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Dr. Belluck is currently employed by the United States Department of Transportation as their Senior Transportation Toxicologist. He is FHWA's lead scientist on public health and the built environment. He is currently managing a project that critically reviews the state of the science for exposure and toxicity assessment found in the Southern California MATES II risk assessment report. He will be Project Manager for "What Works: Transportation and Public Health." This project will produce a web-based document that links transportation and health and will be done in concert with partners from the health, NGO, MPO and other interested groups. He is working on a manuscript titled "Why Population Level Adult Obesity Interventions Do Not Work" that is developing the "Overwhelming Stressor Hypothesis" to explain the behavior and medical reasons for the failure of obesity interventions and the increasing obesity problem in the United States. Dr. Belluck was moderator for the Center for Transportation and the Environment teleconference "Transportation and Public Health: The State of the Science" that can be seen on streaming video at: http://webcast102.itre.ncsu.edu/CTE/Presentations/TC33-16December2004/archive_16December2004.html

Dr. Belluck is also Project Manager on a contract with the Health Effects Institute that will explore "Knowledge Gaps and Research Needs in Linking Mobile Source Air Toxics (MSAT) To Potential Public Health Risks." Dr. Belluck has organized and moderated the built environment and obesity symposia at the 2004 meeting of the American Public Health Association and the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences. The proceedings of both these symposia will be published in a special edition of a major health journal that Dr. Belluck will organize and edit. He is a member of the White House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, Toxics and Risk Subcommittee and member, Asbestos Steering Group. Dr. Belluck is Co-Director of a NATO Advanced Study Workshop on "Risk Management Tools for Environmental Security, Critical Infrastructure and Sustainability" to be held in Fall 2005 in the Mediterranean region. Prior to joining FHWA, Dr. Belluck was co-author of two toxicology and risk assessment books and numerous peer-reviewed publications. He was a consulting litigation support toxicologist and was Chief Toxicologist, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Senior Risk Assessor and Toxicologist, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and State Toxicologist, Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services.