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Kansas Secretary of Transportation Deb Miller named Vice Chair on national research board executive committee

Kansas Secretary of Transportation Deb Miller has been named the new Vice Chair of the national Transportation Research Board (TRB) Executive Committee. Miller's term begins immediately and will run through mid-January 2008.

Organized in 1920, TRB is one of six major divisions of the National Research Council (NRC) - a private, nonprofit institution that is the principal operating agency of the National Academies in providing services to the government, the public, and the scientific and engineering communities. TRB members include senior transportation industry executives, top officials of public-sector transportation agencies, and distinguished researchers from academia.

Miller was a member of the TRB committee that produced the 1996 policy study report, "Paying Our Way: Estimating Marginal Social Costs of Freight Transportation," and served as chair of TRB's joint National Cooperative Highway

Research Program and Transit Cooperative Research Program Project Panel on Commuting in America III.

In January 2003, Miller was appointed KDOT Secretary of Transportation becoming the first woman to lead the agency and its more than 3,200 employees.

Miller has more than 20 years of experience in the field of transportation. She was closely involved in development of the state's two largest public works programs: the 1989 Comprehensive Highway Program and the 1999 Comprehensive Transportation Program.

Her role as Secretary is her second tour of duty with KDOT. From 1986 to 1997, she was the Director of the Division of Planning and Development.

Miller is a 1976 magna cum laude graduate of Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology.

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