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**MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICIAL GIVEN NATIONAL AWARD  
FOR HIS WORK ON THE LANDMARK PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP  
TO BUILD A NEW 50-FOOT BERTH AT THE PORT OF BALTIMORE**

*Frederick P. Rappe, Jr., Special Assistant to the Transportation Secretary,  
honored at AASHTO's Annual Meeting*

(Hanover, MD) – At its annual meeting this past weekend in Biloxi, Mississippi, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) awarded its President's Transportation Award for Intermodal Transportation to Frederick P. Rappe, Jr., Special Assistant to the Secretary for the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT). AASHTO recognized Mr. Rappe for his significant contribution to the complex, infrastructure finance work needed to execute one of the largest public-private partnership agreements in the Northeast – the construction of a new 50-foot berth at the Port of Baltimore.

“Thanks to Fred’s hard work in structuring this transaction, Maryland will be able to build this 50-foot berth in time for the Panama Canal expansion,” said Transportation Secretary Beverley K. Swaim-Staley. “This landmark agreement is the culmination of his 36 years of public service. Time after time, Fred’s financial acumen continues to make the Department an example to follow, from years of maintaining the highest bond rating available and generating additional funds for the Transportation Trust Fund to this P3 project being touted by the national transportation industry as creating a new standard in public-private partnerships.”

Serving MDOT as both Director of Planning and as Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Rappe has dedicated nearly three decades to funding and planning key transportation projects for Maryland. As Chief Financial Officer, he directed a \$3 Billion annual budget and led MDOT to receiving its first in a series of Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association.

Mr. Rappe also served the University of Maryland for two years as Director of Finance and Administration for College Park’s Office of Information Technology. Ultimately, he was drawn back to his commitment to transportation when he returned to MDOT in 2007 to serve as Special Assistant to the Secretary. In addition to his work on the P3 project, he has worked in a number of ways to lead the Department in securing additional funding for transportation.

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Mr. Rappe's work on the P3 project is: bolstering the competitiveness of the Port of Baltimore, creating jobs for Maryland and bringing an immediate \$140 million payment to the Maryland Transportation Authority to invest in the system preservation of its existing road, bridge and tunnel facilities. As outlined in the agreement, Ports America also will invest in other necessary infrastructure at Seagirt, saving the State hundreds of millions of dollars it would have had to invest in capital improvements. Also under the agreement, Ports America will make an annual payment to the State and provide ongoing revenues to the Maryland Port Administration during the life of the agreement.

Governor Martin O'Malley has emphasized the importance of this project in supporting 5,700 jobs. He announced the 50-year agreement between the Maryland Port Administration and Ports America Chesapeake in November 2009 and broke ground on the project just four months later in March 2010.

In addition to the Intermodal Transportation award given to Mr. Rappe, AASHTO gave President Transportation Awards for the following transportation categories: administration, aviation, environment, highways, highway traffic safety, performance management, planning, public transportation, rail transportation, research and water transportation. Each year, AASHTO presents President Transportation Awards for these 12 specialty areas to individuals or teams that have performed exemplary service that benefits transportation regionally or nationally. Recipients are selected by the presidents of AASHTO and the four regional associations of state highway and transportation officials.

"Marylanders should be proud of Fred," said AASHTO Executive Director John Horsley. "He exemplifies the tremendous expertise that is found in DOTs throughout America, working to solve problems and make a better transportation system."

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