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**BERKELEY PROFESSOR AND INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION
STUDIES DIRECTOR MARTIN WACHS WINS
W. N. CAREY, JR., DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

Washington, D.C.—Martin Wachs, Director of the Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, is the 2002 recipient of the W. N. Carey, Jr., Distinguished Service Award, is presented by the National Academies' Transportation Research Board (TRB). The award recognizes individuals who have given outstanding leadership and service to transportation research and to the Board. Wachs will receive the award on January 15, 2003, during the Chairman's Luncheon at the TRB 82nd Annual Meeting.

Created by the TRB Executive Committee in 1972 as the Highway Research Board Distinguished Service Award, the award was renamed in 1987 to honor W. N. Carey, Jr., who served as the Board's Executive Director from 1967 until 1980.

Wachs' involvement with TRB dates back to the early 1970s, when he became active on standing technical committees in the areas of transportation systems design, programming, planning, and evaluation. He has also served on TRB conference planning committees and policy study committees, including the Steering Committee for the Conference on Transportation, Urban Form, and the Environment and the Committee for the Study on Improving Safety and Mobility for Older Persons. He chaired two major TRB study

committees--the Committee for a Study on Urban Transportation Congestion Pricing and the Committee for the Evaluation of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program. He currently serves on the Committee on Transportation in an Aging Society: A Decade of Experience.

A member of TRB's Executive Committee since 1995, Wachs chaired the Executive Committee in 2000 and, since 2001, has served as chair of its Subcommittee on Planning and Policy Review. Known for his integrity and his thoughtful, consensus-oriented leadership, he has been a particularly effective mentor and role model. At TRB he has placed special emphasis on reaching out to groups that historically have been under-represented in the Board's activities. He also spearheaded the successful fundraising effort to establish a new TRB award in memory of Sharon Banks, the 1998 Chairwoman of the Executive Committee.

A New York native, Wachs earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the City University of New York and master's and Ph.D. degrees in transportation planning from Northwestern University. He joined the faculty of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), in 1971; in his distinguished 25-year career there, he served three terms as Head of the Urban Planning Program and was Professor of Urban Planning and Director of the Institute of Transportation Studies. In 1996 he moved to the University of California, Berkeley, where he became Director of the Institute of Transportation Studies (ITS), one of the largest academic transportation research centers in the United States. Since assuming leadership of that institution with 200 employees and an annual budget of \$40 million, Wachs has reorganized some functions, expanded research programs, and added a new Traffic Safety Center. At Berkeley he also holds appointments as Professor of City and Regional Planning and as Carlson Distinguished Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

One of the most highly regarded transportation analysts at work today, Wachs is the author or editor of four books and has published more than 130 articles on transportation planning and policy, on topics ranging from the transportation needs of elderly and handicapped people to fare and subsidy policies in urban transportation, crime in transit systems, and methods for evaluating alternative transportation projects. He has also written on ethics in planning and forecasting. His recent writings focus on transportation finance and on the relationship between transportation, air quality, and land use.

Wachs is a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners, a National Associate of the National Academies, and a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Institute of Transportation Engineers. He recently completed a term as the first Chair of the Advisory Panel for the Travel Model Improvement Program of the U.S. Department of Transportation. A former member of the California Commission on Transportation Investment, he serves on the Advisory Committee on Research and Development for the California Department of Transportation. He received a Distinguished Teaching Award from the UCLA Alumni Association and has also been recognized as a Distinguished Planning Educator by the California Planning Foundation. On a sabbatical leave during the 2002-2003 academic year, he is a Visiting Scholar at Resources for the Future in Washington, D.C.

Some 9,000 transportation professionals from government, industry, and the academic community are expected to attend the Transportation Research Board (TRB) 82nd Annual Meeting, in Washington, DC, January 12-16, 2003. The meeting, held at the Marriott Wardman Park, Omni Shoreham, and Hilton Washington hotels, includes more than 500 sessions, 40 workshops, and 350 TRB committee meetings covering all aspects of transportation.

TRB's mission is to promote innovation and progress in transportation through research. In an objective and interdisciplinary setting, the Board facilitates the sharing of information on transportation practice and policy by researchers and practitioners; stimulates research and offers research management services that promote technical excellence; provides expert advice on transportation policy and programs; and disseminates research results broadly and encourages their implementation. A major focal point of the Board's activities, the Annual Meeting provides an opportunity for transportation professionals from all over the world to exchange information of common interest.

Organized in 1920, TRB is a division of the National Academies, which include the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, Institute of Medicine, and National Research Council. The nation turns to the National Academies for independent, objective advice on issues that affect people's lives worldwide.

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