

California Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee Member Biographies

Martin Wachs – Professor Emeritus, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs National Research and Policy Representative

Martin Wachs served as Professor of Civil & Environmental Engineering and of City & Regional Planning at the University of California, Berkeley, where he directed the Institute of Transportation Studies. He earlier spent 25 years at UCLA, where he was Chairman of the Department of Urban Planning for eleven years. After retiring from the University, Wachs became the Director of the Transportation, Space, and Technology Program at the RAND Corporation in Santa Monica. He is now teaching courses and conducting research at UCLA in transportation policy and working on transportation policy projects at RAND.

Wachs is the author of 190 articles and wrote or edited five books on subjects related to transportation finance and economics, relationships between transportation, land use, and air quality, transportation needs of the elderly, techniques for the evaluation of transportation systems, and the use of performance measurement in transportation planning. His research also addresses, equity in transportation policy, crime in public transit systems, and the response of transportation systems to natural disasters including earthquakes.

Dr. Wachs served on the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) for nine years and was the TRB Chairman during the year 2000. He is the recipient of a Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship, two Rockefeller Foundation Humanities Fellowships, a UCLA Alumni Association Distinguished Teaching Award, the Pyke Johnson Award for the best paper presented at an annual meeting of the Transportation Research Board, and the Carey Award for service to the TRB. In January of 2010 he delivered the Thomas Deen Distinguished Lecture at the annual meeting of the TRB. In 2011 he received the Distinguished Transportation Researcher award from the Transportation Research Forum. He received the Edward A. Dickson Award of the UCLA Emeriti Association in 2017 for outstanding achievement after achieving emeritus status at the university. In June of 2017 he was the first recipient of the Transportation Thought Leader Award of the Eno Center for Transportation in Washington, D.C.