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From the Director

What we know about and can learn from transportation asset management efforts overseas

Transportation asset management techniques and practices are extensively utilized in some parts of the world. In particular, many of the British Commonwealth nations—including Great Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa—have considerable activity in the use of asset management

techniques and strategies to manage their public transportation infrastructure.

The unifying theme behind asset management overseas is “getting the most from publicly-owned transportation property,” whether infrastructure or rolling stock. In Great Britain, this theme has been reduced to a two-word phrase: “Best Value,” which means making sure that the public’s money is invested in a way that returns the best value to them. This shorthand is very helpful for explaining the concept and benefits of asset management to interested parties and to the general public. (1)

New Zealand has adopted an even more compelling catch phrase for highway asset

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Transportation Scholars graduate

The MTC congratulates the following spring 2001 graduates who participated in the Transportation Scholars Program and wishes them success in the future:

University of Missouri–Columbia

Vanessa Amado received her M.S. degree in civil engineering and is now working towards a Ph.D. in civil engineering at the University of Missouri–Columbia.

Hao Daifeng received his M.S. degree in civil engineering and begins a career as a software engineer with I-Logix, Inc. of Andover, Massachusetts.

Kai Zhao received an M.S. degree in civil engineering and heads to Houston, Texas, as an

engineering assistant for TEDSI Infrastructure Group.

Iowa State University

Michael Clay received his M.S. degree in Community and Regional Planning. Michael is now pursuing his Ph.D. in Transportation Technology and Policy at the University of California–Davis.

University of Missouri–St. Louis

Manos Kalogerakis received an M.B.A. in finance and will return to his native Greece this summer.

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