6C: PA Turnpike, PennDOT and Industry Initiatives

Session Description: PennDOT, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, and private industry have expressed a desire to improve the quality of the delivery and end product of our projects to reach the goals and expectations set forth with the passage of Act 89. As a result of an ongoing collaborative effort, focus areas have included revisiting our leadership culture, developing a skilled and reliable workforce, reviewing business processes in order to achieve overall modernization of the industry, as well as, investigating the need to address technical updates that will result in better quality and more cost effective delivery of transportation projects from design through construction.

- PTC Operation Orange Squeeze.
- As construction zones increase, the PTC is focusing a significant effort on work zone safety that includes summarizing statistics of work zone accidents, conducting analyses of those accidents and developing initiatives to improve customer and worker safety as well as reduce the number and severity of work zone crashes.

Moderator: Bradley J. Heigel, P.E., Chief Engineer, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission

- **Total Quality Initiative**, Mark P. Compton, Chief Executive Officer, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
- **Total Quality Initiative**, Eric Madden, Executive Vice President, American Council of Engineering Companies of Pennsylvania
- **PTC Operation Orange Squeeze**, Kelli E. Roberts, Manager of Marketing & Business Development, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
- **PTC Work Zone Safety**, Steve M. McGinley, P.E., Technical Manager, Michael Baker International

Bios:

Mark P. Compton of Manheim, Pa., began serving as chief executive officer of the Pa. Turnpike Commission on Feb. 1, 2013. A professional with nearly two decades of public- and private-sector experience in transportation, administration, government affairs and construction, Mr. Compton holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Penn State University with a major in government management and administration. He previously served as PennDOT’s deputy secretary of administration, overseeing eight bureaus within the agency. Before joining PennDOT, he was director of government affairs for American Infrastructure, a heavy civil construction company headquartered in Worcester, Pa. Prior to that, he worked in various public and private operations, focusing largely on transportation, construction and economic development.

Kelli E. Roberts has 15 years of communications experience focused in politics and government policy. Currently serving as the Manager of Marketing and Business Development at the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, Roberts is responsible for the planning, execution and management of all marketing initiatives including the E-ZPass program, Work Zone Safety awareness and the Trip Talk app. Previously, Roberts served as Deputy Communications Director for Governor Tom Corbett for three years where she coordinated and ran the Governor’s communications efforts in the policy area of Transportation. Roberts helped to establish and implement the communications strategy which ultimately resulted in the passage and signage of Act 89, legislation that dedicates historic funding to transportation infrastructure in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Early in her career Roberts spent one year at the United States Department of Transportation serving as Special Assistant to the Director of Public Affairs under Secretary Norman Mineta. In her role, Roberts was responsible for the planning and execution of strategic messaging events for the Secretary outside of the District of Columbia. Throughout her career Roberts has worked with elected officials at all levels of government to implement communications strategies that successfully furthered policy change in healthcare, economic development and agriculture as well as transportation.
**Thomas R. Macchione** has been with the Turnpike Commission since 2004 and has over 10 years of experience in traffic engineering. Tom received his Bachelor of Science degree from Penn State University and is a registered professional engineer in the state of Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Markings Technical Committee of the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Tom was instrumental in helping implement the recessed durable pavement marking program at the Turnpike Commission. Tom is currently the Chair of the Turnpike Commission’s Work Zone Safety Subcommittee.

**Stephen McGinley**, P.E. is a Technical Manager at Michael Baker International. He is currently supporting the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission through the GCE Contract. Steve has over 16 years of experience in the transportation industry and is a graduate of Villanova University. In addition, he has been responsible for all phases of traffic engineering, transportation planning, and Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) projects that range from operations and planning through final design and construction. Since beginning his current assignment with the Turnpike he has provided support to Traffic Engineering and Operations Department on many different highway safety initiatives including the Work Zone Safety Subcommittee. Mr. McGinley was awarded the “Young Transportation Professional of the Year” by the Institute of Transportation Engineers (Tampa Bay Chapter) and was the Technical Manager on the Pennsylvania ITS Standards Project which was awarded the “Project of the Year” by ITS Pennsylvania.