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DULLES METRORAIL PANEL MEMBERS AND SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Reston, Va.—The American Society of Civil Engineers' (ASCE) today announced the roster for its Dulles Metrorail Tunnel Review Panel. **Robert S. O'Neil, P.E.**, a member of the National Academy of Engineering and president of Robert O'Neil and Associates, Potomac, Md., who has more than 40 years of experience in the planning, design and implementation of major transportation projects, including urban transportation systems, highways, railroads and other transportation-related facilities, both domestic and international, is serving as the panel's chair. The panel will consist of:

- **Brenda Bohlke, Ph.D., P.G.**, principal of Myers Bohlke Enterprise, specializing in tunnel design and construction;
- **Young Ho Chang, P.E.**, senior vice president of ATCS, LLC, specializing in local land use, zoning and surface transportation;
- **Richard Gray, P.G., Hon.M.ASCE**, principal of DiGioia, Gray & Associates, LLC, specializing in geology;
- **Ray Sandiford, P.E.**, chief geotechnical engineer for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, specializing in underground construction costs; and
- **Richard Tucker, Ph.D., P.E.**, a member of the National Academy of Engineering, vice president of Tucker & Tucker Consultants, Inc. and the Joe C. Walter, Jr. Chair Emeritus of the University of Texas at Austin, specializing in heavy construction, risk management and cost.

The panel, which was formed at the request of Secretary of Transportation Pierce R. Homer, has been tasked with conducting an independent evaluation of tunnel and aerial structure alternatives for the Tysons Corner segment of the proposed Metrorail extension to the Dulles Airport. It will begin its evaluation during a two-day meeting in Northern Virginia, June 7 and 8, and will make final recommendations to the secretary, Fairfax County, and the Federal Transit Administration by the end of July. The panel will draw the additional technical information needed to complete its assessment from representatives from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, the Fairfax County Office of Transportation, the Federal Transit Administration, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, who will also attend the group's meetings.

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