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Marsha Anderson Bomar Receives Jane F. Garvey Transportation Leadership Award



*Left to right:
Marsha Anderson Bomar,
Luisa Paiewonsky, Jane Garvey
and Heather Rothenberg*

Duluth, Georgia, April, 2009 - Street Smarts is honored to announce that the University of Massachusetts Amherst ITE Student Chapter presented its third annual Jane F. Garvey Transportation Leadership Award to Marsha Anderson Bomar, AICP, President and Founder of Street Smarts. The award is presented to a woman in recognition of her outstanding leadership affecting women in transportation and remarkable contributions to the field.

The award was named after Jane Garvey to honor her legacy as a pioneer in the field. The first two recipients were Lucy Garliauskas and Luisa Paiewonsky, both active members of the WTS-Boston chapter. Jane Garvey presented the leadership award endowed in her name.

"I am proud to be aligned with these truly exceptional women who have achieved this important designation, not only for their work in transportation, but setting a standard for women engineers as a whole," stated Ms. Bomar.

Jane F. Garvey was appointed by President Bill Clinton as the head of the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration from 1997 to 2002 and holds several "firsts" for an FAA Administrator: she was the first Administrator appointed to a 5-year term, the first female Administrator, and the first Administrator who was not a licensed pilot. She had previously worked as a teacher, highway safety administrator, and the director of Logan International Airport. Ms. Garvey earned her B.A. from Mount Saint Mary's College (a Catholic women's college in Hooksett, New Hampshire) and her M.A. from Mount Holyoke College and has been awarded several honorary degrees. She currently serves as the chairwoman of the Capital-to-Capital Coalition, which works to promote non-stop service between Beijing and Washington Dulles International Airport.

With over 35 years of experience in the field of transportation planning and traffic engineering, Ms. Bomar has been a pioneer in her own right for women in engineering by serving as a role model and mentor to many young women - most recently in presenting the Streets Smarts Foundation Endowment to the Georgia Tech Women in Engineering Mentors and Mentees Program as the Keynote Speaker for the Women in Engineering Excellence Award Banquet at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Ms. Bomar has been recognized as one of the Top 25 Professional Women to Watch by Atlanta Woman magazine and last year, was the honored recipient of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), Southern District's Herman J. Hoose Distinguished Service Award.

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