

**State Department of Transportation
Chief Executive Officers**



Duncan Joseph (Joe) McInnes

Director

Alabama Department of Transportation

Governor Bob Riley appointed Joe McInnes to serve as Alabama's Transportation Director. He assumed his responsibilities in January 2003.

In a statement to his fellow Alabamians, Mr. McInnes said "I want each of you to know the tremendous pride I have as I begin my work with the Alabama Department of Transportation. This department is, and always has been, a vital part of our State government and I hope to continue its reputation of outstanding service to the citizens of Alabama".

Mr. McInnes comes to the Department of Transportation from the private sector. He worked for Blount International for 25 years and retired as Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer. Blount, Inc. was founded in 1946. Today, Blount International, Inc. is a diverse, high-performing industrial company consisting of two business segments: The Outdoor Products Group and the Industrial and Power Equipment Group. These segments operate worldwide and manufacture and distribute products in more than 100 countries around the world. <http://www.blount.com/>

Mr. McInnes has a long history of civic and community involvement, with past service as President of the Montgomery United Way, President of the Tuckabatchee Area Council Boy Scouts of America, Director of the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce, Director of the Alabama Humanities foundation and Trustee of the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, to name just a few of his accomplishments.

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Leo von Scheben, P.E., P.L.S., F.SAME, MBA

Commissioner

Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

Leo von Scheben, 65, is a registered professional engineer and land surveyor who has lived in Alaska since 1963. He received his B.S. degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Florida in Gainesville, a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, and a MBA from the University of Alaska Anchorage. He was one of the four founding

partners of an architectural, engineering, land surveying and planning firm with offices in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest.

He has represented the Society of American Military Engineers (S.A.M.E.) on the Anchorage Post Industrial Liaison Committee, member of the 2006 S.A.M.E Executive Group and Commissioner to the Alaska Private Industry Council. He was voted Alumni of the Year by Bradley University. He belongs to the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Alaska Society of Professional Land Surveyors.

Von Scheben was featured in "How to Form a Successful Design/Build Alliance" in the January 2006 edition of the Professional Services Management Journal (PSMJ).

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Victor Mendez
Director
Arizona Department of Transportation

Victor Mendez, began serving as ADOT's Director in October 2001. Prior to this appointment, he served as ADOT's Deputy Director helping to coordinate the efforts of each division to achieve the goals of the organization.

Victor has been with the transportation department since 1985. Prior to his appointment as director, he served as agency deputy director, deputy state engineer for the Valley Transportation Group, assistant state engineer with Statewide Project Management, transportation engineering supervisor and transportation engineer.

During his years at ADOT, Victor helped develop the accelerated schedule for the Valley regional freeway system, advancing its completion from 2014 to 2007. During his tenure as deputy director, an ADOT team completed the first major design-build project in Arizona—the \$80 million widening of I-17 from Thomas to Peoria--and launched ADOT's largest project to date—the widening of the Superstition Freeway in the East Valley.

He began his career as a civil engineer with the U.S. Forest Service in Oregon and Flagstaff before joining ADOT in 1985.

Victor has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Texas, El Paso, and a master's in business administration from Arizona State University. He is a registered professional engineer in civil engineering with the state of Arizona and a member of the American Public Works Association.

Added Notes:

- Valley Forward's Environmental Excellence Awards (EEA) program is Arizona's oldest and largest environmental competition. Mr. Mendez received an Environmental Excellence Award for Livable Communities in 2005. The EEA program has grown significantly over the years and now encompasses 22 categories, including: buildings and structures, site development and landscape, open space and connectivity, art in public places, environmental technologies, environmental education/communication, environmental stewardship and livable communities.
- Mendez is considered an excellent communicator and collaborator with all of Arizona's citizens and groups.
- Current AASHTO President

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Dan Flowers

Director

Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department

Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department Director Dan Flowers has been with the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department for 36 years and has served as Director since 1994. He is a past president of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, a member of the University of Arkansas ' Academy of Civil Engineering and serves on the Mack-Blackwell Transportation Center's Professional Advisory Board on the Fayetteville campus of the University of Arkansas.

Flowers has been recognized by Metroplan, Arkansas's largest metropolitan planning organization, for his efforts to promote intergovernmental planning and cooperation through new legislation. Flowers was presented with the prestigious 2005 Jack Evans Regional Leadership Award by the Metroplan Board of Directors at their meeting in Little Rock on January 25, 2006.

The award was presented to Flowers for providing outstanding leadership in the passage of Act 2275 of 2005, known as the Regional Mobility Act. The act allows an individual county, or a group of contiguous counties, to form a public corporation to address regional transportation problems. The regional mobility authorities would have limited power to implement local taxes and issue bonds to build and operate improvements to surface transportation systems.

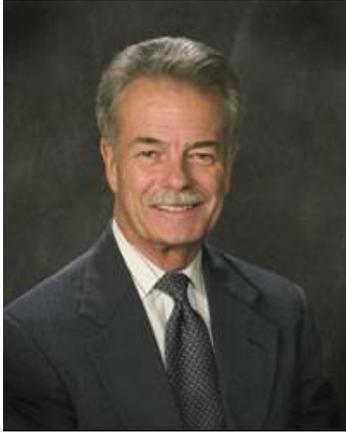
"The Regional Mobility Authority Act is a potentially groundbreaking piece of legislation that could hold the key to metropolitan regions meeting their transportation needs in the future," stated Jim McKenzie, Executive Director of Metroplan. "Only a few states have anything like this, and the main reason Arkansas has it is because of the foresight and leadership of Dan Flowers."

Upon receiving the award, Flowers said, "I am pleased to have been a part of the legislative effort to pass the Regional Mobility Act, and am honored to receive this award. Many people worked hard to pass this important legislation, and I accept on behalf of all who helped in that process. My knowledge of Metroplan's efforts and how we work together on many issues makes this a special award."

The Jack Evans Regional Leadership Award was established by the Metroplan Board in 1993 to honor the late Mayor Jack Evans of Sherwood, Arkansas. It is given to an individual, group, company, or institution for providing outstanding public service.

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Will Kempton

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Appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger in November 2004, Mr. Kempton is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of California's state transportation system, including more than 50,000 lane miles of state highways stretching from Mexico to Oregon and from the Pacific Ocean

to Nevada and Arizona.

As leader of Caltrans, Mr. Kempton oversees an annual operating budget of more than \$9 billion, 22,000 employees, and \$7 billion worth of transportation improvements under construction.

Mr. Kempton began his career in transportation with Caltrans in 1973. He held management positions in the area of finance and the director's office prior to being appointed as Assistant Director in charge of Legislative and Congressional affairs. In these positions, Mr. Kempton developed a broad understanding of transportation programs and policies at all levels of government. He is particularly knowledgeable in the area of transportation finance and legislative point of view.

Mr. Kempton translated his knowledge of transportation programs into the production arena during his employment as executive director of the Santa Clara County Traffic Authority. The sales tax program he managed is widely viewed as one of the most successful ever undertaken in the state, resulting in the delivery of nearly one billion dollars in highway improvements in less than 10 years. During his assignment as director of the Santa Clara County effort, Mr. Kempton mobilized California's sales tax programs into an effective coalition of "self help" counties. Selected by his peers to head this group, he marshaled a confederation of agencies and successfully lobbied Caltrans and the state Legislature for the creation of a state-matching program for locally funded projects. To date, the state/local partnership program has provided more than \$1.5 billion in matching funds for local transportation projects. This creative approach to achieving favorable objectives and the ability to build interest group consensus characterize Mr. Kempton's management style.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Kempton has developed extensive contacts throughout the transportation community at all levels of government. These contacts include local, regional and state administrators, as well as many key members of the state Legislature and the United States Congress. Mr. Kempton has been able to use these contacts effectively to accomplish a variety of objectives. For example, his professional relationship with then Congressman Norman Mineta, former Chair of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and currently Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, has been extremely helpful in securing federal grants to support projects such as the completion of the Measure A program in Santa Clara County.

In January of 2003, Mr. Kempton joined the City of Folsom as Assistant City Manager, Community Services. He was responsible for overseeing the operations of the City's Community Development, Neighborhood Services, Parks and Recreation, Utilities, and Public Works departments. Prior to his appointment, he served as a City Parks and Recreation Commissioner for eight years.

Mr. Kempton resides in Folsom with his wife Beverley. He has a son, Mark, and two daughters, Christina and Summer.

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Russell George
Executive Director
Colorado Department of Transportation

Russell George was appointed by Governor Bill Ritter to serve as the Executive Director for the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) on January 20, 2007. In this position, Russ is charged with leading the Department in planning for and addressing Colorado's transportation needs. CDOT's mission is to provide the best multi-modal transportation system for Colorado that most effectively moves people, goods and information. In continuing this mission, Russ will oversee 3,300 employees working at more than 250 locations statewide and an annual budget of approximately \$1 billion.

Prior to his appointment with CDOT, Russ served as Executive Director for the Colorado Department of Natural Resources (DNR) from January 2004 to January 2007. At DNR, he oversaw the operations of nine agencies, which include: the Division of Wildlife; the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission; State Parks; the Colorado Water Conservation Board; the Division of Water Resources; the Division of Minerals and Geology; the State Land Board; Colorado State Forest Service; and the Colorado Geological Survey.

