

News from the Ohio Turnpike

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Turnpike Commission Appoints Executive Director

BEREA (December 15, 2014) – Today, the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission named a new leader. At their regularly scheduled meeting this morning, the Commission voted unanimously to appoint Randy Cole to the position of Executive Director. Cole will assume the role on December 22, 2014 and will be responsible for managing the Turnpike's day-to-day business operations. He replaces Interim Executive Director Robin Carlin, who will continue in her role as Deputy Executive Director and Director of Administration.

"Given Randy's experience as a former Commission member, I'm confident in his ability to lead the Ohio Turnpike and appreciate his extensive knowledge of the organization," said Commission Chairman Jerry Hruby. "Randy has expressed an interest in supporting the strong management team in place and the dedicated employees who make the Ohio Turnpike one of the best run toll facilities in the entire nation. Randy's commitment to the continuity of our operations is vital to our future success, especially as it relates to our expanded role in supporting the state's overall transportation system."

Cole currently serves as Controlling Board President and Policy Advisor to Office of Budget and Management (OBM) Director Tim Keen. In addition to controlling board duties, he coordinates shared services and government reform initiatives for Governor John Kasich's administration, including leading the team that developed "*Beyond Boundaries- A Shared Services Action Plan for Ohio Schools and Governments.*" In March 2013, *Government Technology* magazine and the Center for Digital Government named Randy as one of the nation's "Top 25 Doers, Dreamers & Drivers of 2013."

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