Transportation Forum 2025: Putting Research Into Practice

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The PA Turnpike Commission is more than a roadway.

- A billion-dollar enterprise driving our state and national economies.
- Generates, collects, and manages \$1.8 billion annually.





565⁺ Miles



140 Facilities



856 Bridges



5 Tunnels



90 Interchanges



1,400 Employees





VISION

To be a leader in mobility services at the forefront of innovation in transportation, safety and customer experience.

VALUES



SAFETY **ALWAYS**



COMMUNICATE OPENLY



DELIVERS



CUSTOMER

DRIVEN

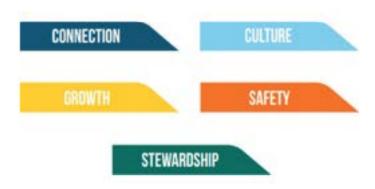




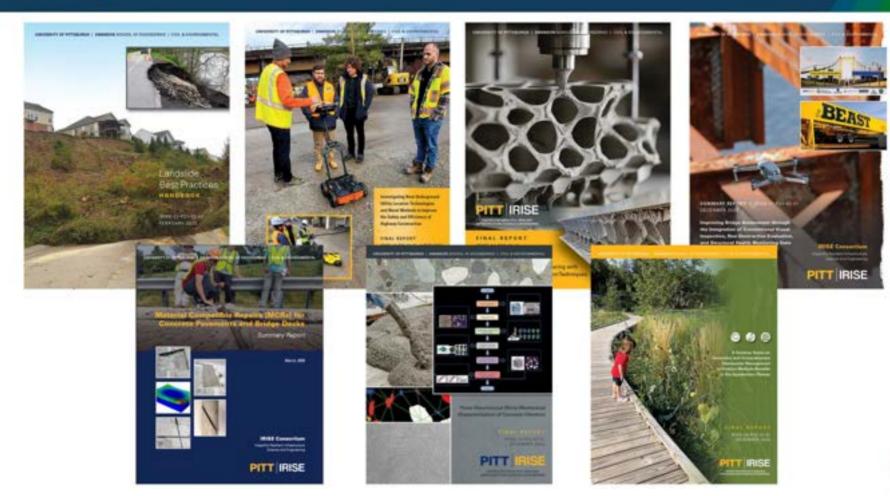
MISSION

To operate a safe, reliable, customer-valued toll road system that supports national mobility and commerce.

GOALS



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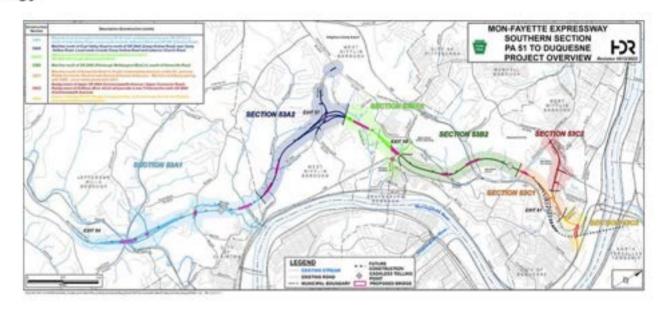
Digital Twin Technology



Absorptive Noise Walls



Energy Harvesting Geogrids

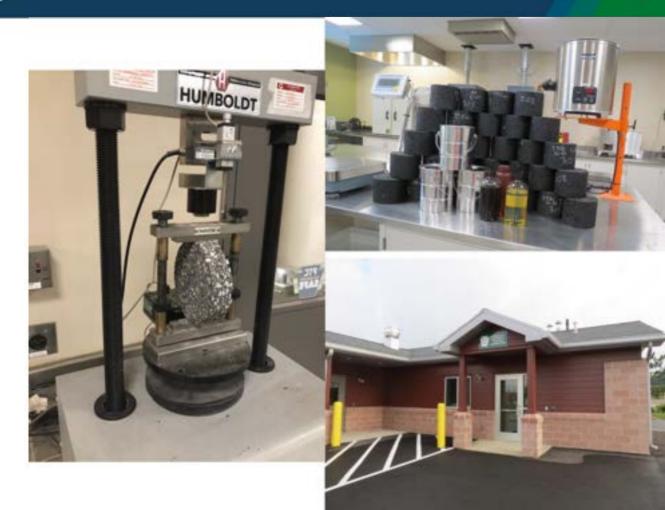




Electrified Roadway Strategic Plan



- Ensure Material Quality
- Evaluate Our Specifications
- Test New Innovations



The PA Turnpike Commission consistently outperforms our peers in the safety and reliability of our roadway.







Work Zone Safety

Incident Clearance Rates













- 2023 Pilot Program to alert motorists if they are approaching the TMA too quickly
- 4 TMA air horns
- Continuing to refine to improve automation



- PennSTART marks a collaborative venture between the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, Regional Industrial Development Corporation (RIDC) of Southwestern PA, Carnegie Mellon University, and Westmoreland County
- This state-of-the-art facility is set to empower emergency responders, transportation technology companies, and research institutions, fueling economic growth and innovation















Traffic Incident Management

- Law Enforcement / Fire / Rescue / EMS
- Towing & Recovery / Public Works / Utilities
- Unmanned Arial Vehicles (Drones Application Training)



ITS / Tolling Technologies

- Tolling Agencies
- EZPass Group
- Toll Tech Manufacturers & Integrators



Commercial Vehicles

- Motor Truck Carrier Association
- Bus and Motor Coach Association
- Manufacturers & Integrators



Connected and Automated Vehicles

- Research Institutions
- Automotive & Equipment Manufacturers
- IT Data Solutions
- Railway & Intersection Safety



Work Zone Safety

- Maintenance Workers
- Contractors
- OSHA and ANSI Work Zone Safety Training



Transit Vehicles

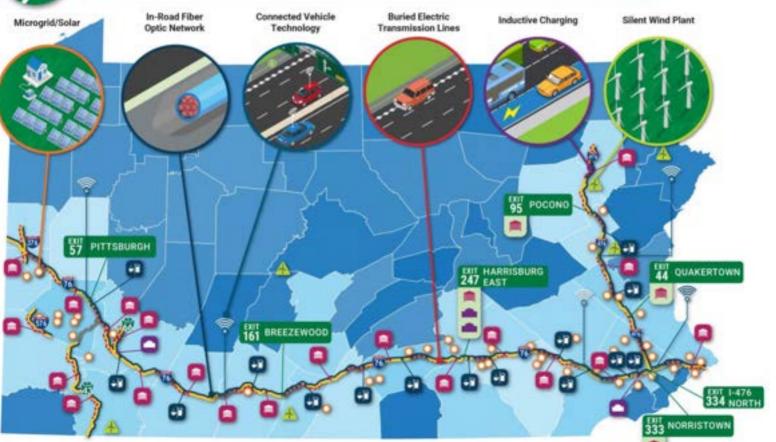
- Federal Transit Administration
- State DOTs
- Transit Agencies
- Bus Technology Manufacturers



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SUSTAINABLE ROADWAY 2040







SERVICE PLAZA



MAINTENANCE FACILITY



PTC ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING



EXIT



ROADWAY



MICROGRID/SOLAR



IN-ROAD FIBER NETWORK



CONNECTED VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY



BURIED ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES



INDUCTIVE CHARGING



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