

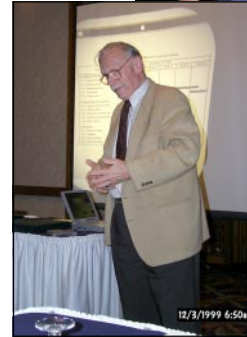
## Highway Seismic Research Council Meeting Review: TEA-21 Highway Project

MCEER started work on the first year of a new 6-year, \$10.8 million program sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration in August 1999. This contract, which was authorized under the 1998 Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), will focus on several special issues considered critical to the future of the nation's highway transportation infrastructure (see *MCEER Bulletin*, Volume 13, No. 3, Summer 1999, page 3 for TEA-21 research objectives).

The first meeting of the TEA-21 Highway Seismic Research Council (HSRC) was held on December 2-3, 1999 in Buffalo. The meeting was attended by more than 15 members of the HSRC, the project Research Committee members, and project researchers. The HSRC was established to provide advice and guidance on technical and administrative project issues. The meeting provided an opportunity for the HSRC to meet with the project researchers and to receive an overview of the Year 1 research plans.

At the start of the meeting, Drs. George C. Lee and Ian G. Buckle welcomed all participants and introduced Dr. John M. Kulicki as the Chair of the HSRC. Dr. Buckle provided a technical overview of MCEER's Highway Project, and Mr. Ian M. Friedland (formerly Assistant Director for Transportation Research) discussed administrative issues. Introductions were followed by general overviews and technical presentations by the research task coordinators and project researchers on the primary research task areas that will be pursued under this project.

Meeting participants provided critical and constructive comments on the overall research program and its objectives during the project discussions. An executive session was held by the HSRC during which the members of the Council developed consensus recommendations for the current research tasks and for longer-term research plans. It is anticipated that the HSRC will hold annual meetings over the six-year life of the project at which similar annual program reviews and accomplishments are discussed, as well as interim technical meetings with project researchers in selected technical areas. ❖



■ (Above) Highway project researchers met at MCEER's Red Jacket headquarters to discuss progress in on-going tasks. (Left) C. Seim was one of the research task coordinators to address the HSRC.

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