Russ also spent four years serving as the Director of the Colorado Division of Wildlife, where he managed and supported a wide range of wildlife programs including wildlife recreation, species conservation, game and non-game management and wildlife education.

Russ was a member of the Colorado House of Representatives from 1992 to 2000. During that time, he was named Legislator of the Year in 1994 and 1996 by the Associated Press' capitol reporter, and received awards from groups as diverse as the Colorado Bar Association, the Colorado School Boards Association, Colorado Bankers Association, Colorado Counties, Inc., and many others. In 1999, he was elected by his peers to be Speaker of the House. Russ was elected to the House of Representatives to represent District 57 (Moffat, Rio Blanco, Garfield and Pitkin Counties).

Russ is a graduate of Rifle High School, Colorado State University—where he was a Boettcher Scholar—and Harvard University Law School. After being admitted to the Colorado and Montana Bar Associations, he co-founded the Rifle law firm of Stuver & George, P.C., in 1976.

Russ is married to Neal Ellen George, who teaches elementary special education in their hometown of Rifle. They have four grown sons: Russell, Charles, Thomas and Andrew.

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H. James Boice

Acting Commissioner/Deputy Commissioner

Connecticut Department of Transportation

H. James Boice of Glastonbury is Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Transportation (DOT). A 30-plus year veteran of the agency, Boice has been serving in this position since August 2006. In his capacity as Deputy Commissioner, Boice oversees the Bureaus of Engineering and Highway Operations, Aviation and Ports, and Policy and Planning. He is a nationally recognized authority on rail and transit issues.

In March 2008, Boice was named Acting Commissioner of the DOT by Governor M. Jodi Rell while a search was initiated for a permanent Commissioner.

Joseph F. Marie (no photo available)

Commissioner [effective June 2008]

Connecticut Department of Transportation

From April 22, 2008, News Release: Governor M. Jodi Rell announced today that she is nominating Joseph F. Marie of Scottsdale, Arizona as the new Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Transportation. Mr. Marie is currently the Director of Operations and Maintenance for METRO, the regional public transit system for Phoenix, Arizona and he brings to his new position more than 22 years of transit industry experience in both the public and private sectors. He is a native of Massachusetts.

As senior operations officer, Marie is currently directing the start up and operations of the \$1.4 billion Central Phoenix/East Valley Rail System. This is part of a comprehensive program that involves more than \$5 billion in investment in public transit infrastructure. Marie previously served as Assistant General Manager of Operations for METRO TRANSIT in Minneapolis and has held executive positions with two Fortune 500 companies. He has also held senior transit positions in the States of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

“Joseph Marie is a seasoned, proven administrator with a strong background in public transit, which really is the future of transportation in Connecticut,” Governor Rell said. “Reforming and refocusing the DOT continues to be one of my top priorities. We all understand what is at stake and what is required. We know that a modern, integrated transportation system of roads, rails and airports is fundamental to a strong economy. We do need a new, highly focused agency and Joe Marie has the vision, organizational skills and experience to move the DOT forward to the next level.

“Joe not only understands the vital importance of building a comprehensive and integrated system of transportation infrastructure and services, he has spent his career

implementing and managing those systems,” the Governor noted. “As Governor, I have led the way for the largest investment in decades in our transportation network—mass transit, rail service and road building. We need the best leadership possible to continue to bring change and improvement to the Department of Transportation as we build our 21st century transportation system.

Marie has published more than a dozen articles and papers in industry journals on equipment technology, operations and modal integration. His industry experience includes positions with rail equipment manufacturers Bombardier and Siemens. He received his Bachelors degree in Economics from Merrimack College in North Andover, Massachusetts and a Masters in Public Administration from Pennsylvania State University.

“The DOT is at a critical point in its history,” Governor Rell said. “It is one of the most important agencies in state government and it is responsible for policies and initiatives that will have a profound effect on our economy and quality of life now and in the future. We have made significant progress in setting a new direction. Joe recognizes the challenges we face and he is very much looking forward to addressing them head-on.

“I look forward to this new challenge and want to express my thanks to Governor Rell for her confidence in me,” Mr. Marie said. “I am eager to work with the talented, dedicated employees of the Connecticut DOT. I have a deep appreciation of the challenges they face. I know how important it is to succeed—and I know by working together and by listening and leading, that we can accomplish our important mission of transforming the delivery of transportation services in Connecticut.”

“Joe will implement a transportation strategy that recognizes the vital importance of mass transit, smart growth, transit-oriented development and the critical role of all forms of transportation in the maintenance and growth of our economy,” Governor Rell said. “My goal has been to build a 21st century transportation system to support and help grow our 21st century economy. We must continue to anticipate our future with the work we do today.”

The Governor thanked Deputy Commissioner H. James Boice for his service as Acting Commissioner while the national search committee completed its work.

The appointment will be effective in June. The nomination requires legislative approval.

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Carolann Wicks
Secretary
Delaware Department of Transportation

Ms. Wicks, 45, most recently held the positions of Chief Engineer for the Department, and the Director of the Division of Transportation Solutions. Ms. Wicks has worked at the Department for more than 23 years, serving in several capacities, including Assistant Chief Engineer and Assistant Director for the Project Management Team. She was sworn in February 1, 2006.

She is a member of the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Standing Committee on Highways and the AASHTO Transportation and Education Management Institute Steering Committee. She also is a member of the American Association of State Highway Engineers. Additionally, Carolann is a licensed engineer and has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Delaware.

She lives in Townsend with her husband, Ken, and their daughter.

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Emeka C. Moneme

Director

District of Columbia Department of Transportation

Emeka C. Moneme was appointed by Mayor Adrian M. Fenty as Director of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) in

January 2007.

Mr. Moneme is a public management and finance professional with years of experience developing and implementing corporate strategy for public and private sector organizations. The majority of his experience has been in the transportation sector, primarily the highway and transit industries. He most recently served as the Chief of Staff for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). In February 2007, he was sworn in as the District of Columbia's newest voting representative to the Board of Directors of WMATA.

Emeka began his career with the District of Columbia government in 2000, with what was then the Department of Public Works (DPW). He worked closely with the transportation director to develop the management case and legislative proposal for the creation of a stand-alone Department of Transportation, and then helped facilitate its implementation.

Other major accomplishments during his tenure with DDOT include facilitating the creation of the agency's first business plan and directing reforms to the capital programming process. He went on to serve as the department's senior advisor on financial and federal legislative issues.

Mr. Moneme further developed and enhanced his skills as a management consultant working with public and private sector clients. In this role, he worked on wide range of projects, from providing management efficiency consulting for state and local government agencies to performing due diligence services for major transportation financing transactions.

In 2006, Emeka joined WMATA as Chief of Staff. In this role, he served as the chief management advisor to the General Manager and worked closely with other WMATA senior executives to coordinate the Authority's overall business strategy and identify and implement new initiatives.

Mr. Moneme holds a B.S. degree in Aeronautics from Miami University (1995) and a Masters of Urban Planning from the University of Cincinnati (2000). He and his wife, Celeste, have four children.

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Stephanie Kopelousos

Secretary

Florida Department of Transportation

Stephanie C. Kopelousos was appointed Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) by Governor Charlie Crist on April 2, 2007. Prior to that appointment, she was named Interim Secretary by Governor Crist on January 2, 2007, after more than a decade of professional experience in state and federal public policy, with a particular emphasis in transportation. She oversees more than 7,000 employees and an annual budget of \$8 billion. The agency's mission is to provide a safe system of transportation that fuels our continued economic growth and enhances our quality of life.

Secretary Kopelousos has served in several capacities at the department since 2001. Prior to becoming Interim Secretary, Stephanie was FDOT's Chief of Staff, providing day-to-day management and directing legislative issues since December 2005. From 2001 to 2005, Secretary Kopelousos served as the primary federal liaison for the Florida Departments of Transportation and Community Affairs in Washington, D.C. Her policy portfolio included transportation, emergency management and disaster relief, and housing. She was instrumental in coordinating state efforts during passage of the reauthorization of the federal transportation bill and throughout two back-to-back hurricane seasons in 2004 and 2005.

Ms. Kopelousos entered public service in 1993 as a Legislative Assistant to Congresswoman Tillie K. Fowler, who represented Florida's 4th District including Jacksonville. She advised and supported Congresswoman Fowler in her capacities as Vice Chair of the House Republican Conference and Chair of the Transportation Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations and Emergency Management with a focus on transportation and emergency management policy.

Ms. Kopelousos is a 1993 graduate of the University of Alabama.

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Gena L. Abraham, Ph. D.
Commissioner
Georgia Department of Transportation

Gena Lester Abraham (pronounced “Abram”) earned a bachelor’s degree (1992) and doctorate (2001) in Civil Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Dr. Abraham was an assistant professor in Georgia Tech’s School of Civil and Environmental Engineering when Governor Sonny Perdue named her Executive Secretary and Construction Director of the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission (GSFIC) in 2003 and then placed her in charge of all functions of the State Property Office in 2006.

