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ITRE Celebrates 25 Years of Service in Surface Transportation

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The Institute for Transportation, Research and Education (ITRE) is hosting an Open House next Wednesday, Sept. 17 to celebrate the institute's 25th anniversary. There will be two sessions: One scheduled from 12-2 pm and one from 4-6 pm. Co-sponsored by The Transportation Founder's Fund (TFF), the event will highlight the institute's program areas through exhibits of their most prominent activities, accomplishments over the past 25 years, plans and capabilities for the future.

Special guests have been invited to make remarks during the early session. ITRE is honored to have the following individuals reflect on the celebration: Mark Fleming, Associate Vice President for State Governmental Affairs - UNC General Administration, Gorman Gilbert and Edd Hauser (former ITRE directors), Ed Vick, Tommy Harrelson (ITRE Council and TFF), Felix Joyner, retired Vice President of Finance - UNC General Administration and David King, NCDOT Deputy Secretary. Also invited are the current TFF student scholars who will be showcasing their ongoing research. Current staff members are invited to join the directors in welcoming ITRE clients and work partners to celebrate past and future ITRE initiatives.

The Institute for Transportation Research and Education (ITRE) is a university-based institute, administered by NC State University and located on Centennial Campus. The institute is committed to leadership in the study of surface transportation issues through fostering analytical thinking, integrating technology in education and research, serving as a catalyst for problem solving, and cultivating professionals and students dedicated to excellence in transportation. ITRE conducts research, education, and technical assistance projects on a variety of surface transportation issues.

The Transportation Founders Fund (TFF) is a unique opportunity for transportation professionals to interact personally with top-level transportation executives and at the same time to support the transportation program at NC State University (NCSU). The TFF is an outreach activity of the NCSU Institute for Transportation Research and Education (ITRE) and the Department of Civil Engineering.

Once each academic year, the TFF invites to campus a nationally renowned transportation executive for a two-day visit. TFF awards graduate fellowships annually through the Department of Civil Engineering. In addition, TFF began offering a named seminar series in 2002. These seminars bring in experts to the NC State campus to brief students and area transportation professionals on current transportation topics.

To learn more about ITRE's research, becoming a member of the Transportation Founder's Fund, or in the transportation related training ITRE offers, please visit ITRE's Web site: www.itre.ncsu.edu.

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