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**ITI Board of Directors Hold Spring Meeting;
Re-elect Stephen G. Branscum to Second Term as Chairman**

- New National Transportation Infrastructure Paradigm Discussed -

DENVER, CO, May 3, 2010 –The Board of Directors of the Intermodal Transportation Institute (ITI) at the University of Denver recently held its annual spring Board of Directors meeting in Washington, D.C. at which its two guest speakers addressed issues surrounding the transportation infrastructure and its financing, the livability principles, and modal connectivity.

Both guest speakers, Anthony T. Furst, Director, Office of Freight Management and Operation for the U.S. DOT- Federal Highway Administration, and Leslie Topp Blakey, Executive Director of the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors, addressed a new national transportation policy that would be guided by long-term planning, that would focus on infrastructure projects of national significance and identified by data, and that would be financed through dedicated mechanisms, including public-private partnerships.

"The ITI Board meeting produced an excellent discussion on the need for a new policy on the nation's approach to building a new national transportation infrastructure," said Gil Carmichael, Founding Chairman of the ITI Board of Directors. "It's apparent that DOT is in the process of creating a new transportation paradigm that supports Secretary LaHood's statements that the nation needs to move more trucks off the highways in order to relieve stress and congestion and evolve toward a more efficient and sustainable intermodal solution. Indications are that the trucking industry is partnering with the freight railroads to have the railroads move an increased amount of cargo and containers, as opposed to trailers. This more fuel-efficient and connective intermodal (ship, train, and truck) system could easily double freight capacity in the U.S., using proven technologies to create a more seamless transportation infrastructure."

Carmichael also noted that the discussion addressed how the president's high-speed, intercity, passenger plan fits into the new transportation paradigm. "The next step in developing this new transportation infrastructure is funding it," he said. "I suggest two intermodal taxes – one for freight movement (ton mile or container mile tax) and one for passengers (vehicle or passenger mile tax). We have the technology in place to collect these new taxes now. All-in-all, this was a very productive and informative ITI Board meeting."

At the Board business meeting, the leadership of ITI Board Chairman Stephen G. Branscum was recognized and a motion was made to extend his term as Chairman for another two years. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

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, transportation 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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