J. KEVIN LACY

J. Kevin Lacy, PE, has been named the recipient of the 2021 Traffic Engineering Council’s Troy A. People’s Award. This award is given to an individual or organization who is recognized as a leader in the field of traffic engineering through involvement with innovative activities, professional organizations, the community, or the performance of traffic engineering. It honors the legacy of Troy A. Peoples, P.E., a renowned expert in Transportation Engineering and Life Member of ITE who was an innovator, leader, and mentor throughout his long career.

Kevin, Director, Transportation Mobility & Safety Division/State Traffic Engineer, succeeded Mr. Peoples in 2004 as the State Traffic Engineer for the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). Kevin exemplifies the role of a “Traffic Engineer” with his breadth and detailed technical knowledge as well as his strong commitment to the traffic engineering community.

As NCDOT’s State Traffic Engineer, Kevin directs the Transportation Mobility and Safety Division (TMSD) that encompasses traffic safety, intelligent transportation systems, signal and signal system design, congestion management, work zone traffic control, school transportation assistance, signing and delineation, traffic systems and operations, and oversize/overweight operations and permitting. The mission of the TMSD is to provide safe and efficient movement of all modes of transportation through the research, design, and implementation of innovative traffic safety and operation strategies with various programs that have a combined annual budget of approximately $100 million. Kevin and members of his team continue to be involved in statewide and national efforts to advance their mission through research, the development and application of effective policies, and development of operational techniques that improve traffic flow and safety for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists. Before his current position, he was the State Traffic Safety Engineer, a researcher at the Highway Safety Research Center, and a Traffic Safety Project Engineer.

Kevin is also a long-standing member of the North Carolina Section of ITE (NCSITE) who has served the Section in several areas and has been elected to Section offices including President in 2008, Vice President in 2007, and Secretary in 2006. He has served on several councils and committees and has been a mentor in the NCSITE mentoring program. In 2012 he received NCSITE’s Jay W. Quinn Technical Excellence Award in recognition of his excellent technical knowledge. He has also been recognized as Manager of the Year (2008) by the NCDOT Leadership Management Development Association (LMDA) and received the Governor’s Highway Safety Program Director’s Award (2007).