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Peter J. “Jack” Basso Joins Reconnecting America Board of Directors

(Feb. 4, 2013) Reconnecting America President and CEO John Robert Smith today announced the appointment of Peter J. “Jack” Basso to the organization’s Board of Directors.

Basso, a nationally recognized expert on transportation finance and investment, has more than 45 years of experience providing advice and analysis to federal, state, and local governments.

“We are extremely pleased to have Jack join our board,” Smith said. “His financial expertise in the structure of public-private partnerships and other creative investment methods used to finance transportation projects will be a valuable addition to our board.”

Basso is the former Chief Operating Officer and Business Development Director for the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). Prior to joining AASHTO, he served as assistant secretary for Budget and Programs and as chief financial officer of the U.S. Department of Transportation. Basso also served in the Office of Management and Budget, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Federal Highway Administration.

Basso earned a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Maryland, at College Park, and continued graduate studies in General Administration at the university. He is the recipient of many awards including, the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive, and is a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration.

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About Reconnecting America

Reconnecting America is a national nonprofit that is helping to transform promising ideas into thriving communities – where transportation choices make it easy to get from place to place, where businesses flourish, and where people from all walks of

life can afford to live, work and visit. Reconnecting America is the managing partner of the Center for Transit-Oriented Development, the only national nonprofit effort funded by Congress to promote best practices in transit-oriented development. Reconnecting America is also a founding partner of Transportation for America, a broad coalition of housing, environmental, equal opportunity, public health, urban planning, transportation and other organizations focused on creating a 21st century national transportation program. For more information visit our website, www.reconnectingamerica.org.