

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 2022 Annual Report



*Celebrating 75 years*





# Dedication



Eldon Morrison 1941-2022



Paul Koziell 1967-2022

**Maine Turnpike Authority  
dedicates our 2022 Annual Report to our partners,  
Eldon Morrison and Paul Koziell of CPM Constructors**

# Executive Director’s Letter

It is with a heavy heart that the Maine Turnpike Authority dedicates our 2022 annual report to two men who were true partners in the never-ending task of improving and innovating transportation in the state of Maine, Eldon Morrison and Paul Koziell of CPM Constructors, who died in a plane crash this past fall.

Recent projects by CPM Constructors for the Maine Turnpike Authority include:

- Reconstructing Exit 45 (ongoing)
- Repairing bridges for Ramp J & Wilson Road in Kittery and Littlefield Road in Wells (ongoing)
- Rebuilding, widening, and lengthening the Cummings Road overpass just south of Exit 45
- Accelerated Bridge Construction replacement of Winthrop Street Bridge in Hallowell
- Reconstruction of the interchange at Exit 80 in Lewiston

The Exit 45 Interchange reconstruction is nearly complete. This complicated project required some deep thinking in the design of the project, the materials used, and how to construct it while accommodating everyday traffic through and around the interchange. It is certainly one of the most diversified and difficult construction projects undertaken in Maine this past year. Just days before his passing, at Paul’s invitation, I walked the Exit 45 site with him. He was visibly proud of the new interchange. It is a handsome memorial to these leaders in heavy construction. We will miss them both as will their conscientious employees and staff who have worked so closely with us on many successful projects.

*Peter Mills*



Peter Mills, Executive Director





# 75th Anniversary 1947-2022



Mrs. Joseph Sayward, wife of the Turnpike Authority's first chairman, cuts the ribbon to open the Turnpike on December 13, 1947



Opening of the MTA Headquarters on Riverside Street in Portland in 1984



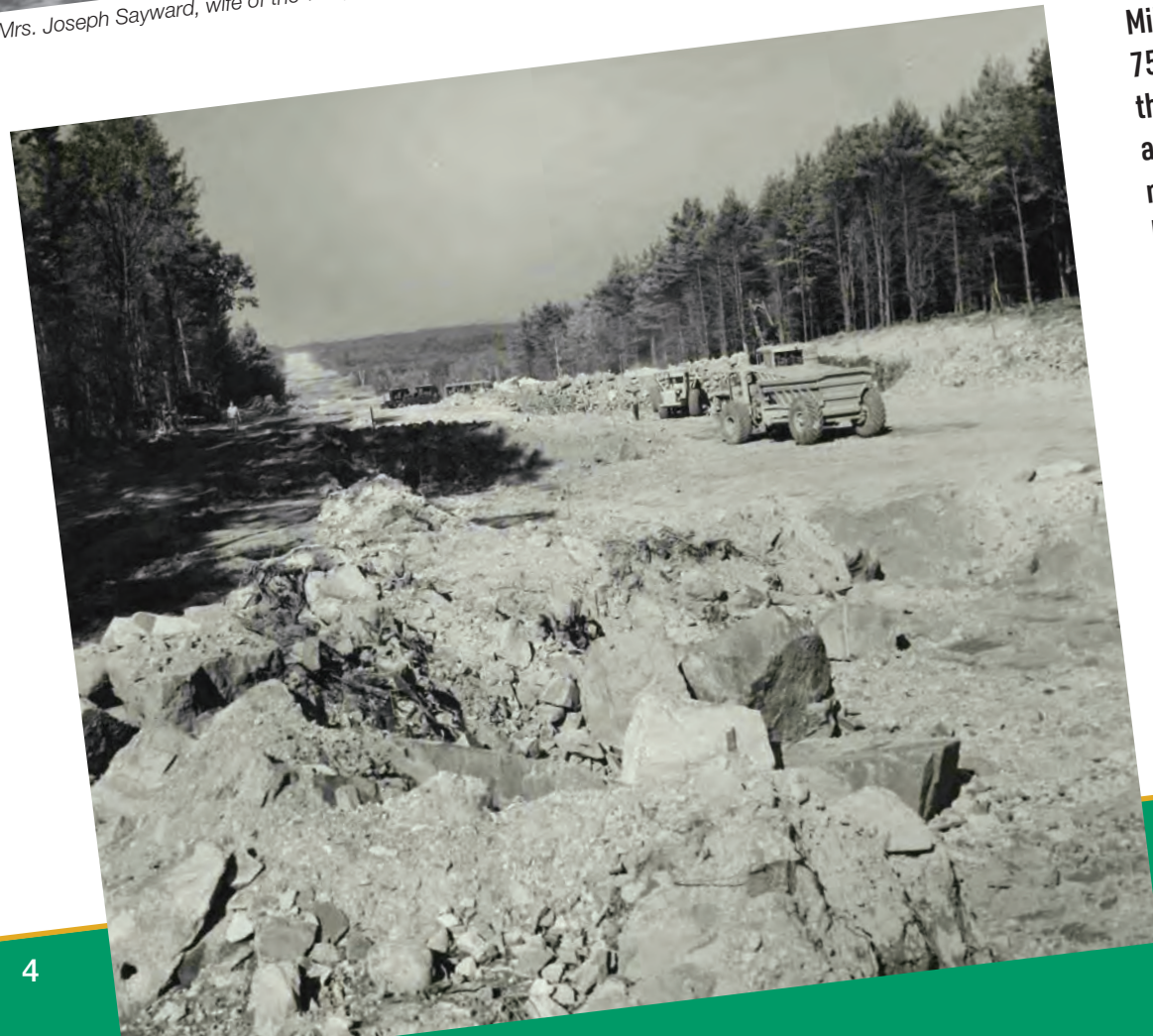
Gov. Muskie opens the "extension" of the Pike to August on December 13, 1955



