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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, strategic planning, 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 previously served as chairman 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 next federal highway funding bill. He has presented testimony to the U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, and the U.S. House Oversight Committee.

Public- and private-sector clients also look to HNTB and Yarossi to address 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 government relations, infrastructure funding and legislation is valuable to facility operators and owners nationwide.

Yarossi can discuss these infrastructure trends:

- **Innovative, proven ways to finance surface transportation must be used.** The federal surface transportation authorization law, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, has been incrementally funded and is set to expire May 2015. Long-term, sustainable funding sources are needed to end the recent trend of general trust fund transfers and short-term patches and fixes. Possible solutions include raising sales and gas taxes, creating national and state infrastructure banks, establishing and extending user fees (such as tolls) and allowing public-private partnerships. The nation needs a strong federal bill. All should be considered at a regional and national level, but one-size solutions simply will not be found.

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- **States must prepare.** The potential of permanently reduced federal funding levels – and a devolution of some priorities to individual states – is very real. To successfully navigate the future, states must understand this new reality and be ready to accept added responsibility for providing and paying for a modern multimodal transportation system.
- **We need a new transportation vision.** The current debates over the future of the federal surface transportation program 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, including public-private partnerships. Careful thought to this country's global competitiveness and security must be given.

Education:

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

Professional affiliations:

- Past Chairman – Board of Directors, American Road and Transportation Builders Association
- Trustee and Vice Chair - Transportation Development Foundation, American Road and Transportation Builders Association
- Executive Committee - American Road and Transportation Builders Association
- Member - Let's Rebuild America Leadership Council, U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- Executive Committee - Design Professionals Coalition
- Executive Committee - The Council on Competitiveness
- Member - U.S. Manufacturing Competitiveness Initiative Steering Committee, The Council on Competitiveness
- Vice Chair - Transportation Committee, American Council of Engineering Companies

Awards and recognition:

- 2013 American Road and Transportation Builders Association ARTBA Award, the association's highest honor.
- 2005 American Road and Transportation Builders

Select media and appearances:

- *SiriusXM*, April 6, 2015 – “The Morning Briefing with Tim Farley
- American Energy and Manufacturing Competitiveness Partnership, Sept. 17, 2014
- Council on Competitiveness: Infrastructure Week, May 2014
 - “Now serving: The economy” kickoff breakfast. Introduction by Paul Yarossi of Thomas Donahue, President and CEO of U.S. Chamber of Commerce, keynote address.
 - “The global supply chain and infrastructure: A leadership conversation” – panelist
 - Leadership salon “U.S. Infrastructure and competitiveness” – panelist
- *National Journal Transportation Insiders Blog*, May 12, 2014 – “Finding our way”
- *Engineering Inc.*, May 13, 2013 – “Grassroots effort can move polarized Congress”
- *The Ohio News-Herald*, *The Norman Transcript* (Online), *Asheville Citizen* (Online), May 1, 2012 – “Changing conversation about investment”
- *Engineering News-Record*, April 23, 2012 – “The Top 500 Design Firms Start to Rise Above Economic Woes”
- *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, *The Baltimore Sun*, March 28, 2012 – “Infrastructure as investment”
- *Capital New York*, March 27, 2012 – “When is Obama going to have his Eisenhower moment?”
- *Bloomberg Businessweek*, March 15, 2012 – “Senate's Highway Bill May Create Some Jobs, Kill Others”

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