

The Benefits of Regional Collaboration

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The FHWA Office of Operations has encouraged and supported a regional approach to traffic signal management which has created the opportunity to now leverage these regional programs to promote the implementation of innovative technologies.

Workforce Development

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The GDOT Regional Traffic Operations Program (now known as SigOps) has created a collaborative environment which extends to State and local agencies, consultants, vendors, and contractors alike; working together in pursuit of a common vision has led to significant workforce development opportunities.

Construction Management

Steve Levine (TRANSCOM)

TRANSCOM (also known as Transportation Operations Coordinating Committee) is a coalition of 16 member agencies within the New York, New Jersey and Connecticut region. The member agencies are pioneers in the adoption of TSMO and have leveraged collaboration to effectively manage construction throughout the region.

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Eddie Curtis, P.E. is a Traffic Management and Operations Specialist with the FHWA Office of Operations and Resource Center Operations Technical Service Team. He manages the Traffic Signal Systems Program which is responsible for advancing objectives and performance based approaches to traffic signal management and operations.

Workforce Development

Kate Shearin, P.E., PTOE is the Metro Atlanta Signal Operations Engineer in the GDOT Office of Traffic Operations. She is currently managing the Georgia Regional Traffic Operations Program (RTOP). In this role, she is establishing a statewide Traffic Signal Operations Program covering the entirety of Georgia which is possible through the deployment of new traffic signal software and communications.

Kenn Fink, P.E. has worked for Kimley-Horn for over 27 years with a primary focus within traffic operations and ITS. He has been a project manager for GDOT's Regional Traffic Operations Program (RTOP) for the past decade.

Construction Management

Steve Levine is the Executive Director of TRANSCOM. Prior to joining TRANSCOM, he had a diverse mix of public and private sector transportation experiences. His prior experience includes serving as the E-ZPass® NY Program Manager at Conduent and senior consulting positions with Jacobs Engineering, Group, Kimley-Horn and Associates, and TransCore ITS. In addition, Steve worked 13 years with the TxDOT in the Houston District Office.

Moderator

Natalie Smusz-Mengelkoch, P.E. brings over 20 years of diverse experience within ITS and TSMO planning and engineering—leveraging innovative solutions, existing deployments, and collaboration to make a positive impact through the use of transportation technology to support safety, mobility, sustainability, and accessibility for all.