As State Property Officer, she served as executive director of the Georgia Building Authority (GBA), continued her GSFIC responsibilities, was Executive Director of the State Properties Commission and chairman of the Georgia Land Conservation Council. She was charged with consolidating the management of all real estate assets owned and leased by the State of Georgia. She also worked closely with public and private sector representatives to develop best practices for space utilization and cost-efficient management to effectively oversee the State’s capital assets. Dr. Abraham was also responsible for negotiating multi-year leases and contracts for properties across the state. Previously she also served as chief engineer for the GBA and managed construction across the U.S. for LaSalle Partners.

In October 2007, Dr. Abraham was selected by the State Transportation Board as the first woman Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation, overseeing nearly 6,000 employees and a \$2.1 billion operating budget.

Dr. Abraham has served on numerous boards including: the Sapelo Island Heritage Authority, MARTA Board, State Board of Equalization and the Capital Asset Management Advisory Council.

In 2002, as part of its observance of the 50th anniversary of female students being admitted to Georgia Tech, the Alumni Magazine spotlighted her among 50 women as representative of the thousands who had attended since the first two coeds were admitted. She was also recognized by Georgia Trend magazine as one of their “Top 40 under 40” for the State of Georgia.

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Brennon T. Morioka

Director

Hawaii Department of Transportation

Morioka is responsible for upgrading and modernizing the state's transportation systems, including airports, harbors and highways. Morioka previously served as the deputy director—highways for the department. Prior to that, Morioka was as a senior geotechnical engineer in the Honolulu Office of URS Corporation, one of the largest engineering firms in the world. He also was as an engineer with Harding Lawson Associates and Metcalf & Eddy, Pacific.

Morioka was confirmed as state transportation director on March 7, 2008.

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Pamela K. Lowe

Director

Idaho Transportation Department

Pamela K. Lowe became Director of the Idaho Transportation Department on January 16, 2007, a month after being named to the position by the Idaho Transportation Board. The preceding four months she served as deputy director and was Administrator of ITD's Division of Motor Vehicles for nearly 18 months.

Lowe has more than 25 years of engineering experience, including positions in the private sector and with the Federal Highway Administration and the Arizona Department of Transportation. She began her career with the FHWA working on construction and design projects throughout the country. She was the first female to oversee a construction project in that organization's history.

During her tenure at ADOT, she co-located her staff with the personnel from a worldwide consulting firm and developed Arizona's Project Management model for design development and construction coordination that is in use at ADOT today.

She began her career at ITD in 1993 as a construction associate. Two years later (April 1995), she advanced to planning services manager and then to regional engineer in 1997. Lowe became the first female district engineer in Idaho when she was chosen to lead District 3 in December 2000.

Lowe was promoted to DMV administrator in 2004. Under her leadership, the division initiated a process to evaluate current computing deficiencies and identify options for securing a new statewide system for issuing licenses, titles and vehicle registrations.

She is a registered professional engineer in Oregon, Idaho, and Arizona.

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Milton R. Sees

Secretary

Illinois Department of Transportation

Sees is a licensed, professional engineer and joined IDOT as Director of Highways in 2006. Previously, he served as General Manager of Crisp Container Company, Vice President and General Manager for Southern Illinois Concrete Products Co., Inc., President and Chief Lobbyist for North American Wire Reinforcement Institute, Inc., Executive Director of the Illinois Concrete Pipe Association and Deputy Director and Assistant Chief Engineer for the Capitol City Railroad Relocation Authority. Milt Sees lives with his wife in Springfield.

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Karl B. Browning (no photo available)

Commissioner

Indiana Department of Transportation

Appointed in November or December 2006.

He was Indiana's Chief Information Officer. Prior to that, he served as Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer for Golden Rule Insurance. In that position, Karl reduced IT expenses by 20% annually and implemented a performance management system across the IT division. He has more than 30 years of experience in IT and operational management. Browning is a veteran of two Ross Perot companies, EDS and Perot Systems Corp., Plano, Texas.

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Nancy J. Richardson

Director

Iowa Department of Transportation

Nancy Richardson has served as the Director of the Iowa Department of Transportation since October 2005. Richardson has served the Iowa Department of Transportation since 1982, including four years as the Administration Division Director. Prior to her appointment as agency Director, Richardson served 12 years as the agency's Operations and Finance Division Director. A graduate of the University of Iowa, Richardson is a member of several boards and commissions including the Technology Governance Board, the Interstate Cooperation Commission and the American Association of Highway and Transportation Officials.

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Deb Miller

Secretary

Kansas Department of Transportation

Governor Kathleen Sebelius appointed Deb Miller to Secretary of Transportation effective January 13, 2003. She is the first woman to lead the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and its more than 3,200 employees. Ms. Miller has more than 20 years of experience in the field of transportation as well as extensive experience in working with political leaders. She was closely involved in the development of the state's two largest public works programs: the 1989 Comprehensive Highway Program (CHP) and the 1999 Comprehensive Transportation Program (CTP).

Since becoming Secretary, Ms. Miller has helped shape national transportation policy as a member of several national transportation boards and committees. In 2008 she became chairman of the national Transportation Research Board's Executive Committee after serving as vice-chairman the previous year.

Ms. Miller also serves as chair of the Standing Committee on Planning of the American Association of State Highway Transportation Organizations. She chaired a panel that oversaw the development of the "Commuting in America III" report, and is a member of a blue ribbon panel of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission.

Ms. Miller came to KDOT after four years with HNTB, a nationwide firm of architects, engineers, and planners. At HNTB, she provided strategic planning and public communication assistance to state Departments of Transportation and municipalities.

Her role as Secretary is her second tour of duty with KDOT. From 1986 to 1997 she was the Director of the Division of Planning and Development.

Ms. Miller is a 1976 magna cum laude graduate of Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology.

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Joe Prather

Secretary

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Joe Prather was appointed by Governor Steve Beshear as Secretary of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in December 2007. Prather oversees operations for maintaining and improving a transportation infrastructure that includes 27,000 miles of roads, 244 licensed airports and heliports and 33 public transportation systems. The cabinet also oversees the registration of 3 million licensed drivers and 4 million vehicles annually. Prather's long record of public service began in 1967, when he was elected to the first of three terms in the Kentucky House. He was elected to the Kentucky Senate in 1973, serving as president pro tempore from 1976 through 1986. Prather returned to state government service as secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet under Governor Brereton Jones. Prather also has a history of business and civic involvement in his native Hardin County, where he has been a banker, Realtor, auctioneer and business owner. He has served as president of the Elizabethtown-Hardin County Chamber of Commerce, the Hardin County Board of Realtors and the Fort Knox/Daniel Boone chapter of the Association of the United States Army. He is a former chairman of the Elizabethtown-Hardin County Industrial Foundation, a member of the University of Louisville Board of Overseers and a former member of the boards of Hospice of Central Kentucky and the Louisville Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

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William D. Ankner (no photo available)

Secretary

Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development

Governor Bobby Jindal has named Dr. William D. Ankner as DOTD's new Secretary. Dr. Ankner comes to Louisiana from Missouri where he was responsible for creating and running the Missouri Transportation Institute and was a principal in his own consulting firm. Dr. Ankner served seven years, from 1996-2003, as CEO of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation and has held senior management positions in the Delaware DOT, New Jersey DOT and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Most recently he served as a panelist to the US Controller General's Transportation Finance Focus Group and as a participant with the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission's Blue Ribbon Panel of Transportation Experts.

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David Cole
Commissioner
Maine Department of Transportation

Governor John E. Baldacci of Maine named David A. Cole Commissioner of the Maine Department of Transportation in February of 2003. Mr. Cole was confirmed by the Maine Senate and assumed office in March of 2003. As Commissioner of MaineDOT, he oversees a department of 2,400 employees with a biennial operating budget of over \$1 billion. MaineDOT is responsible for planning, building, and maintaining Maine's transportation system, including highways, bridges, mass transit, railroads, ferries, and bicycle and pedestrian trails.

Prior to his appointment as Commissioner, Mr. Cole served eight years as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Eastern Maine Development Corporation, a non-profit economic development organization serving a six-county region in Eastern Maine. There, Commissioner Cole oversaw a wide range of programs and initiatives, focusing on entrepreneurial development, regional initiatives, and advocacy at the local, state, and national levels. He has extensive experience in the areas of development finance, deal structuring and negotiation, strategic planning, and resource development, and is an AEDC Certified Economic Developer. Commissioner Cole serves on the Board and is Treasurer of the Maine Port Authority; serves on, and is past president of, the Economic Development Council of Maine; serves on the Board of Directors of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO); and is Vice Chairman of the AASHTO Subcommittee on Intermodal Transportation and Economic Development.

Commissioner Cole is a native of Lincoln, Maine, and a graduate of the University of Maine with B.S. and Master of Public Administration degrees. He lives in Brewer, Maine with his wife Karen and twin sons, Alexander and Jonathan.

