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Michael Trentacoste was named the Associate Administrator for Research, Development & Technology (RD&T) for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in January 2009. He also serves as the Director of FHWA's Turner Fairbank Highway Research Center (TFHRC) in McLean, Virginia. In those capacities, he is responsible for leading the development and coordination of a national highway research and development agenda; formulation and conduct of research and development at the Turner Fairbank Center; and establishment of research and technology partnerships with States, academia, industry, and international highway research organizations.

Prior to becoming Associate Administrator, he was Director, Office of Safety Research & Development at TFHRC where he directed a multi-disciplined staff of engineers, scientists, and research psychologists charged with conducting research and development of innovative roadway design and operations to improve safety. Prior to that appointment, he was Director of the Office of Highway Safety in FHWA with responsibility for development and implementation of the Agency's highway safety policy and program initiatives.

During his 36-year career with the US Department of Transportation, Mr. Trentacoste has also led development of the national Commercial Driver License (CDL) regulations; directed FHWA's 500-person federal motor carrier field investigative staff; managed the \$75 million commercial safety inspection grant program; oversaw funding of Amtrak; and conducted review of high-speed rail service potential in the United States. He has also held a variety of technical positions with the New York State Department of Transportation. Mr. Trentacoste is a graduate of Manhattan College in civil engineering and has an M.S. in Transportation from Northwestern University. He is a registered engineer in the State of New York.