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Bios:

Ryan McNary is an Assistant Manager in the Traffic Management Center (TMC) Operations section within PennDOT’s Central Office. He serves as the business lead for Pennsylvania’s Advanced Transportation Management System (ATMS). In addition to those responsibilities, he works closely with the operation of the Statewide Traffic Management Center, assists with updating policy to enhance regional TMCs, helped design the Commonwealth’s new traffic operations metrics, and investigates current and future software/hardware to improve traffic management. Ryan began work with PennDOT nine years ago in the Pennsylvania Highway Safety Office as a project manager. Some important initiatives he oversaw included improving electronic crash report submission in PA, technical assistance for PA’s traffic prosecutors, and the U.S. DOT’s Pedestrian Safety Project in the City of Philadelphia. Ryan has a bachelor’s degree in geography and planning from West Chester University.

Bill Benson is a retired lieutenant of the Pennsylvania State Police, where his duties entailed: lieutenant emergency planning and preparedness officer assigned to Harrisburg in the Domestic Security Division of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation. He spearheaded Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) response to Hurricane Sandy operations in New Jersey: commander, Type 3 Incident Management Team; commander, Incident Command System PSP; emergency preparedness liaison officer for PSP State Emergency Operations Center; commander, essential support function ESF 13 (Public Safety); Department Watch Center supervisor assigned to Harrisburg responsible for spearheading a new unit, the Analytical Intelligence section, where he supervised situational awareness sharing among federal, state, and local law enforcement departments; created Response Team - G20 Operations in Pittsburgh Intelligence share through various law enforcement and emergency management agencies. Bill now serves as the project manager for the Statewide Traffic Management Center for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Michael Pack currently holds a position with the Pennsylvania Turnpike as a Senior Traffic Operations Project Manager. His primary responsibilities include managing the procurement of a next-generation ATMS software, project manager for the development of the PA Turnpike’s Traffic Operations Program, performance measures, weather management projects, connected vehicle roadmap, and various other traffic operations center and emergency operations initiatives. Mike previously worked for PennDOT for 17 years (3 years in District 5, 13 years in the Central Office, and 1 year in District 6). While there, his primary duties included ITS, traffic operations, and freeway management-related projects.
Glenn McLaughlin is the deputy director of the Maryland State Highway Administration’s (SHA) Office of CHART & ITS Development. He has worked in the transportation industry for 29 years and has been with SHA for 26 years. In his current position, Glenn is responsible for administration, planning, system development and funding of Maryland’s Coordinated Highways Action Response Team (CHART), which is SHA’s Highway Management, Operations and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) program. He is a former president of ITS Maryland and currently sits on a number of regional transportation management committees, including the Metropolitan Area Transportation Operations Coordination (MATOC) Committee and the Maryland SHA Connected and Automated Vehicle Infrastructure Working Group. In addition, Glenn is responsible for managing several projects for SHA, including the Maryland 511 traveler information service, collecting and displaying travel times on dynamic message signs, a sponsorship of the SHA Emergency Patrol program, and a complete redesign of SHA’s Statewide Operations Center. Glenn is a professional engineer and has a BS in engineering from Virginia Tech.

Manny Anastasiadis currently serves as PennDOT’s traffic operations and ITS manager in southeastern Pennsylvania. Manny directs the Department’s Eastern Regional Traffic Management Center, which monitors expressways in the five-county Philadelphia area from more than 300 closed-circuit highway cameras and provides real-time accurate travel information to motorists on over 120 dynamic message signs. He also leads PennDOT coordination with regional police, emergency response and traffic management agencies and in sharing video from PennDOT’s highway cameras with these organizations, which has facilitated a more efficient and effective management of the state’s transportation system. Manny also manages the district’s signing, pavement marking, and work zone programs, which each play a major role in the Department’s transportation safety efforts and contribute to the efficient movement of traffic flow in the five-county area, which experiences the state’s highest volumes. He is in his 30th year with PennDOT and his 11th as traffic operations and ITS manager in District 6. He is a 1987 graduate of Temple University, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. Manny was named ITS PA person of the year by the Pennsylvania chapter in 2011 and received the PennDOT Secretary’s Star of Excellence award the same year. In 2014 Manny received the Management and Operations / Intelligent Transportation System National – Council Individual Achievement Award from the Institute of Transportation Engineers.