Groundbreaking ceremony for Sabattus Interchange in 2002



Ribbon cutting of the final section of the widening in 2004



Milestones like the 75th Anniversary of the Maine Turnpike are important to mark and celebrate. MTA had a tradition of recognizing these milestones in the past.

Left: Savin Construction Corps lays the groundwork for the Maine Turnpike in Wells

Right: Transpass kickoff event in 1997



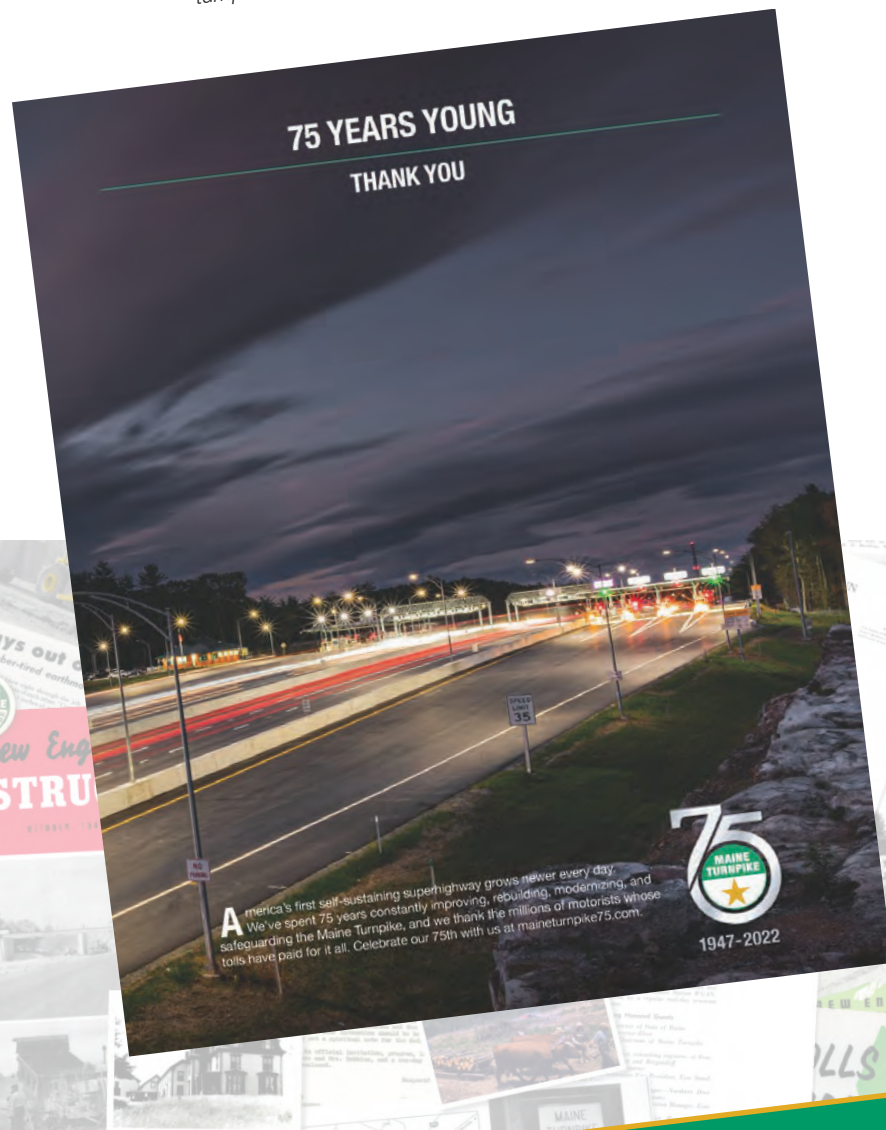
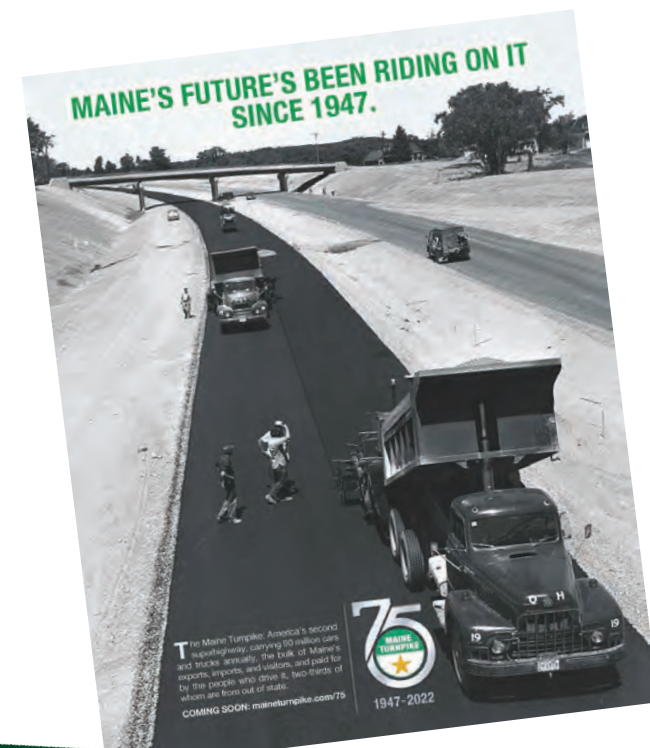




