

## **ANN D. BEGEMAN SWORN IN AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

Ann D. Begeman was sworn in May 2, 2011 as a member of the U.S. Surface Transportation Board, bringing two decades of experience in transportation policy to the Board.

Ms. Begeman has served as a senior aide on Capitol Hill for 21 years, playing a key role in the crafting of major transportation legislation, including the ICC Termination Act, which created the STB.

Immediately prior to joining the Board, Ms. Begeman served as Republican Staff Director for the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. She has also served as Acting Chief of Staff and Legislative Director for Senator John McCain and as a legislative assistant to Senator Larry Pressler. Ms. Begeman has also worked in the private sector, serving as a benefits specialist for First American Bankshares, Inc. She earned a B.S. in business administration from the University of South Dakota.

Ms. Begeman was first nominated by President Obama on December 20, 2010. She was also nominated on January 5, 2011 and confirmed by the U.S. Senate on April 14, 2011, for a term that expires Dec. 31, 2015. Ms. Begeman was then named vice chairman by the Board, a role that rotates between members each year. She was sworn in by STB Commissioner Francis P. Mulvey.

“I am honored to have been nominated and confirmed for this important post,” Ms. Begeman said. “I look forward to working with all stakeholders, my new colleagues and Board staff.”