

Chris Matta

Chief Engineer/Deputy Executive Director

Chris leads the Commission's Engineering and Maintenance Staff. His roles include developing and implementing the Capital Improvement Plan of the Ohio Turnpike as well as maintaining the existing infrastructure assets.

Chris joined the Turnpike team in 2000 as a Staff Engineer, headed up the Commission's Maintenance

Operations in 2014, was promoted to Deputy Chief Engineer in 2017, and in 2022 became the Commission's Chief Engineer. Chris was appointed to serve as the Commission's Deputy Executive Director in 2023.

As Chief Engineer, Chris provides guidance on the Commission's major upcoming capital improvement projects, including budgeting, planning, design, and construction. He provides general oversight of the Maintenance Department, is responsible for setting the Maintenance Department's annual operating budget, and oversees personnel matters including staffing, operational procedures, collective bargaining issues, etc. Additionally, Chris sets, reviews, and implements departmental standard operating procedures and best practices, specifications, and standard drawings.

Prior to joining the Ohio Turnpike, Chris worked on a construction management team administering the construction of heavy highway projects, served as a Project Manager for a bridge painting contractor, and worked in the Traffic Engineering Department of the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Chris is a graduate of Youngstown State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering and is a registered Professional Engineer with more than 25 years of experience.

