

ITI'S GIL CARMICHAEL TO ADDRESS 15TH WORLD CONGRESS AND ANNUAL MEETING ON THE FUTURE OF GLOBAL TRANSPORTATION

- To Focus on Role of Railroads and Building Interstate II in New York, November 17th -

DENVER, CO, November 13, 2008 – The Intermodal Transportation Institute (ITI) at the University of Denver announced that Gil Carmichael, Founding Chairman of the ITI Board of Directors and former Federal Railroad Administrator, has been invited to speak at the 15th World Congress on Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS), to be held at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City, November 16-20. The theme of the 2008 World Congress is *ITS Connections: Saving Time, Saving Lives* and its hosts are ITS of America, ERTICO (ITS Europe, and ITS Japan. The highly regarded transportation event will draw as many as 10,000 business and transportation leaders from more than 40 countries around the world to discuss global transportation needs and the promise and value of ITS.

Mr. Carmichael, a well-known transportation expert, will address the 2008 World Congress on his proposal for building a national, intermodal, interstate infrastructure to meet the transportation challenges of the 21st century. Carmichael has long advocated his unique railroad-based *Interstate II* proposal, which would build upon the highly successful Interstate Highway System of the 1950s, but prominently feature the significant role that must be played by of the nation's railroad system. "We have built a fantastic intermodal freight system over the past 25 years in this country," he says, "but unlike Europe and other parts of the world, we have ignored further development of our national passenger system. We have to have a realistic understanding of the dramatic changes that are occurring in our global business environment and develop a transportation infrastructure in this country that is multi-modal, interconnected, energy-efficient, and inclusive."

Carmichael said his address will also feature a proposal for building a national transportation system that establishes a comprehensive partnership between our highway system, our intermodal freight transportation system, and an interconnected, high-speed, passenger rail transit network to meet the dynamic economic and societal demands under *Interstate II*. His speech will be available following the World Congress.

About ITI

The Intermodal Transportation Institute at the University of Denver offers an Executive Masters Program that awards a Master of Science in Intermodal Transportation Management from the University of Denver. This graduate degree program prepares transportation industry managers for the increasingly complex, global business environment where knowledge of finance, quantitative processes, supply chain, law, and public-policy issues as well as freight, passenger, and intermodal transportation operational strategies are critical management tools for success. For more information on the ITI Executive Masters Program call: 303-871-4702 or visit: www.du.edu/transportation.

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