

**FRANCIS P. MULVEY DESIGNATED VICE CHAIRMAN OF SURFACE
TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

Surface Transportation Board Chairman Daniel R. Elliott, III announced today that the agency designated Board Member Francis P. Mulvey as its Vice Chairman. He succeeds former Vice Chairman Ann D. Begeman, who served in that capacity from May 2, 2011 – January 3, 2012 and continues to serve as a Board Member. The Board's Vice Chairmanship rotates among the Members on an annual basis.

Vice Chairman Mulvey, the eighth Member since the Board's creation in 1996, was nominated to the agency by President George W. Bush on November 17, 2003, and was confirmed by the Senate on May 21, 2004, for a term of office ending December 31, 2007. President Bush nominated the Vice Chairman to a second term as a Member on November 30, 2007, and he was confirmed by the Senate on December 19, 2007, for a term ending December 31, 2012. Vice Chairman Mulvey was designated the Board's Acting Chairman on March 12, 2009, by President Barack Obama, and he served in that capacity until August 13, 2009. He most recently served as the Board's Vice Chairman from January 5, 2010 – January 4, 2011.

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