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HNTB expert:  
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“Our country receives an incredible return on infrastructure investments: creating jobs, making communities more attractive to businesses, securing our global competitiveness and improving Americans’ overall quality of life. Working together, the transportation industry must advocate for a smart, strategic approach to create a multimodal transportation system.”

As president of HNTB Holdings Ltd, Paul Yarossi serves on the company’s board of directors and is responsible for overseeing and directing the firm’s governance, capitalization strategy, compliance and audit functions, as well as its external and government relations.

He also participates in a number of high-level roles on behalf of the industry, which gives him a broad perspective on current issues and trends. He serves as chairman of the board of directors and leader of the Transportation Design & Construction Innovation Advisory Committee of the American Road and Transportation Builders Association, the U.S. transportation construction industry’s representative in Washington, D.C. ARTBA is bringing recommendations forward regarding the current jobs proposal as well as the next federal highway funding bill. Yarossi has presented testimony to the U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Public- and private-sector clients also look to HNTB and Yarossi to address the environmental, financial and implementation challenges of complex mega projects, from planning and design through construction phasing and operations support.

Since joining HNTB in 1973, Yarossi has been involved with nearly every aspect of the firm. He served as chair

of the firm’s Aviation practice and as officer-in-charge for several HNTB offices in New York and New Jersey. He was instrumental in formulating HNTB’s training and development programs.

Yarossi’s knowledge of the intricacies of infrastructure funding and legislation is valuable to operators and owners nationwide.

Other key infrastructure trends Yarossi can discuss include:

- **We need a new transportation vision.** The current debate over federal aviation and highway authorizations provide a unique opportunity to rethink how we plan, prioritize and pay for our transportation system. A national transportation network for the 21st century will be a border-to-border, coast-to-coast system with multiple modes of transportation delivered through multiple sources of funding. Careful thought to this country’s global competitiveness and security must be given.
- **Innovative, proven ways to finance surface transportation must be used.** Potential sources include raising sales and gas taxes, creating national and state infrastructure banks, establishing user fees (such as tolls) and allowing public-private partnerships. All should be considered at a regional and national level, but one-size solutions simply will not be found.

- **States must prepare.** The potential of reduced federal funding levels – and an evolving political process – is very real. To successfully navigating the future, states must understand this new reality and be ready to accept added responsibility for providing and paying for a 21st century multimodal transportation system.

**Education:**

- Bachelor’s degree in civil engineering, 1973, Manhattan College

**Professional affiliations:**

- Chairman – Board of Directors, American Road and Transportation Builders Association
- Chair – Transportation Design & Construction Innovation Advisory Committee, American Road and Transportation Builders Association
- Member – Let’s Rebuild America Leadership Council, U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- 2010-2011 Vice Chair – Transportation Committee, American Council of Engineering Companies
- Member – Airports Council International-North America
- Member – American Association of Airport Executives
- Member – U.S. Manufacturing Competitiveness Initiative Steering Committee, The Council on Competitiveness (Compete.org)

**Awards and recognition:**

- 2005 American Road and Transportation Builders Association Mobilize Leadership Award

**Select media and appearances:**

Yarossi regularly conducts interviews with reporters.

- BuffaloNews.com, July 18, 2011 – **Guest column, “Nation needs a comprehensive infrastructure plan”**
- *National Journal*, Transportation Experts Blog, March 14, 2011 – **“Multimodalism is key”**
- *New York Times*, March 5, 2011 – **“Born to be an engineer”**
- Fox Business, Feb. 15, 2011 – **Interview on “Countdown to the Closing Bell”**
- Fox Business, Oct. 25, 2010 – **Interview on “Countdown to the Closing Bell”**
- *Engineering News-Record*, July 5, 2010 – **“The Top 500 Design Firms”**

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