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John D. Porcari

Secretary

Maryland Department of Transportation

Governor Martin O'Malley has nominated John D. Porcari as Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT). The Secretary oversees the Maryland Department of Transportation, which includes five modal administrations with 9,000 employees and a \$3.7 billion annual budget, and the Maryland Transportation Authority. The Secretary is responsible for the operations of the Maryland State Highway Administration, the Maryland Transit Administration, the Motor Vehicle Administration, the Maryland Port Administration, and the Maryland Aviation Administration. He also serves as Chairman of the Maryland Transportation Authority, Chairman of the Maryland Port Commission and Chairman of the Maryland Aviation Commission. Mr. Porcari returns to this position that he held from 1999 to 2003 under former Governor Parris N. Glendening.

Mr. Porcari most recently served as Vice President for Administrative Affairs at the University of Maryland, College Park. In this position, he served as Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial Officer, managing an annual operating budget of \$1.3 billion for more than 35,000 students, as well as faculty and staff. He oversaw seven departments within the Division of Administrative Affairs, which includes Personnel Services, Comptroller, Public Safety, Facilities Management, Environmental Safety, Business Services and Procurement & Supply.

During his prior term as Transportation Secretary, Mr. Porcari initiated the implementation of a \$9.1 billion six-year capital program and:

- Transformed the state's capital program for transportation to require all projects to be consistent with the principles of Smart Growth;
- Initiated the Baltimore Regional Transit Plan and the Environmental Impact Study for the Purple Line;
- Implemented a record highway program including system preservation projects and bridge reconstruction projects;
- Worked with Maryland's Congressional delegation to secure \$2.4 billion for the Woodrow Wilson Bridge replacement project;
- Directed the \$1.8 billion expansion of Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport;
- Directed Maryland's transportation network in responding to September 11; and
- Initiated eMVA on-line services and implemented Graduated License System for new drivers resulting in a 22% decline in accident rates for youth drivers.

Prior to the positions in the state government, Mr. Porcari served as Vice President of Loiederman Associates, providing environmental consulting services for public sector civil engineering clients in the Washington, D.C. area. Mr. Porcari received his B.A. degree from the University of Dayton, Ohio, in 1981, and his Master of Public Administration from the State University of New York at Albany in 1985. He has a broad background in business and economic development, environmental planning and public policy.

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Luisa M. Paiewonsky

Commissioner

Massachusetts Highway Department

Luisa Paiewonsky was appointed Commissioner of the Massachusetts Highway Department (MassHighway) in June 2005. As Commissioner, she oversees MassHighway's combined annual capital and operating budget of \$890 million, manages 1,850 employees and has purview over 9,500 lane miles of roadway and more than 2,800 bridges. Her main emphasis areas are highway and employee safety, context sensitive design, and preservation of bridges and the Interstate Highway System. Under her leadership, MassHighway, in collaboration with an outside Task Force, developed the 2006 Project Development and Design Guide. The groundbreaking document, released in January 2006, has already gained national prominence. The agency has won national and regional awards for the Design Guide from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, the American Planning Association, and the New England Chapter of the American Public Works Association.

Paiewonsky has spent her entire career in public service. Following a three-year tour in the US Peace Corps, she joined MassHighway in 1989 and has worked in a variety of staff and management roles. Prior to her appointment as Commissioner, she served Assistant Secretary of the Executive Office of Transportation, Deputy Commissioner of MassHighway, Director of the Bureau of Transportation Planning and Development, and Manager of the Public-Private Development Unit. She is currently the President of the Boston Chapter of the Women's Transportation Seminar ("WTS"), and is active in the Transportation Research Board, where she has served on numerous panels and committees. She is a member of the Governor's Latino-American Advisory Board. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Spanish from Mount Holyoke College and a Master's degree in City Planning degree from Boston University.

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Bernard Cohen

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Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation

As Secretary of Transportation, Bernard Cohen directs the Executive Office of Transportation (EOT). The Secretary has direct oversight of the Massachusetts Highway Department, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, and the Massachusetts Aeronautics

Commission, and serves as the Chair of the MBTA Board of Directors.

Immediately prior to being appointed Secretary, Cohen oversaw the Federal Transit Administration's Lower Manhattan Recovery Office (LMRO) in New York City. In this capacity, he led a \$4.55 billion program to rebuild and restore transportation facilities and infrastructure in the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The program's responsibilities included the construction of the permanent PATH terminal and the rebuilding of the Fulton Street Transit Center and the South Ferry Terminal Station.

Secretary Cohen has more than twenty years of experience in the field of public transportation. He has held senior management positions at the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority. Before being appointed to lead the LMRO, he served as Deputy Managing Director of the Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad Co., overseeing service in the Boston area.

Secretary Cohen graduated from Union College in New York. He received a Master's Degree from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, and has worked as a freelance reporter for both the Boston Globe and Boston Herald. Secretary Cohen has two daughters, Celia and Abigail.

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Kirk T. Steudle, P.E.

Director

Michigan Department of Transportation

Born and raised in Adrian, Michigan, Kirk T. Steudle began his career with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) in 1987. As a registered professional engineer, Steudle has been engaged in all aspects of Michigan transportation, most recently as Chief Deputy Director. On March 4, 2006, he was appointed State Transportation Director.

Steudle is responsible for administering a highway program with 9,716 miles of state trunkline and 4,400 state highway bridges, a department with 2,800 employees statewide, and multi-modal transportation programs that include transit, rail, air, marine/port and nonmotorized transportation. At his appointment, Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm said: "Kirk Steudle is an internationally recognized leader in transportation system management, and he understands that the condition of Michigan's entire transportation system is critical to economic growth, job creation and quality of life."

Steudle's past assignments include serving as Bay Region Engineer from 2002 to 2003, with responsibility for administering and delivering transportation programs and services for the 13-county region surrounding the Saginaw Bay area. He also was Deputy Region Engineer for the Metro Detroit Region from 1999 to 2002, overseeing highway and transit programs in populous Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

During his 19 years at MDOT, Steudle has chaired many committees, ranging from specifications for construction to warranties to leadership conferences to employee mentor programs. He represents MDOT on the Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council and chairs the AASHTO Subcommittee on Asset Management. In August 2004, he was a member of the National Asset Management Delegation conducting a Transportation Asset Management Seminar in Riga, Latvia, for the countries of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. In April 2005, he participated in the FHWA/AASHTO International Scan regarding Asset Management in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and England.

Steudle currently plays a leadership role in development of Vehicle Infrastructure Integration (VII), working with Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) to grow Michigan's economy. VII is the technology that enables vehicles to communicate with the road network to promote greater safety and mobility.

Steudle is a graduate of Adrian High School and Lawrence Technological University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Engineering. He also served on the Essexville City Council from 1995 to 1999.

Steudle and his wife Marilyn have two children and live in South Lyon. His family still lives in Adrian, as does his wife's. In his spare time, Steudle coaches a team of elementary and middle school children in Destination Imagination, a program designed to teach creative thinking, teamwork, technical innovations and performance skills.

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Tom Sorel

Commissioner

Minnesota Department of Transportation

News Release, April 21, 2008 - Governor Tim Pawlenty today appointed Tom Sorel as Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT).

Mr. Sorel currently heads the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) division office in Minnesota. The FHWA is a part of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) and provides financial and technical support to state and local governments for constructing and preserving America's highway system. He starts at Mn/DOT on Monday, April 28.

Mr. Sorel, 51, has held various positions with the FHWA since 1978 including Major Project Team Leader at the agency's headquarters in Washington, D.C. and Director of Planning and Program Development and Chief of Technology Services in Albany, New York. During the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Mr. Sorel was the USDOT liaison for federal transportation issues and led the effort to build the infrastructure for the event.

"With 30 years of transportation experience and a civil engineering background, Tom Sorel is the right person to lead Mn/DOT," Governor Pawlenty said. "Minnesota has invested more in roads over the last five years than ever before. Tom Sorel will provide the leadership as we continue to build a modern and efficient transportation system for Minnesota."

Mr. Sorel received his degree in civil engineering from State University of New York in Buffalo and his Master of Business Administration from Thomas College in Maine. He has also received a Certificate of Conflict Management from Cornell School of Industrial/Labor Relations and an Associate Certificate Project Management from George Washington University.

In addition to many FHWA performance awards, he received the Presidential Honor for leading the federal transportation response, recovery, and rebuilding efforts in Minnesota in the aftermath of the I-35W Bridge Collapse. He currently serves on the boards of the Center for Transportation Studies at the University of Minnesota, Minnesota Guide Star, and the Transportation Engineering and Road Research Alliance.

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Larry L. "Butch" Brown, Sr.

Executive Director

Mississippi Department of Transportation

Larry L. "Butch" Brown Sr., of Natchez, Miss., is a longtime businessman and the former mayor of Natchez serving in that position from 1992-2000. A graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi with degrees in management and marketing, he served in the school's department of marketing and management as an instructor for seven years. After leaving USM he continued his business ventures in the areas of transportation, warehousing, real estate, wholesaling, and the hotel trade. He has served on the Executive Board of Directors of the Mississippi Business Finance Corporation, White House Conference on Small Business, the US Department of Commerce-Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Trade Policy, and was a member and former chairman of the Mississippi Louisiana Bridge Authority responsible for funding construction of the new Natchez/Mississippi River Bridge.

Awards received by Brown include the Governor's Golden Glove; the Mississippi Volunteer of the Year Laureate; the 1996 and 2000 NLC City Cultural Diversity Award; INC. Magazine's INC. 500 Award, which recognizes the fastest growing privately held corporations in America; and during Brown's service as mayor, Natchez received several times the Most Livable Community Award given by the Mississippi Municipal Association.

