

**CHARLES D. NOTTINGHAM DESIGNATED VICE CHAIRMAN OF SURFACE
TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

Surface Transportation Board Chairman Daniel R. Elliott III announced today that Board Member Charles D. Nottingham has been designated as the agency's Vice Chairman. He succeeds Francis P. Mulvey, who most recently served as Vice Chairman from January 5, 2010 to January 4, 2011, and who continues to serve as a Board Member. The Board's Vice Chairmanship rotates between the Members on an annual basis.

Nottingham, the lone Republican on the three-member Board, was appointed Chairman by President George W. Bush and joined the Board on August 14, 2006 following his Senate confirmation. He served as STB Chairman until March 12, 2009. On October 18, 2010 then-Commissioner Nottingham announced that he would not seek a second term on the Board when his current term expired on December 31, 2010. The Board's governing statute permits a Board member to continue serving for up to one year after the end of his or her term, until a successor is named and confirmed. Vice Chairman Nottingham has not yet announced a specific departure date.