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#06NR08 - Richard Capka nominated as Administrator of FHWA

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) reports President George W. Bush has announced his nomination of Richard Capka as Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Mr. Capka was appointed Deputy Administrator of the FHWA in August 2002. He helped prepare the Bush administration's transportation reauthorization proposal, shape the management of highway mega-projects across the country, and develop other programs and initiatives for the FHWA. Capka must be confirmed by the US Senate before officially taking the top spot at FHWA.

Mr. Capka retired after a 29-year military career as a US Army Brigadier General who was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal and the Legion of Merit. Following retirement and prior to this nomination he had served as Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority (MTA) overseeing the completion of the infamous Boston tunneling project known as the "Big Dig".

In 1997, he led the federal flood system recovery response to the unprecedented California floods which had severely damaged the Sacramento and San Joaquin flood control systems. The effort earned specific praise from both the President of the United States and Governor of California.

A West Point graduate he also holds a Master's Degree in engineering from the University of California at Berkeley and a Master's Degree in business administration from Chaminade University of Honolulu. He is a professional engineer, registered in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Since former Administrator Mary Peters left her position at the end of July 2005 Mr. Capka has been serving as acting Administrator for the FHWA. "Of course we will miss Administrator Peters but look forward to a productive working relationship with Mr. Capka" said Jeff Hennie Vice President of Government Relations for the MRF.

The Federal Advisory Council created by the MRF and the US Congress in the most recent Highway Bill (PL 109-59) will advise Mr. Capka and the FHWA on road, bridge and barrier design and how the motorcycles must be considered when engineering our nations highway system.

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freedom.