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SANDRA Q. LARSON WINS TRB'S ROY W. CRUM DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

WASHINGTON -- Sandra Q. Larson, Systems Operations Bureau Director of the Iowa Department of Transportation's Highway Division, is the 2016 recipient of the Roy W. Crum Award for her distinguished achievement and contributions to transportation research and policy. Named for Roy W. Crum, who served as the Transportation Research Board's director from 1928 until his death in 1951, the Crum Award recognizes outstanding leadership in transportation research or research administration. Larson will accept her award on Jan. 11, 2017, at the 96th TRB Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Larson has held the posts of chair or vice chair of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Research Advisory Committee; the AASHTO Standing Committee on Research; the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Panel on the Innovations Deserving Exploratory Analysis Program; the second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2) Technical Expert Task Group on Nondestructive Testing to Identify Bridge Deck Deterioration; and the NCHRP Panel on the Communication and Dissemination Plan for Long-Range Strategic Issues Facing the Transportation Industry. She is currently vice chair of the AASHTO SHRP2 Safety Task Force.

In addition to these leadership roles, Larson is a current or past member of more than 20 TRB panels, committees, or task forces. She has served on Academies committees that addressed pavement technology review and evaluation, long-term bridge performance, and the U.S. DOT's Truck Size and Weight Study. In 2011, she was named a National Associate of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.

In 28 years with the Iowa Department of Transportation, Larson has held positions as Research and Technology Bureau Director, Engineering Bureau Director, Bridges and Structures Office Director--State Bridge Engineer, Resident Construction Engineer, and Bridge Design Engineer. Larson earned two Bachelor of Science degrees from Iowa State University, in civil engineering (1988) and in general sciences and biology (1975), and is a registered professional engineer, civil and structural engineering, in the state of Iowa.

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. The annual meeting -- a major focal point of TRB's activities -- provides an opportunity for transportation professionals from all over the world to exchange information of common interest. Approximately 13,000 policymakers, administrators, practitioners, researchers, and representatives of government, industry, and academic institutions are expected to attend the 96th TRB Annual Meeting, in Washington, D.C.,

taking place Jan. 8-12, 2017. The meeting, held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, includes more than 5,000 presentations in more than 800 sessions and workshops covering all aspects of transportation.

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