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Hinebaugh named chair of TRB Public Transportation Group

(Tampa, January 22, 2016) – At the 95th Annual Meeting of the National Academy of Sciences Transportation Research Board (TRB), **Dennis Hinebaugh**, Interim Director of the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) at the University of South Florida, was introduced as the incoming Chair of the Public Transportation Group. The Group consists of 14 committees that propose research, share research findings, sponsor special activities, and provide a forum for transportation professionals to discuss today's and tomorrow's public transportation-related issues. He will serve a three-year term in this capacity.

TRB's varied activities annually engage more than 13,000 engineers, scientists, and other transportation researchers and practitioners from the public and private sectors and academia, all of whom contribute their expertise in the public interest by participating on TRB committees, panels, and task forces. The program is supported by state transportation departments, federal agencies including the component administrations of the U.S. Department of Transportation, and other organizations and individuals interested in the development of transportation.

As Group Chair, Hinebaugh also will serve as a member of the TRB Technical Activities Council, which provides leadership, facilitation, and coordination for TRB standing committees. The mission of the Council is to help identify critical transportation issues, foster research initiatives, and facilitate the exchange of knowledge and information developed through individual and collaborative efforts.

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