A website was created to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Turnpike. It included vignettes of turnpike history, a timeline and interviews



Products of the 75th Anniversary recognition were a commemorative website with interviews and historical videos, companion books in both hard and soft cover and advertising to show the significance of the Turnpike to Maine's history and economy as well as highlighting the Mainers that have made the turnpike what it is.



# 75 MAINE TURNPIKE 1947-2022

The Maine Turnpike was ground breaking in many ways but the staff and Turnpike board have never rested on those accomplishments. We have spent 75 years constantly improving, rebuilding, modernizing and safeguarding the Maine Turnpike.

Two versions of a commemorative book were made



Scan here to see the 75th Anniversary website





# Projects

In 2022 Maine Turnpike Authority awarded nearly \$70 Million in maintenance and construction projects in addition to continued work on the Portland Area Widening and the reconstruction of Exit 45. The Turnpike is in a constant state of productive flux. We continue to maintain and improve the highway as we have for the past 75 years.

## LIST OF PROJECTS AWARDED IN 2022

Project Type	Municipality	Description	Amount
Maintenance	Various	Exit 36 Improvements and Pavement Rehabilitation (Mile 35-36)	\$4,029,941
Maintenance	Litchfield	8 Bay Garage Replacement	\$2,651,743
Maintenance	Wells	Littlefield Rd Emergency Vehicle Ramps	\$548,558
Maintenance	West Gardiner	Waterline Replacement	\$273,750
Maintenance	South Portland	New Vehicle Storage Garage - Crosby	\$2,313,000
Bridges	Kittery & Wells	Bridge Repairs: Wilson Road, Littlefield Road & Route 1 Off Ramp	\$2,433,308
Bridges	Kittery	Bridge Repairs: Route 236 Underpass & Route 1 On Ramp	\$2,579,980
Bridges	Litchfield	Route 197 Superstructure Replacement	\$2,988,608
Bridges	West Gardiner	Exit 102 On Ramp Reconfiguration	\$3,118,309
Paving	Gardiner	Pavement Rehabilitation and Drainage Improvements (Mile 102 to 109)	\$6,297,366
Capacity	Saco	Saco Interchange Improvements New Exit 35 and Exit 36 Modifications	\$41,922,810
Total			\$69,157,373



