Dear Committee Members:

The Committee on Public Transportation Planning and Development is undertaking a strategic planning process, leading to the development of an updated, three year Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan will set the future direction for the Committee, within the framework of the Public Transportation Section and Transportation Research Board Strategic Plans. As part of the Plan development process, this Survey seeks your views on the Committee’s activities and the opportunities and challenges we face over the next three years.

To facilitate compilation and analysis of the survey, please provide us with complete but concise responses. We look forward to receiving your views, and appreciate your assistance in this important Committee responsibility.

Please respond by February 1, 2007 (well March 1 then if you still haven’t done it) to:

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Committee Chair

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Public Transportation Planning and Development Committee (A1E02)

1. Are you: a Committee Member __ or a Friend of the Committee __ (Check One)

2. (a) Why did you originally become active in the Committee?

   (b) What were your expectations?

3. Have your expectations been met ___ exceeded ___ or not met? ___ Why or How?

4. (a) Who are the “customers” of the Committee’s work?

   (b) What do they require of us now and in the future?

5. What are three (3) major issues or topics that should affect public transportation in the next three years?
   (1)

   (2)

   (3)
6. What are your three (3) top goals for Committee activities over the next three years?
(1)

(2)

(3)

7. What are the three (3) top challenges facing the Committee and its work over the next three years?
(1)

(2)

(3)

8. What are the three (3) top opportunities facing the Committee’s work over the next three years?
(1)

(2)

(3)
9. What two (2) activities would you like to see the Committee doing that it is not doing now?
(1) 

(2) 

10. Please indicate the priority of the following activities from (1) through (n)

Use a 1-5 scale where 1 = Very unimportant, 2 = unimportant, 3 = neutral, 4 = important 5 = Very important.

Committee Newsletter ___
Annual Committee meeting ___
Paper Review ___
Coordination with other TRB Committees ___
Mid-Year Conference on selective topics ___
Panel Sessions at the TRB Annual meeting ___
Research identification and sponsorship ___
Specialty Conferences ___
Other (specify) ___

11. (a) What areas/topics do you feel are the responsibility of the Committee?

(b) Do they overlap with the efforts of other committees, and if so, how?
12. (a) Does the Committee membership reflect the necessary mix of stakeholders and professionals to fulfill its mission, goals and objectives? Yes__ No__
   (b) Who is over represented or under represented?

13. (a) Do you use the Internet for planning information or other uses? Yes__ No__
   (b) How do you believe the Committee could help to expand use of the Internet for planning-related activities?

14. Frequency of Committee Activities Involvement. In the past three years:

   (a) How many TRB Annual meetings have you attended___
   (b) How many mid-year meetings have you attended? ___
   (c) How many times have you assisted in paper reviews? ___
   (d) Prepared a paper? ___
   (e) Presented or published a paper? ___
   (f) Other (specify)?

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15. Any other comments or ideas not covered above?

Thank you for answering the Committee’s Survey. Please provide us with your response by February 1, 2007. A summary of the Survey results will be posted on the Committee web site later in the year.