Brown is married to the former Shields Godfrey and is the father of three children, Larry L. Jr., Coyle Sessions, and Caroline (deceased). He is a member and former deacon of the First Presbyterian Church in Natchez.

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Pete Rahn

Director

Missouri Department of Transportation

As director of the Missouri Department of Transportation, Pete Rahn oversees the work of more than 6,000 employees who plan, build and maintain the state's transportation system. This includes 32,000 miles of highways and the state support of aviation, rail, transit, and port systems. Rahn assumed his position in September 2004.

At the national level, he is vice-president of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, as well as a member of its board of directors and chairman of its Standing Committee on Highway Traffic Safety. He also serves on the executive committee of the Transportation Research Board, as well as its Task Force on Accelerating Innovation in the Highway Industry.

From 1995-2002 he held the post of Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department. Prior to that, he was an executive at several large companies,

Rahn graduated from New Mexico State University with a bachelor of arts in government and a bachelor of science in planning.

Rahn was raised in New Mexico. He and his wife, Sue, have two children. His free time is spent enjoying family and outdoor activities.

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James Lynch

Director

Montana Department of Transportation

Mr. Lynch is the Chair of AASHTO's subcommittee on Highway Transport. He was appointed as Director of Montana DOT on January 3, 2005. Mr. Lynch was previously the Public Policy Advisor for Oldcastle Materials NW Group in Kalispell. He worked as the President and CEO for Pack and Company in Kalispell for fifteen years, and spent eight years as the General

Manager of Highway Maintenance for Johanson Construction in Spokane, Washington. Lynch is a pilot, with airplane single engine land, multi-engine, instrument and helicopter ratings. He graduated from Gonzaga Prep in Spokane and received his bachelor's of science degree from Kean University in Union, New Jersey. He is married to Pam. They have two sons and one daughter.

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John L. Craig

Director

Nebraska Department of Roads

John L. Craig has been the Director of the Nebraska Department of Roads since 1999. The Department is the surface transportation agency responsible for highway, rail, public transportation, and other programs throughout Nebraska.

He is on the Board of Directors of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) , Chair of the Nebraska Railway Council, and on the Advisory Board of the Nebraska Logistics Council. He is a past member of the Board of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America, Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board, National Academies, Chair of the AASHTO Asset Management Task Force, and Chair of the Joint Committee comprised of AASHTO, Associated General Contractors, and the American Road and Transportation Builders.

He previously served 24 years as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with assignments in the continental United States, Alaska, Korea, and Europe.

He has Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from Central Missouri State University and a Master of Science degree from the University of Alaska.

John is married to the former Kathleen Sue Shea of Warrensburg, Missouri, and they have three children: a daughter, Heather, and two sons, Brian and Michael.

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Susan Martinovich

Director

Nevada Department of Transportation

Susan Martinovich has worked for the Nevada Department of Transportation for more than 23 years. In this position, she is responsible for the daily operations of the department that has an annual operating budget of \$674 million and 1,700 employees.

Prior to her appointment as deputy director/chief engineer in June 2003, she held a variety of positions within the department. Starting as a rotation engineer, she became familiar with the operations of NDOT. She was then promoted into the bridge division, where she was responsible for the design of several structures throughout the state. After six years, she was promoted to the design division, where, as principal design engineer, she was responsible for the early development of many of the major new freeway projects currently under construction. After six years, she was promoted to the director's office as assistant director of engineering. In this position, Ms. Martinovich was responsible for all of the pre-construction engineering divisions, including design, bridge, traffic, safety, right of way, location, and environmental.

Ms. Martinovich is also involved in national activities in the areas of project management, safety, and research. She is actively involved in the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials, and currently serves as vice-chair for the Standing Committee on Highways and vice-chair of the Standing Committee on Highway Traffic Safety. She is also a member of the Standing Committee on Research and the Leadership and Engineering Management Committee. She is a member of many Transportation Research Board committees, including the Oversight Committee for SHRP-II, which will oversee the national research activities identified in SAFETEA-LU.

Ms. Martinovich has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Nevada, Reno, and is a licensed professional engineer in Nevada and California. Ms. Martinovich is a native Nevadan and resides in Carson City with her husband and two sons.

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Charles O'Leary (no photo available)

Commissioner

New Hampshire Department of Transportation

Gov. John Lynch nominated O'Leary to fill the unexpired term of former Commissioner Carol Murray. O'Leary's term will expire on Dec. 3.

O'Leary previously served as commissioner of the Department of Transportation from 1990 to 1996. After leaving the department, O'Leary became president and partner of Northeast Concrete Products based in Plainview, Mass., a position he held until retiring in December 2004.

"There are immediate financial and management challenges that need to be addressed at the department. Chuck O'Leary has the knowledge of the department and a proven record as an administrator making him the right choice to lead the agency over the next several months. He has already begun to examine the challenges facing the department and I am confident he will soon have some ideas on the best ways to move forward," Gov. Lynch said.

O'Leary graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering. He also earned a Masters in Business Administration from Dartmouth College. Prior to becoming commissioner in 1990, O'Leary was executive vice president of the CHEMFAB Corporation in Merrimack.

"I thank Chuck O'Leary for agreeing to return to the department, and we will soon begin the search for a permanent commissioner," Gov. Lynch said.

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Kris Kolluri
Commisioner
New Jersey Department of Transportation

Kris Kolluri was sworn into office as Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) on March 13, 2006.

Prior to that, Kolluri specialized in redevelopment and transportation law as an attorney at Parker McCay of Marlton.

Kolluri was Chief of Staff to New Jersey Transportation Commissioner Jack Lettiere. In this capacity, he served as counselor to the Commissioner and managed the development and implementation of the department's legislative and regulatory policies and communications strategies.

Before taking this post, Kolluri was Assistant Commissioner of Intergovernmental Relations for the New Jersey Department of Transportation, in charge of legislative relations, customer advocacy and public outreach and the divisions of Policy, Legislation and Regulatory Actions, and Federal and International Transportation.

Prior to working in state government, Kolluri held a variety of top positions in Congressional offices. Most recently he served as Senior Policy Advisor to House Democratic Leader Richard A. Gephardt, heading the Member Support Program which was established to help freshman Members of Congress design and implement long-term strategic initiatives. In early 1998, Kolluri was tapped to be special advisor to Congressman Gephardt on India and Indian-American affairs.

Before he worked for Congressman Gephardt, Kolluri served as Congressman Robert E. Andrews' Legislative Director and his principal staffer on the International Relations Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific.

Kolluri received a Bachelor of Science degree in Management and Marketing from Rutgers University, a Masters degree in International Business from Johns Hopkins University and a law degree from Georgetown University. He lives in West Windsor with his wife and two daughters.

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Rhonda G. Faught

Secretary

**New Mexico Department of
Transportation**

Since taking over the helm of New Mexico Department of Transportation, Secretary Rhonda Faught has transformed the agency into a true multimodal department

with emphasis on all modes of transportation.

Under her leadership, the department successfully implemented park-and-ride services in Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Los Alamos and Espanola. Working closely with Governor Richardson, Secretary Faught spearheaded the project for Commuter Rail service between Belen and Bernalillo. Eventually the service will extend to Santa Fe by the end of 2008.

She also was very instrumental in convincing the New Mexico Legislature to approve a much-needed statewide highway infrastructure improvement package GRIP – Governor Richardson’s Investment Partnership.

Faught is no stranger when it comes to breaking the gender barrier. Starting her career in 1988 she worked in various positions, including District Engineer, (the first female district engineer of the then New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department.)

She also headed the Local Government Assistance Bureau and served as the Adjutant Secretary for the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department.

Going back further in her career, she is one of the first women to receive an engineering degree from New Mexico State University. And first and foremost, she is the first female Secretary to head the New Mexico Department of Transportation in its 100-year history. “Today we make history,” New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson said when he appointed Rhonda to the position early 2003.

New Mexico lawmakers were so impressed with Faught’s innovative approach in helping local governments that the New Mexico House of Representatives honored Faught during the 1995 session. Also for the same purpose, the City of Las Cruces adopted a day in her honor.

In 2003 Rhonda was once again honored. The American Public Works Association selected her as one of the Top ten Public Works Leaders for that year. In the same year, she received the Trailblazer Award by the Commission

on the Status of Women. This award recognizes women who have succeeded in non-traditional careers, which are described as careers with generally less than 10% female.

Rhonda's vision for the Department is crystal clear—she wants to make the New Mexico Department of Transportation great.

Her vision for the department, not only includes maintaining and improving the state's highways, but also improving traffic safety by lowering DWI statistics and exploring multimodal transportation, such as rail, aviation and public transportation, in order to make New Mexico competitive in the global economy.

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Astrid C. Glynn

Commissioner

New York State Department of Transportation

Astrid C. Glynn was confirmed as Commissioner of the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) on May 22, 2007.

