Sarah West New CTF Executive Director

CTF is pleased to announce that Sarah West became the new CTF Executive Director on January 1, 2011. Sarah replaces Heinz Heckerth, CTF’s Founder and Executive Director since 1988. Sarah began work for CTF in 1995, running its events, producing publications and fundraising. In her new role Sarah looks forward to expanding CTF’s services, including scholarships and workers assistance and memorial grants, to the greater California transportation community.

“Transportation workers at transit districts, cities, counties, special districts and the private sector are eligible to participate in CTF’s supportive programs. I look forward to making sure they know how to access them.”

Sarah brings many years of experience to CTF including managing nonprofit organizations and lobbying for transportation agencies, running transportation sales tax campaigns and managing the Self-Help Counties Coalition.

Sarah West
Executive Director, CTF

Contributions Large and Small Fund CTF

Go to www.transportationfoundation.org to support CTF Financially

Caltrans’ Quarter Century Club has been a longtime supporter of CTF. Each year the Club allows us to solicit its members, and they come through year after year with contributions from $20 — $1,000, providing one of the first, and still very important revenue streams for CTF. The Quarter Century Club is made up of people who worked for Caltrans for at least 25 years.

United Way Contributions are another way that transportation workers support the Foundation. Last year CTF received more than $18,000 in United Way contributions, primarily from Caltrans employees. Let us know if you would like to add CTF to your organization’s United Way contributions options.

Legacy Sponsorships are an exciting new way for the private sector to support CTF with a significant donation. We are proud to report so far in 2011 Legacy Sponsors include:

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Here’s why our Legacy Sponsors support CTF:

“HDR’s support of CTF was an easy choice given the close fit of CTF’s core mission and our own company values.”
Carlton Haack, HDR

“CTF’s mission adds value to our everyday working lives and acknowledges and supports those who give so much to our industry.”
Linda Clifford, C. C. Myers, Inc.

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CTF Scholarship Winners
Best and Brightest Transportation Students

CTF sponsors many scholarships. These are a few of the winners.

"I am extremely appreciative of the California Transportation Foundation and Heinz Heckeroth for their support as a high school and collegiate CTF Scholarship recipient. As I pursue my civil engineering career, I am very thankful for this award and I am excited to learn more about the transportation industry. Thank you to all those who have made this possible."

Brianna Juhrend, University of the Pacific
Civil Engineering
Winner, CTF Scholarship Honoring Heinz Heckeroth, $5,000

"I appreciate that the California Transportation Foundation has been able to foster an interest in transportation... Thank you for supporting my education!"

Alex Yu, Stanford University
Civil Engineering
Winner, CTF Board Scholarship, $2,500

"I cannot thank CTF enough for this incredible reward. Vilifying automobile use is not a popular stance, and I appreciate the foundation’s acknowledgement of my nontraditional view of transportation. I plan to use this scholarship to further my education in the field of transportation."

Brigitte Driller, UC Davis
Urban Planning
Winner, CTF Scholarship Honoring CTC, $1,000

“I never thought I would receive such a great scholarship! I’d like to thank CTF for inspiring and showing me that transportation professionals can positively affect lives in many ways, whether through the core value of their work, or by scholarships like these. I hope to one day become a full fledged member of the transportation community, and this scholarship brings me one big step closer to my goal.”

Thomas Wong, UC Berkeley
Civil and Environmental Engineering
Winner, CTF Education Symposium Scholarship, $5,000
Transportation Forum Provides Insiders Peek

The Transportation Forum brought together California’s transportation policy makers to provide insight into what to expect from state and federal government in 2011.

Mark DeSaulnier, the newly appointed Chair of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee, and Bonnie Lowenthal, Chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee, shared their goals for the year including solving the problem caused by the passage of Propositions 22 and 26 last November.

Both Committee Chairs, as well as DeAnn Baker of CSAC, Josh Shaw of the Transit Association, Jim Earp of the Alliance for Jobs and CTC, as well as Carrie Cornwell of the Senate Transportation Committee, explained the dire threat to transportation funding caused by these measures because they invalidated last year’s gas tax swap.

John Horsely, Executive Director of AASHTO, provided and insiders peek into what to expect from the federal government.

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Education Symposium
Nov. 3-4 Long Beach
Charity Golf Tourney in August

The CTF Transportation Education Symposium takes place this year at the Queen Mary Hotel in Long Beach. The event has been in the north for many years now and we are pleased to bring it back to southern California.

The Transportation Education Symposium, free to university students, is CTF’s most popular event, featuring role playing for professionals and students as they respond to an RFP and more.

CTF Transportation Awards June 15

The 22nd Annual CTF Transportation Awards Luncheon takes place June 15 from 11:00am—1:00pm at the Sacramento Convention Center. Register today at wwwtransportationfoundation.org so you can cheer on your favorite Project or Program team, Organization, Person or Elected Official.

This year’s Awards recognize excellence in 2010 transportation, all modes and from all regions of the state. To qualify, projects must have been open to the public for the first time, elected officials must have been in office, and programs must have achieved a significant milestone, in 2010. We will identify the top three finalists in advance and announce the winners at the Awards Luncheon.
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CTF Welcomes New Board Members

Lia Reyes, Vice President of The Solis Group, is an expert and consultant in transportation and land-use development issues. She is from Los Angeles.

Stan Taylor is a Partner at Nossaman, LLP based in San Francisco, and represents local and regional transportation agencies.

Randell Iwasaki is the Executive Director of CCTA and manages the Contra Costa county transportation sales tax measure.

New CTF Officers

CTF elected new officers in December. Will Kempton of OCTA, and formerly Caltrans Director, is now CTF Chair. Will also served as CTF Chair in the early 1990s.

“As an early board member and long-time supporter of the Foundation, I am excited to serve as Chair of this organization for 2011 and 2012. I know first hand the contributions CTF has made to the transportation community over the years and I look forward to continuing a legacy of promise and success.”

Will Kempton, CTF Chair

Ann Olson of MRO Engineers is now CTF Vice Chair. Sunnie House of URS is Treasurer and Hollie Gregory of the Cumming Corp. is Secretary.