

## **The Future of Passenger Rail**

# **Press Release**

A talk by David L Gunn, President and CEO of Amtrak, on “The Future of Passenger Rail” will be featured in an event on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003, sponsored by the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies.

The talk, free and open to the public, will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2003 at 4:15 p.m. in Bowers Auditorium, Sage Hall, 205 Prospect Street, New Haven, Connecticut. A reception will follow the presentation.

This event is part of the 2003 Spring Lecture Series sponsored by the Yale Industrial Environmental Management (IEM) Program at the School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. This year's IEM Lecture Series, **THE BUSINESS OF SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION**, examines a variety of alternative transportation strategies and technologies.

In its thirteenth year, the IEM Spring Lecture Series brings speakers from a variety of companies to the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies to discuss the relationship between business and the environment.

David L. Gunn was appointed as President and CEO of Amtrak in May, 2002 and has extensive previous experience in the rail industry as the former head of transit systems in New York City, Washington, and Toronto. He most recently served as Chief General Manager of the Toronto Transit Commission, managing the largest transit system in Canada. At the time of Gunn’s appointment at Amtrak, the Board Chairman said “David brings to Amtrak an international reputation of reinvesting in better track and fleet, enhancing service, improving financial performance and planning for the future.” Gunn graduated from Harvard College in 1959 and continued his education at the Harvard Graduate School of Business, where he received his MBA in 1964.

The IEM Spring Lecture Series is supported by the Joel Omura Kurihara Fund. Joel Kurihara, F&ES class of 1992 was committed to improving business and environmental relations and the type of dialogue this series seeks to advance. For further information regarding the lecture series, contact IEM at 432-6953 or [iem@yale.edu](mailto:iem@yale.edu).