Concrete deck placement at Route 197 Bridge in Litchfield



Restoring roadway after toll plaza demolition at Mile 7 in York

Nighttime pavement rehabilitation in Gardiner



Portland Area Widening improvements underway at Exit 47





Exit 45

The reconstruction of Exit 45 (the Maine Mall Exit) in South Portland commenced in 2019, with nearly \$15 million worth of preload in order to stabilize the soils for the new bridge and toll plazas. During the preload phase, 27,000 wick drains were installed – the equivalent of approximately 430 miles. Work on the Interchange began in the spring of 2021 and included reconstructing Exit 45 as a Diamond Interchange to accommodate growing traffic numbers with two new ramp toll plazas and a taller, wider bridge. The bridge had been hit a number of times in the past and this work included replacing and raising of the bridge to provide a 16.5-foot clearance over the Maine Turnpike. The newly configured interchange opened to traffic in September 2022, shortly followed by the demolition of the old plaza and removal of the old bridge. In 2023 the contract will wrap with some work on the approach road to the interchange.

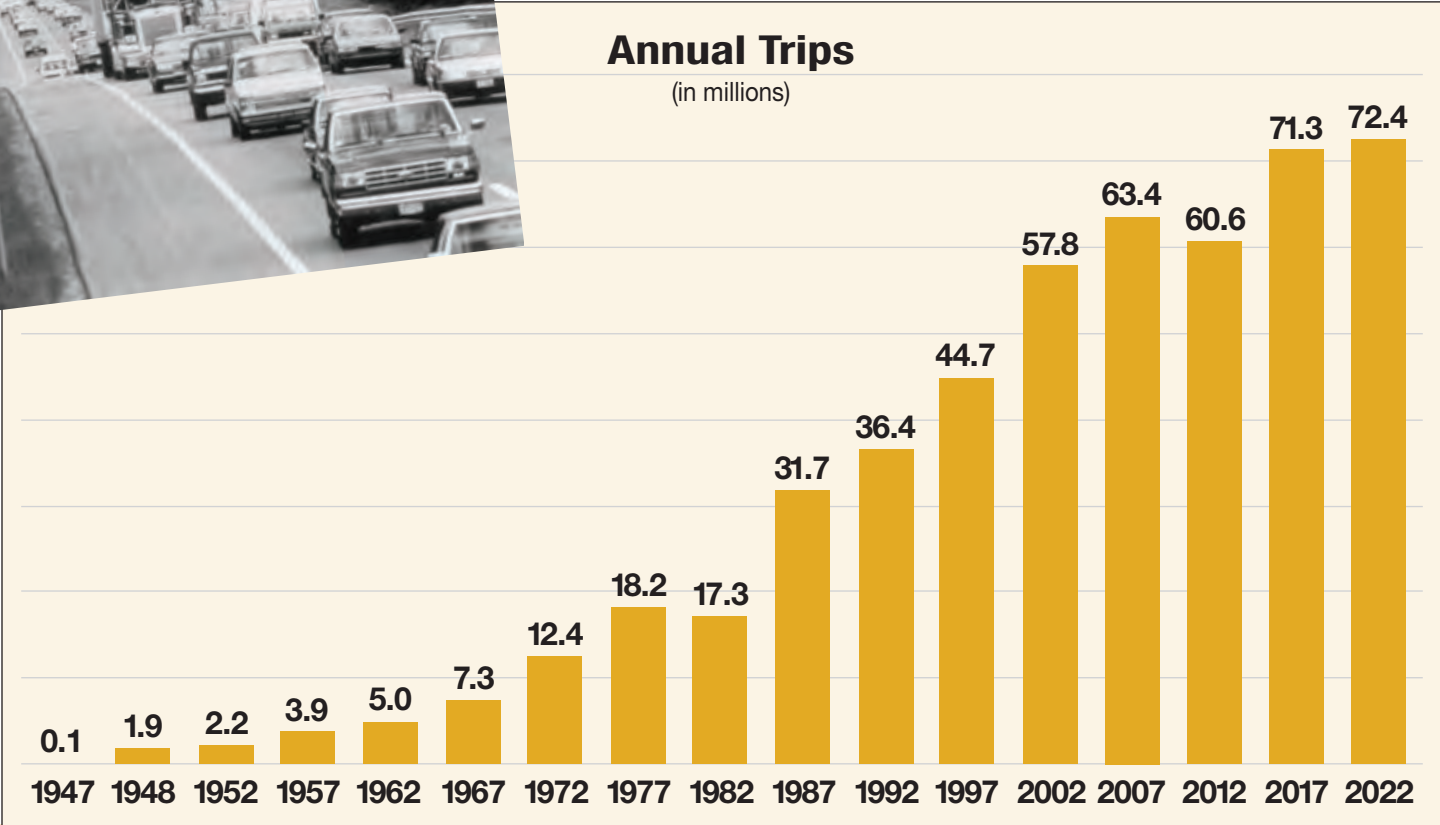




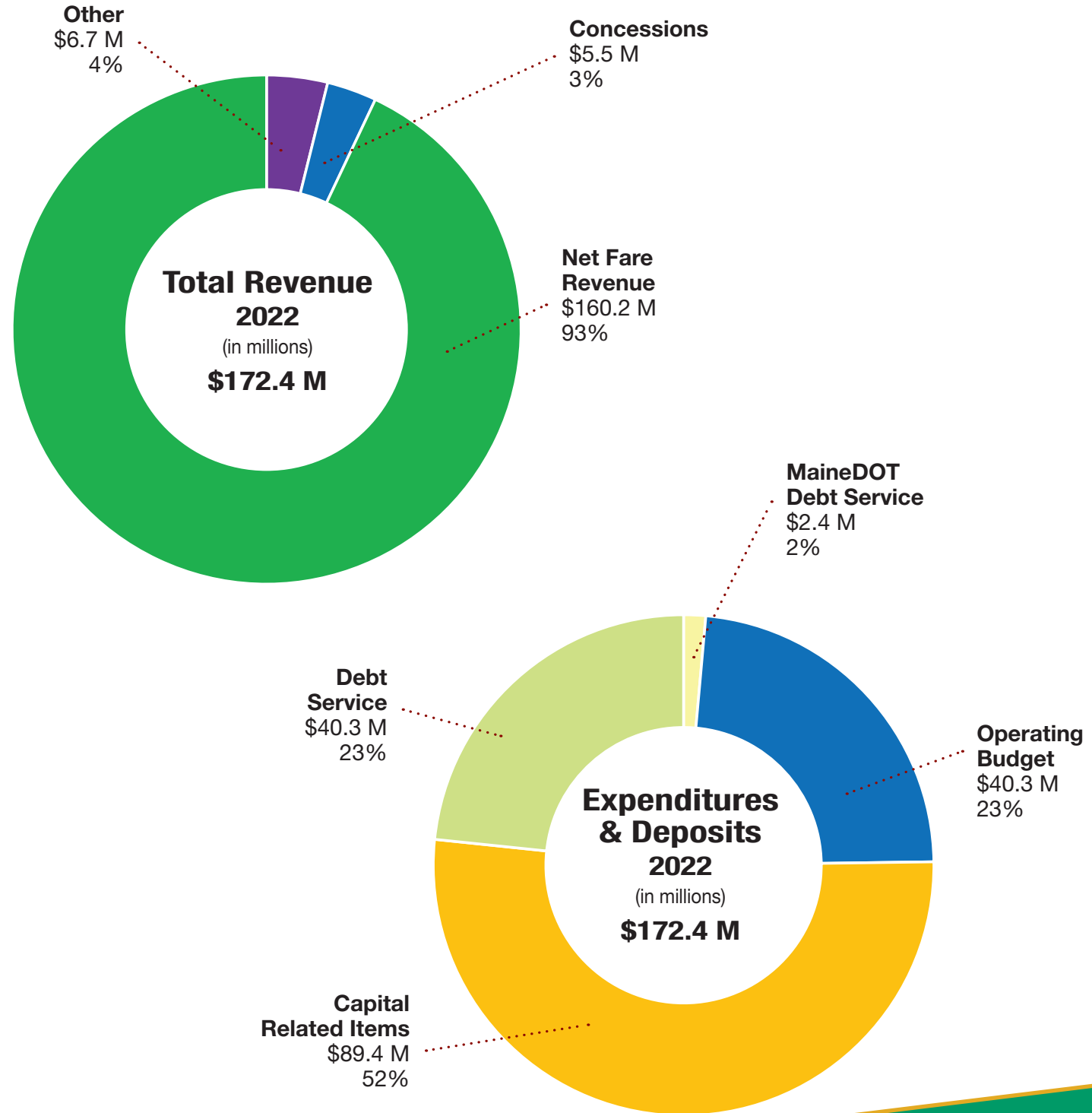
# Traffic Through The Years



**Annual Trips**  
(in millions)



# Finance





# Employee Recognition

The Maine Turnpike Authority would not be as successful as an innovator of transportation in Maine without our employees. The list below highlights those who have reached milestones in their employment at the MTA in 2022.