As NYSDOT Commissioner, Ms. Glynn plays a key role in setting transportation policies at both the State and the national level. She chairs the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Capital Program Review Board as well as the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC). She is a member of the Governor's Smart Growth Cabinet, and the Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) Executive Leadership Council. At the national level, Ms. Glynn chairs the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Standing Committee on Rail Transportation (SCORT), chairs the AASHTO Intercity Passenger Rail Leadership Group (ICPRLG), and is a member of the AASHTO Special Committee on Intermodal Transportation and Economic Expansion.

Before joining NYSDOT, Ms. Glynn was Deputy Chief in the Massachusetts Office for Commonwealth Development. She also served in the Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation in a number of capacities, including Deputy Secretary for Capital Planning and Multimodal Transportation and Director of Intermodal Transportation.

Ms. Glynn earned her B.A. from Bennington College and her J.D. from Albany Law School.

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Lyndo Tippet

Secretary

North Carolina Department of Transportation

Governor Mike Easley appointed Lyndo Tippet as Secretary of the N.C. Department of Transportation in January 2001 and re-appointed him for a second term in January 2005. Prior to his appointment, Tippet served on the N.C. Board of Transportation for eight years as the chairman of the Audit and Contract Committee. He also currently serves as chair of the N.C. Turnpike Authority.

Tippet is a native of Emit, N.C. and a long-time resident of Fayetteville. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree with a concentration in accounting from Barton College, and is a Certified Public Accountant, having worked with the firm of Tippet, Padrick, Bryan, Merritt and Raynor in Fayetteville prior to his appointment. Tippet began his career as a CPA with Ernst and Young in the Raleigh office.

During his first four years as transportation secretary, Tippet's proudest accomplishments include the development of North Carolina Moving Ahead!, a \$700 million transportation program to improve safety and mobility across the state; and the creation of the Ecosystem Enhancement Program, a nationally recognized partnership with the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Through the EEP, the state has protected about 35,000 acres of high-quality assets throughout North Carolina, which are used for mitigation in the Department of Transportation highway construction program.

Tippet continues to lead the department's efforts to improve transportation project delivery, seek innovative solutions to meet the state's growing transportation needs, protect the environment, implement the new statewide long-range transportation plan and expand public transportation.

Tippet and his wife Lou have two children, Kellon and Walt, and a daughter-in-law Sally Scott, as well as three grandchildren, Walt, Hill and Sarah.

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Francis G. Ziegler, P.E.

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Francis G. Ziegler currently serves as North Dakota's Director of Transportation. Ziegler was appointed Director on October 5, 2006, by Governor John Hoeven. He had previously served as North Department of Transportation Director of the Office of Project Development.

Professional Experience:

Francis earned his Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the North Dakota State University in 1970. Francis has worked for the Department of Transportation since 1970. Francis has served the state of North Dakota in a number of capacities for 36 years, including Director of the Office of Project Development, West Region Engineer, Assistant Chief Engineer (Operations), Construction Engineer, and Project and Resident Engineer.

Francis is a Professional Engineer with a background in field construction, statewide operations (construction and maintenance), planning and programming of projects, budget, environmental document preparation, and plan development.

Francis has also served on a number of civic organizations. He has been president of the Bismarck Park Board, the Bismarck Recreation Council, the Ronald McDonald House Board and the Bismarck Gymnastic Academy. He is a member of the American Society of Highway Engineers.

Francis is a native of Zeeland, North Dakota. He and his wife Jan, are residents of Bismarck; they have four children, and seven grandchildren.

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James Beasley, P.E., P.S.

Director

Ohio Department of Transportation

Ohio Governor Ted Strickland announced the appointment of Brown County Engineer James Beasley, P.E., P.S., as ODOT Director. Beasley began his duties March 5, 2007.

“I am eager to work with our state’s various regions and cities to ensure that all Ohioans have access to a quality, statewide transportation system,” Beasley said. “This cooperation is absolutely necessary to ensure that economic development and job creation in every part of the state remain key priorities of the Ohio Department of Transportation.”

Beasley, 57, has served as Brown County Engineer since 1980. Prior to becoming Brown County Engineer, Beasley worked as the county’s deputy engineer from 1975-1979.

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Phil Tomlinson

Secretary

Oklahoma Department of Transportation

Phil Tomlinson, Shawnee, was appointed Secretary of Transportation by Governor Brad Henry in January 2003.

Tomlinson is a retired real estate investor. He also has experience in the petroleum industry and in state economic development efforts.

He served as a coordinator of rural economic development programs for Governors Bartlett and Hall, and worked in development of commercial real estate projects for 18 years before starting his own operation.

Tomlinson attended Perkins High School and holds degrees in Marketing and Business from Oklahoma State University.

He and his wife, Carol, have two sons.

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Matthew Garrett (no photo available)

Director

Oregon Department of Transportation

Governor Ted Kulongoski appointed Matthew Garrett as Director of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), effective December 19, 2005.

“Matt Garrett is a proven leader who recognizes the important relationship between building a strong transportation infrastructure and building a strong economy,” Governor Kulongoski said.

“This is a critical time for transportation in Oregon. The department is in the midst of the largest highway construction effort since the 1950s and is launching new projects throughout the state as a result of ConnectOregon. Matt’s expertise on transportation is diverse and extensive and I am confident that Oregon will be well-served by his leadership and benefit from his commitment to make our communities more accessible for citizens and for commerce.”

Garrett has served in several positions within ODOT since 1997, including chief of staff for former Director Bruce Warner, and as the Region 1 manager, which included the Portland area, for more than two years. Garrett, 47, holds a bachelors degree in political science from George Washington University, and served on Senator Mark O. Hatfield’s staff from 1993 to 1997. Garrett and wife, Laurie, live in Portland with their three daughters.

Additional Notes:

- Matthew Garrett was an expert presenter at the “Building Better Communities: Expanding Housing, Economic and Transportation Choices” Conference. The goals of the conference were to:
 1. Identify smart growth opportunities – and needed actions – for Central Oregon;
 2. Learn from smart growth successes achieved in Central Oregon and elsewhere;
 3. Expand transportation choices in the fast-growing Central Oregon region;
 4. Examine the links between transportation, land use, and urban design;
 5. Understand the transportation costs of housing; and
 6. Examine the economic impacts of smart growth on real estate.
- At the Oregon Sustainability Board Meeting, Matthew Garret discussed the Oregon Transportation Plan which embraces the concept of sustainability, the bridge program, the creation of a full-time sustainability coordinator position.

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Allen D. Biehler, P.E.

Secretary

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Nominated by Gov. Edward G. Rendell, Allen D. Biehler, P.E., was confirmed by the State Senate as Pennsylvania's Transportation Secretary in February 2003.

Secretary Biehler is responsible for an organization of about 12,000 employees with an annual budget in excess of \$5 billion. PennDOT owns and operates the nation's fifth largest state-owned highway system and administers one of the nation's largest grant programs for mass transit, rail freight and aviation. PennDOT also processes 30 million driver and vehicle customer service transactions each year, and operates the 12 Pennsylvania Welcome Centers which greeted over three-million visitors in 2002.

Before taking the lead at PennDOT, Secretary Biehler amassed 34 years experience in transportation engineering, planning, construction administration and public transportation management.

While a vice president at the international transportation consulting firm of DMJM+Harris, Secretary Biehler was project manager for the North Shore Light Rail Transit connector and for the Strategic Visioning Study—both in Pittsburgh. He also was director of planning and preliminary engineering for the Tren Urbano rail system in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

During a 17-year career at the Port Authority of Allegheny County, Secretary Biehler served as director of planning and business development and later director of planning, engineering and construction. His duties included managing a 50-person staff and more than \$500 million in engineering, architecture, construction and value engineering contracts. He directed preparation of the agency's first strategic plan and business plan and initiated and co-directed a collaborative team effort to create an agency-wide vision and critical success measurements. He also played a role in waterway and freight transportation issues in the Port of Pittsburgh region.

Before joining the Port Authority, Secretary Biehler worked for 12 years in city and county government in Pittsburgh on highway and aviation planning. He was involved in the planning for the new landside terminal at Pittsburgh International Airport and in reviews of the administrative organization for the airport's management and operations. He was instrumental in persuading the Port Authority to implement a light rail subway in downtown Pittsburgh.

Secretary Biehler also has served on committees of the Transportation Research Board, the American Public Transportation Association and the University of

Pittsburgh. He has written articles for national transportation professional journals and was awarded a Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Pittsburgh in 1997.

A native of Rochester, New York, Secretary Biehler is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in civil engineering and holds a master's equivalent certificate in transportation from Yale University. He is a certified professional engineer. He and his wife, Diane, live in Crafton, Allegheny County.

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Michael P. Lewis

Director

Rhode Island Department of Transportation

Michael P. Lewis was named Director of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation by Governor Donald L. Carcieri and started work with the agency in mid-March 2008. Director Lewis was an engineer with the Massachusetts Highway Department from 1984 to 1992, when he moved to the Central Artery/Tunnel project. In 1999, he became a Deputy Project Director for the Big Dig project, responsible for engineering and construction and for reorganization of the project's management and leadership. From April 2000 through December 2007, he was Director of the project, part of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority.

Director Lewis was a recipient of the Move Massachusetts 2000 Special Engineering Achievement Award and the National Engineers Week-Boston: New England Achievement Award. In 2006 he was the recipient of the Boston Engineering Center Leadership Award.

