

Traffic21/Mobility21 University Transportation Center 2020 Deployment Partner Consortium Symposium

Panelist Bios

Panel Two: COVID-19 - How has mobility changed and impacted deployment?

Yassmin Gramian, Secretary of Transportation, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT)

Yassmin Gramian, P.E., serves as the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, a position that she assumed in May 2020. She manages PennDOT's annual budget of \$9.5 billion and oversees programs and policies affecting highways, urban and rural public transportation, airports, railroads, ports, and waterways. Under her leadership, the department is directly responsible for Pennsylvania's vast system of state and local highways and bridges, as well as oversees the state's vehicle registration, driver's licenses and ID operations. Prior to joining PennDOT, Gramian worked for over 30 years in operations, design, and management of transportation infrastructure systems, including highway, tolling, bridge, and railroad projects. Gramian earned master's and bachelor's degrees in civil engineering from the University of Michigan and completed the Tuck Management Training Program at Dartmouth College. She is a professional engineer in Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, and Florida.



Chuck Hammel, CEO, Pitt OHIO

Charles (Chuck) L. Hammel III is president and owner of PITT OHIO, a regional transportation and supply chain solutions provider, headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for over 40 years in the transportation industry.

Mr. Hammel is active in the transportation industry and the community. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development and on the Board of Trustees for the Senator John Heinz History Center. He is a member of CMU's Traffic 21 Advisory Board and serves on Pitt's Center for Supply Chain Management Advisory Committee.



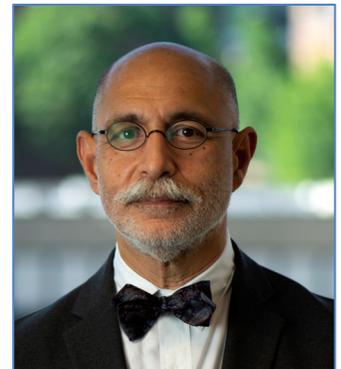
Larry Rilett, Distinguished Professor, Keith W. Klaasmeyer Chair in Engineering and Technology, Director of the Nebraska Transportation Center and the Mid-America Transportation Center



Dr. Laurence R. Rilett is a Distinguished Professor and the inaugural holder of the Keith W. Klaasmeyer Chair at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He serves as Director of the UNL Mid-America Transportation Center and the UNL Nebraska Transportation Center. Rilett has been a principal investigator or co-principal investigator on over 40 research projects with total funding in excess of \$45 million and has authored over 200 publications based on his research. He is currently the Managing Editor of the ASCE Journal of Transportation-Part A and is the Vice-President of the Council of University Transportation Centers.

Vincent Valdes, CEO, Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission

As the Executive Director of the SPC, Vince Valdes leads a team of planners, program managers, transportation specialists and engineers who work on creating a common regional vision and implementation program for the communities of southwestern Pennsylvania. The SPC is the federally certified MPO and development district serving this part of the state. Prior to the SPC Vincent was the Associate Administrator for Research, Innovation and Demonstration at the Federal Transit Administration which provides a national forum for transit research and promotes the development and adoption of innovative transit practices and technologies in public transportation.



Connie McGee, Board President, Association for Commuter Transportation

Connie McGee has been working and leading commuter transportation for over 22 years. She works for Commute with Enterprise in the San Francisco Bay Area, a division of Enterprise Holdings, Inc. She has been helping companies reduce their carbon footprint by providing vanpools for their employees to commute to work. In addition to her work with Enterprise, Connie has been on the Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) National Board for 8 years, serving as a National Director, Vice President, and was just re-elected for a 2nd term as President of the Board.



Moderator, **Chris Hendrickson**

Chris Hendrickson is the Hamerschlag University Professor of Engineering Emeritus, Director of the Traffic 21 Institute at Carnegie Mellon University, member of the National Academy of Engineering, Chair of the Transportation Research Board Division Committee and Editor-in-chief of the ASCE J. of Transportation Engineering. His research, teaching and consulting are in the general area of engineering planning and management, including design for the environment, project management, transportation systems, finance and computer applications. Prof. Hendrickson is a member of the National Academy of Construction, a Distinguished Member of the American Society of Civil Engineering, a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a former Rhodes Scholar.

