees, as well as to many policy study and technical standing committees. He served as the 2009 chair of the TRB Executive Committee. In that position, and in his current role as chair of the Executive Committee's Subcommittee on Planning and Policy Review, he has given thoughtful, pragmatic leadership in strategic planning during a challenging period for U.S. transportation and for TRB.

Kanafani has been active in TRB since the mid-1970s. He was an important contributor to the six study committees on which he served, including four aviation-related study committees that produced the following reports: *Measuring Airport Landside Capacity*; *Airport System Capacity: Strategic Choices*; *Winds of Change: Domestic Air Transport Since Deregulation*; and *Airport Research Needs: Cooperative Solutions*. He also has served on a variety of standing technical committees and as the TRB University representative for the University of California, Berkeley.

Elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 2002, Kanafani is the recipient of numerous awards, including the American Society of Civil Engineers' James Laurie Prize (2000). He earned master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of California, Berkeley, and a bachelor's degree in engineering from the American University of Beirut.

More than 10,500 policy makers, administrators, practitioners, researchers, and representatives of government, industry, and academic institutions are expected to attend the Transportation Research Board (TRB) 91st Annual Meeting, in Washington, DC, January 22-26, 2012. The meeting, held at the Washington 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.