



Tony Kratofil, P.E.

Chief Operating Officer
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**Michigan Department of
Transportation**

BIOGRAPHY FOR TONY KRATOFIL

Tony Kratofil was appointed Chief Operating Officer and Chief Engineer for the Michigan Department of Transportation in August 2018. As a member of the Director's Executive Team, he provides leadership and support for planning, designing, operating, and maintaining all aspects of a comprehensive integrated surface transportation system that is responsive to the current and future needs of Michigan's citizens. Mr. Kratofil has been with MDOT for over 28 years.



Prior to this assignment, Mr. Kratofil served in a variety of roles with MDOT, including Metro Region Engineer, Bay Region Engineer and Lansing Transportation Service Center Manager. He has a strong background in planning, project development and transportation systems management & operations (TSMO).

As Michigan's Metro Region Engineer, Mr. Kratofil led numerous operations projects to increase mobility and safety in the region without adding capacity. He demonstrated interagency collaboration and partnerships while he negotiated a host of complex and sensitive measures with the City of Detroit and other partners related to the Gordie Howe International Bridge. Additionally, his knowledge and strong relationships helped navigate road jurisdiction transfers, community access issues, property transfers, and job training. Recently, Kratofil has spearheaded the innovative approach to the I-75 modernization project in Oakland County. Through his leadership, the proposed 20-year timeline will be advanced to four years and include a Michigan first with a design-build-finance-maintain contracting delivery method.

Mr. Kratofil has been an advocate for encouraging inclusion and diversity in the transportation industry and MDOT's projects and programs. In 2010, he launched the Partnership for Diversity and Opportunity in Transportation, an initiative to bring together stakeholders from across Metro Detroit to explore ways to

collaborate and enhance pathways for individuals and minority-owned business to become more involved in infrastructure projects. He has been a driving force behind many innovative approaches to increase diversity and inclusion, including utilization of Best Value/Performance Based contracting, development of the MDOT Small Business Programs, bringing the USDOT Bonding Education Program to Michigan, advancement of the proposed On-the-Job Training Voluntary Incentive Program, and creation of the I-94 Modernization Project's Small Business Program initiatives. Mr. Kratofil was recognized by the Race Relations & Diversity Task Force on their 2012 Diversity Champion Honor Roll, received the AASHTO/FHWA Civil Rights Leadership award in 2012, the Myrt R. Hagood Leadership in Construction award in 2013 from the Detroit Chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction, by the Michigan Chapter of the Council of Minority Transportation Officials with their 2017

Pioneer Award and 2018 Special Recognition Award, and as the 2018 Outstanding Civil Engineer of the Year from the Lansing-Jackson Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Mr. Kratofil holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Michigan and a Master of Science degree in Administration from Central Michigan University. He serves as vice-chair of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Official's Committee for Transportation Systems Operations, and held previous roles as chair of the Technical Advisory Committee for the National Operations Center of Excellence and as a member of Transportation Research Board's Regional Transportation Systems Management & Operations Committee. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Michigan.

WORKING TO ADVANCE TSMO

Mr. Kratofil is a national leader in advancing TSMO. As a previous Chair of NOCoE's Technical Advisory Committee, he provided leadership in overseeing the technical program of an organization built to empower the TSMO community. Mr. Kratofil helped craft technical services and programs for NOCoE that educated and trained thousands of TSMO professionals across the country. In presiding over a workforce summit and several NOCoE student programs, Mr. Kratofil laid foundational activities that will continue to grow the TSMO workforce for years to come. In championing NOCoE activities he helped grow the TSMO community and empower other state TSMO leaders to adopt national leadership roles to ensure the TSMO community will have dedicated leadership going forward.