

2013 Felix A. Anderson Image Award

Kirk T. Steudle, PE
State Transportation Director, MDOT



Kirk Steudle was appointed Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation by Governor Rick Snyder on January 1, 2011, and he has served in that position since 2006.

As State Transportation Director, Steudle oversees MDOT's more than three billion dollar budget, and is responsible for the construction, maintenance, and operation of nearly 10,000 miles of state highways as well as more than 4,000 state highway bridges at a department with 2,500 employees. He also oversees administration of a variety of multi-modal transportation programs and projects that range from Aviation to the Zilwaukee Bridge.

Steudle is the 2013 Vice Chair of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Executive Committee, and chairs the Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP 2) Oversight Committee for TRB. He was the 2011-12 President of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), and serves on the AASHTO Executive Committee. Steudle is a national expert in Connected Vehicle Technologies, a high-tech highway operations technology that enables vehicles to communicate with roads and each other to improve safety and mobility. Steudle is on the Board of Directors of both the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITSA), and the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) World Congress. He also serves on the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Program Advisory Committee to the U.S. Department of Transportation, and the Engineering Society of Detroit, the largest engineering society in the country. In addition, he also is Chair of the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute (UMTRI) Advisory Board.

Born and raised in Adrian, Michigan, Steudle graduated from Lawrence Technological University (LTU) with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Construction Engineering and is also on the LTU Civil Engineering Advisory Board. He is a registered professional engineer, and joined MDOT in 1987 as an engineer trainee. He has served the department in various positions across the state throughout his career. In 2012, he was inducted into LTU's Engineering Hall of Fame. In 2011, he was awarded the P.D. McLean Award from the Road Gang for excellence in highway transportation.

In 2010, he was recognized nationally for his continuous outstanding service and exceptional contribution to highway engineering when he received the prestigious Thomas H. MacDonald Award from AASHTO.