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Preface

The exponential growth in travel demand and related transportation investment in China during the past two decades may stun most ordinary minds especially when compared with the developed countries of the Western World and compared to its own stalled development since the early days. The combination of economic growth, improved standard of living, and urbanization has led to motorization in China, and the process is accelerating. Massive infrastructure building is the current response to the ever-growing travel demand. Governments at all levels and the private sector are all trying to improve the transportation infrastructure, particularly in road and highway construction.

The theme of the Seventh International Conference of Chinese Transportation Professionals (ICCTP) focuses on critical issues associated with planning, building, and managing transportation infrastructure in China. The 7th ICCTP, held in Shanghai, China in May 2007, continues the summer annual conference tradition started seven years ago by North America Chinese Overseas Transportation Associates (NACOTA), a federally registered non-profit organization in the United States. The 7th ICCTP was jointly organized by Tongji University, NACOTA, and the Shanghai Highway Association. The Transportation and Development Institute (T&DI) of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) was one of the cosponsors of the conference.

Established in January 1996, NACOTA strives to promote transportation development in China by providing technologies and expertise through its members; strengthen the links between transportation professionals and students in North America and their counterparts in China; promote networking among Chinese overseas transportation professionals and students; and disseminate information on transportation developments and major events in China. NACOTA has more than 500 members and friends in North America and other parts of the world. Starting in 2001, NACOTA has collaborated with a number of universities in hosting its annual summer conference in various Chinese cities including Shanghai (2001 and 2007), Nanjing (2002), Beijing (2003), Wuhan (2004), Xian (2005), and Dalian (2006). The 7th ICCTP was in conjunction with the 100 year anniversary of Tongji University on May 21 and 22, 2007.

More than three hundred people attended the conference and heard more than 100 presentations among the three main tracks:

- Transportation Planning and Policy
- Traffic Operation and Safety
- Infrastructure/Pavement

In order to preserve the sprit of the conference and promote dialogs among various researchers, scholars, and practitioners around the world, we have selected about two thirds of the best papers to be included in these proceedings.

I would like to thank Mr. Dongyuan Yang, Vice President of Tongji University, who cochaired the conference with me. Professor Yang has led the collaboration effort with

NACOTA and provided his full support for the 7th ICCTP despite his full throttle involvement with the 100 year Anniversary Celebration.

My sincere appreciation goes to a number of administrative and technical leaders in the College of Transportation, Tongji University. Professors Zhongyin Guo, Lijun Sun, Shouen Fang, and Xiaohong Chen, among others, came to Washington DC two years in a row, first to invite the NACOTA delegation to their new Tongji Campus for this conference in conjunction with the 100 year anniversary celebration, and second to pursue me and other key NACOTA members to publish these proceedings. In the end, I would like to say it has been all worth it.

My deepest gratitude goes to my dear friend and mentor, Eva Lerner-Lam. Our breakfast of Chinese crepes with Starbucks coffee in Beijing has "conspired" to produce a number of fruitful projects, including a series of conferences, a transportation glossary, and several potential publications. As the first elected President of T&DI (2005-2006), Eva has trail blazed a series of China initiatives. Her successors, Louis Cohn, Kam Movassaghi, and the T&DI staff Director, Jon Esslinger, are equally enthusiastic and persistent in these efforts. Without their whole-hearted support, these proceedings would not be possible.

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Last, I would like to acknowledge the dedication and thorough work of Xiaolei Zou, Tongji University. Mr. Zou has painstakingly gone through all the papers, forms, and other administrative tasks, which made my job as the chief editor so much easier and enjoyable.

Finally, it is a great team effort to put the conference and these proceedings together. It would not be possible without the participation and contribution of all conference attendees, particularly our NACOTA delegates. It would be all worthwhile since I am sure much useful information contributing to the areas of transportation infrastructure planning, building and managing will be found here. I hope to see you in Chengdu at the 8th ICCTP conference in August 2008, one week before the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

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The surrounding antithetical couplet was composed by Dr. Rongfang (Rachel) Liu, President of NACOTA, to celebrate the 100 Anniversary of Tongji University and the opening of the 7th International Conference of Chinese Transportation Professionals in Shanghai, May 2007. A brief translation is: the wise and experienced Tongji University, celebrating her 100 year birthday, and NACOTA, a 10 year old youth and energetic organization, will work together in China and internationally to educate the future generations of transportation professionals.

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