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H. B. (Buck) Limehouse, Jr.

Secretary

South Carolina Department of Transportation

The South Carolina Senate confirmed Governor Mark Sanford's appointment of Harry Bancroft "Buck" Limehouse, Jr. as Secretary of Transportation Friday morning during the one-day special session of the General Assembly.

Limehouse is the first person in the history of South Carolina to take office as the Secretary of Transportation. Following his confirmation

Limehouse said, "I have served SCDOT as a Commissioner, as Chairman of the Commission, as Executive Director and I've also served as a member of the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank Board. In all of these roles I have dealt with highway initiatives on the state and federal levels. Now I will use this experience to improve our highway system, which includes making our roads safer, as South Carolina's first Secretary of Transportation."

Limehouse had been appointed to the position of Executive Director by the SCDOT Commission on May 1. He became Chief Administrative Officer on June 27 when Governor Sanford signed the DOT Reform Act into law.

In a statement released earlier this week, Governor Sanford said, "Buck Limehouse's wealth of institutional knowledge made him the right person for the job."

Limehouse's experience in transportation runs far and wide in both South Carolina and throughout the Southeast. He was elected as the Commissioner from the 1st Congressional District in 1993. After state government was reorganized in 1994, Limehouse was appointed SCDOT Commission Chairman by Governor Carroll Campbell in that same year. He was reappointed Commission Chairman by Governor David Beasley in 1995, serving until 1999.

During his tenure as SCDOT Commission Chairman, and as a member of the State Infrastructure Bank Board, he initiated several major transportation projects that totaled in the billions of dollars in value. Some of those projects include the Cross Island Parkway, the Southern Connector, the Conway Bypass and the Carolina Bays Parkway.

Following his tenure on the SCDOT Commission, Mr. Limehouse served as a consultant to the Georgia DOT in 2002. His focus was the Northern Arc project, a 60-mile high-speed, limited access freeway north of Atlanta.

When his service with Georgia DOT was complete, Limehouse was nominated by the entire Florida DOT Commission for the post of Secretary of Transportation in that state. He was one of three finalists for the position out of over 80 candidates that were considered.

Limehouse is a native of Charleston and a 1960 graduate of The Citadel. Among his numerous honors, he was named "Transportation Advocate of the Year" in 1995 by the SC Transportation Policy Council, and he received the Order of the Palmetto from Governor Campbell in 1995 and a second Order of the Palmetto from Governor Beasley in 1999. He is listed in "Who's Who in America" and "Who's Who in the World."

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Darin Bergquist

Secretary

South Dakota Department of Transportation

Gov. Mike Rounds announced Oct. 11 [2007] that Darin Bergquist will serve as the secretary for the South Dakota Department of Transportation. Bergquist had been serving as interim secretary of the SDDOT since May 31.

“As interim secretary for the past four months, Darin has proven his ability to manage this large agency,” said Gov. Rounds. “He understands the day-today activities and also brings the legal expertise that will be helpful in managing the many contracts and federal legislation in the future.”

Bergquist began his work with state government in 1996 as an Administrative Law Judge with the Department of Labor. He joined the Department of Transportation in 1998 as an Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Legal Counsel and served as the Program Manager for the Right of Way Office and as Director of Operations before his current appointment.

“I appreciate the opportunity to serve the people of South Dakota in this position,” said Bergquist. “During my time as acting secretary and in my previous nine years with the DOT, I have learned how vital highway systems are to our nation’s economy, security, and quality of life.”

Bergquist is a graduate of Jamestown College with a degree in Business Administration. He obtained his Juris Doctorate from the University of South Dakota School of Law in 1993.

Darin and his wife, Natalie, live in Pierre.

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Gerald F. Nicely

Commissioner

Tennessee Department of Transportation

Gerald F. Nicely was appointed Commissioner of Transportation for Tennessee by Governor Phil Bredesen shortly after his election in November 2002. He assumed the position in January 2003. Commissioner Nicely had the distinction of serving simultaneously in two state cabinet posts following his December 2005 appointment by the Governor to oversee the restructuring of the Tennessee Department of Safety. In addition to his duties at TDOT, Nicely served as Interim Commissioner of Safety from December 2005 until January 2007. In that role, he worked to initiate changes necessary to restore public confidence and credibility in the law enforcement and licensing agency.

Nicely joined state government and TDOT after more than 30 years of local government experience and a track record of successfully forging public-private partnerships that helped transform Nashville. He served as Executive Director of Nashville's Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency from 1979-2002. Under his leadership, MDHA spearheaded a wide range of development and housing initiatives and was viewed as one of the best-run local agencies in the country. From 1995-97, he served a two-year term as President of the Public Housing Authorities Directors Association Board.

During Nicely's tenure, MDHA helped revitalize downtown Nashville through a series of partnerships that led to development of such projects as the Nashville Convention Center, Riverfront Park, the BellSouth Tower, the LP Field (home to the NFL Tennessee Titans), the Gaylord Entertainment Center, the Frist Center for the Visual Arts and Nashville's state-of-the-art Main Library.

Nicely grew up in Oak Ridge and is a graduate of Oak Ridge High School. He holds both bachelors and masters degrees in economics from the University of Tennessee. He is a U.S. Army veteran. He serves on the boards of the Frist Center for the Visual Arts and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. He is an alumnus of Leadership Nashville.

In accordance with Governor Bredesen's priorities for TDOT, Nicely has worked to change the culture of the department by increasing its credibility with the general public and local governments, developing a new multi-modal Long Range Transportation Plan, insuring compliance with all environmental laws and regulations, and streamlining the project development process.

Nicely is married to Donna Nicely, director of the Nashville Public Library system, and has two grown daughters and three grandsons.

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Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.

Executive Director

Texas Department of Transportation

Amadeo Saenz Jr., P.E., is executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Under Texas Transportation Commission direction, he manages, directs, and implements TxDOT policies, programs, and operating strategies. He also represents TxDOT before the Texas Legislature and other entities. He became executive director Oct. 1, 2007.

After earning a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering (with honors) at the University of Texas at Austin, Saenz joined TxDOT in 1978 in the Pharr District as an engineering laboratory assistant. Working within the district, he progressed through various positions including engineering assistant, assistant area engineer, assistant field operations engineer, and area engineer.

He was named district engineer in the Pharr District in October 1993. He held this position until his appointment as Assistant Executive Director for Engineering Operations in Austin, which became effective Nov. 1, 2001. In this role, he implemented and managed TxDOT's engineering operations policies, programs and operating strategies according to federal and state laws and Texas Transportation Commission regulations and directives.

A native of Hebbronville, Saenz is a past member of the Laredo and Pharr Rotary and was active with the McAllen-area Boy Scouts. He served on the Civil Engineering External Advisory Committee for the University of Texas at Austin. He owns and operates a small cattle ranch in South Texas, and he enjoys horseback riding and hunting.

Saenz and his wife, Geraldine, have two children, Priscilla Marie and David Aaron.

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John Njord
Executive Director
Utah Department of Transportation

John R. Njord has served as Executive Director of the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) since May 2001.

UDOT is an agency of 1,800 employees with responsibility for the design, construction, maintenance, and operation of the 6,000-mile state system of roads and highways.

Mr. Njord joined the Department in 1988, where he has served as the Deputy Director, Chief Engineer, Urban Planning Engineer, and other engineering positions. He also served as the UDOT Director of Transportation Planning with the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, where he was responsible for transportation planning for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.

Mr. Njord is the past President of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), and is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. The Public Relations Society of America named Mr. Njord the "Utah Communicator of the Year" in November 2002.

Mr. Njord graduated from the University of Utah with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and is a registered professional engineer. He and his wife, Sherry Painter Njord, have been married for 22 years and have four children.

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Neale Lunderville

Secretary

Vermont Agency of Transportation

Lunderville served on the Governor's senior staff as Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs from January 2003 to June 2006. In this role Lunderville was the Governor's lead for emergency operations and also served as his liaison with VTrans, the Agency of Agriculture and the Department of Public Safety. In May, Lunderville retired briefly from public service but said the opportunity to lead the Agency of Transportation was a privilege he could not turn down.

"I have been deeply honored to work for Governor Douglas and very proud of the Governor's leadership and his vision for Vermont. VTrans has a critical mission and I look forward to continuing the efforts of Secretary Terrill," Lunderville said. "I'm enthusiastic about implementing the transportation components of the Governor's Agenda of Affordability in support of economic development and job creation. The quality of our transportation infrastructure and the strength of VTrans are absolutely vital to the future economic security of our state. I look forward to again working closely with the Governor and to engaging with the VTrans leadership team."

About Neale Lunderville:

Prior to his 2003 appointment as Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, Lunderville served as the Governor's campaign manager. He has also served as congressional legislative consultant on transportation issues, the Director of Technology for a legal news service for law firms and corporate counselors, the co-founder and Chief Information Officer of a technology firm, and the executive director of the Vermont Republican Party.

Lunderville is a native Vermonter and a graduate of Mount Mansfield High School in Jericho. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from American University in Washington, DC.

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David S. Ekern, P.E.