## 5 Years

- Shelley A. Camire  
E-Z Pass Customer Service Representative
- David Allen Chandler-Smith  
Systems Analyst - Designer AS400
- Andrew M. Constantine  
Intelligent Transportation System Coordinator
- Stacy M. Finlay  
Toll Collector I
- Michael F. Haines  
Accounts Payable Processor
- Terri L. Hatch  
Toll Collector I
- Adam R. Hilbourne  
Highway Maintenance III
- Shawn M. Jones  
Communication Center Specialist
- Raymond A. Ligouri  
Systems Analyst - Designer AS400
- Timothy R. Melanson  
Highway Maintenance III
- Timothy C. Monroe  
Automotive Mechanic III
- Linda J. Mueller  
Toll Collector I
- Scott P. Pomerleau  
HVAC/R Serviceperson
- Christopher L. Russel  
Highway Maintenance III
- Sheila C. Saari  
Executive Secretary
- Tobias J. Sargent  
Toll Collector I
- Sean P. Sullivan  
Toll Collector I

## 10 Years

- Charles B. DePiero  
Highway Maintenance III
- Ralph C. Norwood IV  
Deputy Director of Maintenance
- Gary R. Perry  
Automotive Mechanic Foreman
- Thomas J. Vanesse  
Carpenter



Debbie Jordan of Highway Maintenance throwing out first pitch at Sea Dogs game as part of the 75th Anniversary celebration

## 15 Years

- Steven T. Benson  
Highway Maintenance Foreman
- Craig M. DeCourt  
Toll Collector I
- Jacqueline E. Hansen  
Executive Assistant - Operations
- Tammy L. Hebert  
Toll Collector I
- Brenda Lee Joyce  
Toll Collector I
- Ronald R. Legere  
Toll Collector I
- Rory J. McDougal  
PC Support Specialist - ADP Systems Administrator
- Mohammad Nabi  
Toll Collector I
- John Ouellette  
Toll Collector I
- Carrie A. Rickett  
Business Accounts Processor
- Randy Lee Smith  
Toll Collector I
- Mark Joseph Tobkin  
iSeries Programmer-Analyst

## 20 Years

- Larry R. Berry Jr.  
Systems Analyst - Designer AS400
- Kim W. Flewelling  
Systems Analyst - Designer AS400
- Timothy A. Hutchinson  
Toll Collector I
- Katherine G. Moulton  
Executive Assistant - Finance
- Paula R. Salvaggio  
Toll Collector I
- Gary J. Wheeler  
Highway Maintenance III

## 25 Years

- Rebecca J. Grover  
Public Outreach Coordinator
- Peter S. Merfeld  
Chief Operations Officer
- Gerald J. Ouellette  
Engineering Aide III
- Larry R. Patneau  
Accountant III
- Timothy P. Paquin  
Automotive Mechanic III

## 35 Years

- Edson A. Noyes III  
Storekeeper II
- Robert H. Webber  
Highway Maintenance III

## Executive Staff

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| Peter Mills<br>Executive Director  | Eric Barnes, P.E.<br>Director of ITS                     | Matthew W. Elliott<br>Controller                     | Greg J. Stone<br>Director of Public Safety                                 |
| Douglas D. Davidson<br>Chief Financial Officer & Authority Board Treasurer | Richard R. Barra<br>Director of Fare Collection          | Shawn Laverdiere<br>Director of Building Maintenance | Stephen R. Tartre, P.E.<br>Director of Engineering & Chief Engineer        |
| Peter S. Merfeld, P.E.<br>Chief Operations Officer                         | John W. Cannell, P.E.<br>Director of Highway Maintenance | John P. Sirois<br>Director of Finance                | William H. Yates, III<br>Director of Information Services & Communications |
| Jonathan A. Arey, Esq.<br>Staff Attorney & Authority Board Secretary       | Lauren G. Carrier<br>Director of Human Resources         | Richard Somerville<br>Director of E-ZPass Operations |  |

## MTA Board of Directors

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| Thomas J. Zuke, CPA - Member<br>Saco, Maine<br>York County               |   |





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