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Francis (Fran) O'Connor confirmed as Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation Full Senate votes to approve career transportation executive

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced Francis (Fran) O'Connor was confirmed by the full New Jersey Senate on Friday, June 28 as New Jersey Department of Transportation Commissioner, making him the 20th Chief Executive of the Department.

Governor Murphy nominated Commissioner O'Connor in January 2024, and he has served in an acting capacity since then. He will continue his work overseeing the Department that manages the state's multi-faceted transportation network. The Commissioner of NJDOT also serves as Chair of New Jersey Transit, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, and the South Jersey Transportation Authority. Commissioner O'Connor is committed to improving safety on our roadways – for our motoring public, for our most vulnerable roadway users like pedestrians and bicyclists and of course, for our frontline workers – because, simply put, one death is too many. He looks forward to promoting safety as a way of life through statewide efforts to reduce crashes and fatalities to improve the quality of life for those traveling in and through New Jersey.

Commissioner O'Connor is a transportation professional with more than 40 years of public and private sector transportation experience. He began his public service career at the New Jersey Turnpike Authority as a toll collector and rose to be the Deputy Director of the NJTA's Electronic Toll Collection Program. In that role he launched the Authority's first electronic toll collection installation.

While in the private sector, Fran advised transportation agencies across the country on the development and execution of critical projects with a strategic focus on toll roads. In this work, Fran has overseen hundreds of employees at a time, implemented large-scale customer service centers, and engaged with regulatory entities at all levels of government. He graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's in accounting from St. Peter's University.

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