



PENNDOT & THE TRUCKING INDUSTRY

A Public-Private Perspective

ASHE HARRISBURG 2026 CONFERENCE



MODERATOR: Thomas J. Phelan, P.E., P.Eng.

- 30+ Years in Traffic/Transportation Consulting
- Professionally licensed in the U.S. and Canada
- Areas of expertise:
 - traffic engineering & design
 - transportation planning
 - freight planning and operations
 - industrial land use planning
- Led traffic engineering and roadway design elements of NEPA studies in the U.S. and design-build teams in western Canada.



PANELIST: Michael Rimer, AICP

- Transportation Planning Manager in PennDOT's Center for Program Development and Management (CPDM)
- Currently assigned to the Statewide Planning section of the CPDM to oversee statewide planning projects at PennDOT
- Previously served as a municipal manager in PA and as a senior community planner for the Harrisburg area MPO
- B.S. in Community Studies/Community Physical Planning and Master of Public Administration (MPA) from Penn State
- Member of American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and American Planning Association (APA)



PANELIST: Robert J. Pento, P.E.

- Began his career at PennDOT in 1992
- Has held a variety of engineering positions within PennDOT
- Professional focus has been primarily in traffic operations
- Manages the Traffic Engineering and Permits Section in the Bureau of Operations; oversees statewide policy for general traffic engineering practices, pavement markings/signing, Highway Occupancy Permits, and Oversize/Overweight Hauling Permits
- B.S. in Civil Engineering from Penn State University
- Licensed Professional Engineer in Pennsylvania



PANELIST: Rebecca K. Oyler

- President & CEO of the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association (PMTA) since 2021
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PANELIST: Zachary Germak

- President of Jagtrux, Inc. since 2018
- Member of Lancaster County Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC)
- Jagtrux is a contract/common carrier located in South Central PA since 1982
- Trailer fleet includes 40-foot dry vans, 48- and 53-foot curtainsided trailers, and 40-, 48- and 53-foot flatbeds
- Specialized equipment includes bottom discharge hoppers, pneumatic dry bulk carriers, and liquid tankers
- Also offers load brokerage services and warehouse storage



PANELIST: John H. Summers Jr.

- VP of Customer Solutions for Lester R. Summers, Inc. (Summers Trucking)
- Part of 3rd generation of leadership for the company, which is celebrating its 80th year in business this year
- Summers specializes in oversize, over dimensional loads, with a specialty in precast, steel and modular buildings
- 65 trucks and 400 trailers
- Pride in their safety, on-time delivery and superior customer service
- Industry involvement with PMTA, ATA, SC&RA and Chamber of Commerce Advocacy Groups



PA 2050 Freight Movement Plan Team



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