

**NCIT AT UNIVERSITY OF DENVER TO HOST NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION
INFRASTRUCTURE & REGULATORY POLICY FORUM MAY 27-28**

- Two-day Workshop Brings Together Industry, Government, and Academia to Study Infrastructure Issues -

DENVER, CO, May 21, 2009 –The National Center for Intermodal Transportation (NCIT), in collaboration with the Mountain Plains Consortium, the Rahall Institute, and the Mineta Transportation Institute, will sponsor a two- day policy forum and workshop, open to the public, at the University of Denver, Wednesday and Thursday, May 27 & 28, 2009.

The event is also being held in association with the Colorado Transportation and Logistics Organizations, including the Rocky Mountain Roundtable of CSCMP, the Colorado Chapter of WTS, the Denver Transportation Club, and the Intermodal Transportation Institute (ITI) at the University of Denver. It will be held in HRTM Building, 2044 East Evans Avenue, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado 80208-1300.

The forum and two-day workshop, the first in an annual series, is being held in recognition of National Transportation Week and those who contribute to the nation's economic vitality through transportation. It will bring together leaders from the transportation industry, government, and academia to discuss a national, bipartisan, and interdisciplinary policy for an ethical and efficient 21st century transportation infrastructure and regulatory strategy.

"We believe this first annual policy forum on national transportation strategies will generate a great discourse on the future of transportation in this nation," said Dr. Patrick Sherry, Director of NCIT and a Professor and Board member with ITI. "We have a tremendous line-up of speakers and panelists who will take part in this policy forum and we encourage anyone interested in national transportation and economic recovery to join us at this important event."

Among the panelists and speakers at the policy forum are: Dr. Francis Mulvey, Acting Chairperson, Surface Transportation Board (STB); Congresswoman Betsy Markey*, Colorado 4th District, Member, Transportation & Infrastructure Committee; Mortimer L. Downey, Chairman of the Board, PB Consulting and former Deputy Secretary of Transportation; Edward Hamberger, President and CEO, Association of American Railroads (AAR); Dr. Michael Walton, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Texas; William W. Millar, President of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA); Gilbert E. Carmichael, Founding Chairman, ITI Board of Directors and former Federal Railroad Administrator; and Craig R. Lentzsch, Commissioner, National Surface Transportation Infrastructure Financing Commission, and other government and industry leaders.

Policy forum panels and discussions will be followed by interactive consensus-building workshops, and recommendations will be made available to the public via publication upon completion of the proceedings. Registration fee for the two-day panels and workshops is \$110.00 and includes two luncheons and a hosted reception. The Wednesday, May 27 luncheon-only registration fee is \$35.00, and the Thursday, May 28 luncheon-only registration fee is \$45.00. A one-day registration fee is \$50.00 and includes the luncheon.

Reduced rates at specific hotels are available.

To register, go to: <http://ncit.msstate.edu/NCIT-reg.html>

To view conference agenda, go to: http://ncit.msstate.edu/events/events_05.html

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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.

About NCIT

The National Center for Intermodal Transportation (NCIT) is a partnership between the University of Denver and Mississippi State University. NCIT builds upon the activities of the Intermodal Transportation Institute (ITI) at the University of Denver and the activities of the centers with transportation focuses at Mississippi State University. NCIT is a part of the USDOT University Transportation Centers Program and was reauthorized under SAFETEA-LU. More information is available by calling 303-871-7773 or by visiting: www.ncit.msstate.edu.

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