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Preparing with Confidence for the Future

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Our nation was founded on a vision for the future, with a fundamental commitment to serving its people. Today's transportation infrastructure can lead us into that future with confidence, if we supply it with the support and professional leadership that will be essential to address the daunting challenges that must be met and overcome. Tom Larson was a pioneer and visionary who served his country through principled, national leadership and military service, showing us that the most important question, in his day and ours, is: What can be achieved?

Larson rose from student to educator and researcher, to pioneer and motivator in state and national leadership. As a state secretary of transportation, he transformed an ailing agency into one of the nation's finest. As head of the Federal Highway Administration, he was instrumental in shaping America's post-Interstate transportation landscape. In doing so, he never lost sight of what makes any significant milestone possible. He knew that leaders are not simply born—they must also be given the key tools and guiding principles to lead—and that accomplishing great things requires collaboration.

The Thomas D. Larson Fund for Excellence is a visionary initiative that aims to tap our greatest resources—our *resolve* and our ability to *dream big*—in order to prepare our transportation leaders of tomorrow. Larson did his work with great diligence. The fund that bears his name represents an opportunity to continue his legacy in a way he would champion—and ensure a bright tomorrow for our nation.

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- Engage undergraduate and graduate students in interdisciplinary programs
- Develop academic and research programs that demonstrate the importance of integrating public- and private-sector transportation issues
- Encourage undergraduate and graduate achievement through scholarships and graduate fellowship support
- Ensure access by students and faculty to state-of-the-art equipment and technology
- Empower the dissemination of educational and research knowledge and breakthroughs

The Larson Fund is used to support a wide range of professional development activities for practicing professionals, faculty, and students associated with the transportation sector. Fulfilling the Larson Fund vision requires public- and private-sector collaboration and support.

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