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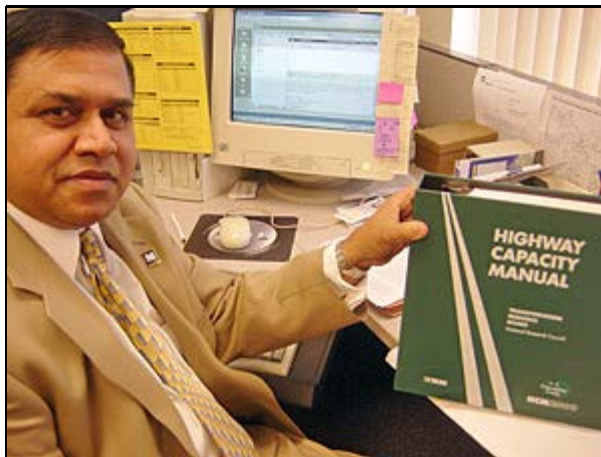
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Transportation Research Board Picks Transportation Project Manager Murthy for Highway Study Panel

By GAYLE ANDERSON

Dr. Narasimha Murthy, T.E., Transportation Project Manager, Gateway Cities/Southeast Area Team, has been selected by the Transportation Research Board (TRB) of the National Academies to be a panel member for conducting a study on "Regional and National Default Values for Highway Capacity Calculations."

TRB is an arm of the National Academies, also known as Advisers of the Nation on Science, Engineering and Medicine.

During the two-year study, Murthy will work with experts from around the country to provide technical guidance for the research to be conducted on highway capacity calculations. The calculations will be used to update the Year 2000 Highway Capacity Manual. TRB has allocated a budget of \$400,000 for this study.

The Highway Capacity Manual (HCM), a heavily referenced document used by Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO's), State Departments of Transportation (DOT's) and the Federal Highway Administration provides state-of-the-art simple operational methodologies used in planning and preliminary engineering applications.

Murthy is a certified Traffic Engineer in the State of California. He re-joined Metro in July 2003. He is currently the project manager working on the capacity enhancement of Interstate 5 and assisting Metro on several other projects.

He is a co-author of a textbook titled "Transportation Engineering Basics: 2nd Edition," published by the American Society of Civil Engineers used by both undergraduate and graduate schools across the US.