Commissioner

Virginia Department of Transportation

Since his appointment by Gov. Timothy Kaine in September 2006, Commissioner David S. Ekern P.E., has continued the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) commitment to serving as a 21st century leader in transportation.

Since joining the agency, Ekern has focused his efforts on continuing to prepare for the future by reshaping the transportation system, reshaping the business and reshaping the workforce. Under Ekern's leadership, VDOT has made significant strides in these areas.

Most recently:

- Initiating a \$1.7 billion project in Northern Virginia to reduce congestion by constructing the first-ever dedicated high-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes—an innovative advancement to the transportation system.
- Meeting or exceeding all on-time and within budget project delivery performance goals for the first time in VDOT history, and implementing new programs to coordinate land use and transportation decision-making—an improvement to the business and agency practices.
- Streamlining operations by consolidating 335 maintenance facilities into 248 locations while maintaining customer service commitments and emergency response capability—creating a more effective and efficient workforce.

Prior to joining VDOT, Ekern was director of the Idaho Transportation Department. He also dedicated 33 years of service with the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

During 2001 to 2003 he served full time with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

Ekern was appointed to a three-year term on the Transportation Research Board Executive Committee in January 2008. He is a member of numerous professional associations and societies and has earned the standing of Fellow in the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Ekern received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Minnesota and his Masters in Business Administration from the University of St. Thomas.

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Pierce R. Homer
Secretary of Transportation
Commonwealth of Virginia

Pierce R. Homer was reappointed Virginia's Secretary of Transportation by Governor Kaine on January 5, 2006, having also served as Secretary of Transportation under Governor Warner. As Secretary, Homer oversees management and budgeting for the Departments of Transportation, Motor Vehicles, Aviation, and Rail and Public Transportation as well as for the Motor Vehicle Dealer Board and the Virginia Port Authority. Secretary Homer also serves as chairman of the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

Prior to his appointment as Secretary, Pierce Homer served as Deputy Secretary of Transportation with functional oversight of the Virginia Department of Transportation, private partnership programs, and technology investments. As Deputy Secretary, he worked with the transportation agencies to develop and implement uniform cost and revenue estimating, debt management, and accountability measures.

Before joining the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, Mr. Homer spent 15 years with the Prince William County government in several senior management positions, including Deputy County Executive with direct oversight of county agencies.

Secretary Homer earned his B.A. from Haverford College in 1978 and his Masters in Public Affairs from the University of Texas at Austin in 1988.

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Paula J. Hammond

Secretary

Washington State Department of Transportation

Paula J. Hammond has dedicated her 28-year professional engineering career to the transportation system of Washington State. In her most recent position as Chief of Staff for the Department of Transportation, Paula served as adjunct to the Secretary; providing day-to-day leadership and

oversight of the agency's administration and communications, with major responsibilities in two areas:

- Primary responsibility for external agency relations, which includes the agency's communications efforts with Tribes, state and local agencies, Transportation Commission, Governor's Office, legislative leadership, congressional members and transportation interest groups.
- Assuring that modal divisions have the capacity and strategies for advocacy of their modes, delivery of their programs, and close integration throughout the department. Modal divisions are Aviation, Highways & Local Programs, Public Transportation, Freight Systems and Rail.

Paula becomes the first female to serve as Secretary of Transportation in Washington. She will manage the agency and its more than 7,000 employees. The agency maintains 7,000 miles of highways and 3,300 bridges and tunnels. It also operates Washington State Ferries, with 29 boats that carry 26 million passengers per year.

Paula's new agenda proposes a continued attack on congestion through a strategic, balanced program of services and projects:

- First, with *greater efficiency* on existing highways through increased incident response, continued use of technology to improve flow, and innovations that will make the best use of the highways we already have.
- Next, by continuing to *strategically add capacity* as we continue to deliver the over 400 improvement projects the 2003 and 2005 transportation packages provided. Critical chokepoints and bottlenecks are being removed. With our regional partners we will continue to remove significant gaps in our highway system.
- Third, we must provide more options to reduce demand. The recent Performance Audit on Congestion applauded WSDOT for the Puget Sound

HOV system and planned SR 167 high occupancy toll lanes and encouraged more innovations. To *provide incentives and relieve demand* we can also consider expanding commute options like express bus service, vanpools, Sounder trains and light rail.

Paula was born and raised in Klamath Falls, Oregon, and is a graduate of Oregon State University, with a BS in Civil Engineering, and a Professional Engineer. Since joining the Washington State Department of Transportation in 1979, as an entry level engineer in the Lacey field office, she has worked in all areas of the department's operations, capital delivery and policy programs.

Other positions held by Paula during her career include Assistant Secretary, Highways and Local Programs; Program Manager, Olympic Region; Transportation Planning Manager, Olympic Region; and, Transportation Engineer, Olympic Region.

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Paul A. Mattox, Jr.

Cabinet Secretary/Commissioner of Highways

West Virginia Department of Transportation

Paul A. Mattox, Jr. was named Commissioner of Highways by Governor Joe Manchin III in January 2005. Later appointed in June 2006 to the position of Cabinet Secretary for Department of Transportation, he currently serves in a dual capacity as Secretary/Commissioner of Highways.

Secretary Mattox is a Nitro native and began his career at the Division of Highways as a co-op student in 1979 and worked with the Division off Highways until the fall of 1987. Since leaving DOH, Mattox has worked with Woolpert, LLP, E. L. Robinson Engineering Company and RPM Engineers, PLLC.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from West Virginia University Institute of Technology and a Master of Science degree in engineering from Marshall University College of Graduate Studies. He is a graduate of Leadership West Virginia and has served as president of the West Virginia Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Secretary Mattox is a registered professional engineer in West Virginia, Ohio, Virginia, Kentucky and Alabama and is also a registered professional land surveyor in West Virginia. He has extensive experience in designing and managing public works projects for highways, bridges, water and wastewater systems and site development.

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**Frank Busalacchi,
Secretary
Wisconsin Department of Transportation**

In January of 2003, Frank Busalacchi accepted Governor Jim Doyle's appointment to be Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Busalacchi was formerly the secretary-treasurer of Teamsters Local 200 based in Milwaukee, one of the largest Teamster locals in the state. He began with the Teamsters as a business agent in 1979 and was elected president in 1991 and secretary-treasurer in 1994.

Secretary Busalacchi leads one of the largest state agencies with over 3,600 employees and dozens of satellite offices. WisDOT's annual budget of over \$2.4 billion includes support for all modes of transportation, including state highways, local roads, railroads, public transit systems, airports, harbors and bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The department also serves 50,000 people each day through the Division of Motor Vehicles, while the Wisconsin State Patrol enforces laws and aids motorists throughout the state.

Secretary Busalacchi leads the state's efforts to rebuild the Marquette Interchange Project in downtown Milwaukee. The \$810 million project is the largest highway construction job ever in Wisconsin, and the Secretary has set key goals to build the project safely, on-time, on-budget and by involving the entire community.

The Secretary also plays a leading role in national passenger rail issues. In 2005, he accepted the post as chair of the States for Passenger Rail Coalition, an alliance of 23 state DOT's calling for expanded federal support of intercity passenger rail. Secretary Busalacchi has testified to Congress about the importance of passenger rail and is working to improve existing Amtrak service and plan for new high-speed rail service in Wisconsin.

Secretary Busalacchi was recently appointed a member of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission. The commission is to study the current condition of the surface transportation system, identify future needs and develop financing recommendations no later than July 1, 2007. The commission is comprised of 12 members and is chaired by U.S. DOT Secretary Mary Peters.

Secretary Busalacchi has a long-time commitment to improving Wisconsin. He was president of the Summerfest Board of Directors and chair of the negotiating committee responsible for the lease between Milwaukee World Festivals and the city of Milwaukee. He also served as the construction committee chairman for the Miller Park Baseball Stadium construction project. He was a member of the

Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission advisory committee to the southeast freeway study and a member of the Greater Milwaukee Committee.

Secretary Busalacchi, his wife and their family reside in Brookfield.

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John Cox
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Director John Cox was appointed as WYDOT Director by Gov. Dave Freudenthal in January 2005, becoming the fourth person to serve as director since the agency was created during the Wyoming state government reorganization of 1990-91.

Prior to appointment as director, Cox served as administrator of the WYDOT's Highway Patrol division for nearly seven years. Among his accomplishments during that time has been leading the most comprehensive reorganization of the Patrol since the 1960s, improving efficiency and communications and giving more decision-making authority to supervisors in the field.

"I was tremendously impressed with Col. Cox's years of dedication to the safety and efficiency of Wyoming roads and by his ability to lead," Gov. Freudenthal said in announcing Cox's appointment.

As director, Cox is responsible for Wyoming's largest and most diverse state agency, with an annual budget of nearly \$440 million and counting more than 2,000 employees based in 60 locations.

Cox was born in Denver and raised in York, Neb. He first worked for the Highway Patrol in 1978 as a trooper based in Rock Springs.

His 28-year law enforcement career also included 11 years as chief of police in Powell and five years as a division supervisor in the Douglas Police Department, as well as positions with the Converse County Sheriff's Department and the Chadron (Neb.) Police Department.

Cox has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from The International University of Missouri and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the FBI's law enforcement executive development course.

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