

Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Transportation

Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti

Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti was confirmed as the 19th Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation on June 7, 2018. She was nominated on December 19, 2017 and began serving as Acting Commissioner on January 16, 2018.

A native New Jerseyan, Ms. Gutierrez-Scaccetti is a transportation professional with more than 33 years in the industry, and 41 years in government service. She possesses extensive executive, operational, and planning knowledge.

Prior to her nomination, Commissioner served as the Executive Director and CEO at Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, a part of the Florida Department of Transportation. Under her leadership, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise managed more than 460 centerline miles and a 5-year capital program in excess of \$6 billion, supported by \$1 billion in revenues.

This capital program included the construction of SunTrax, a 2.25 mile test track and research facility for the development of transportation technology, including automated and connected vehicle applications. She was instrumental in implementing Regional Toll Interoperability of SunPass in the Southeastern United States. SunPass, Florida's statewide electronic toll collection system, was under her charge. As Executive Director and CEO, Gutierrez-Scaccetti was a member of the Executive Committee of the Florida Department of Transportation, a policy setting body that reports to the Secretary of Transportation.

Prior to the Commissioner's Florida experience, she spent 21 years at the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, working her way up from a Contract Administrator to the post of Executive Director, a position she held from 2008 to 2010. During her tenure, she managed the day-to-day administrative operations and was chief negotiator for the agency's several collective bargaining units.

Ms. Gutierrez-Scaccetti participated in several major agency initiatives, including the remediation of the E-ZPass System, the financial and operational consolidation of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and New Jersey Highway Authority, bringing the New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway under a single organization. A major undertaking was the development and financing of a 10-year, \$7 billion capital program that kicked off the widening of the New Jersey Turnpike from Interchange 6 to Interchange 9. This transformational project provided significant congestion relief to a major portion of the I-95 Corridor.

As NJDOT Commissioner, she oversaw the largest capital program in the Department's history with \$1.23 billion in construction contracts and \$359 million in consultant design/inspection agreements awarded in Fiscal Year 2021. In addition, NJDOT has supported communities during the pandemic with staff logging more than 1,000 hours

driving mobile vaccination trucks and continuing her tradition of encouraging community involvement by holding charitable drives.

As NJDOT Commissioner, she serves as Chair of NJ TRANSIT, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, the South Jersey Transportation Authority, the NJ Transportation Trust Fund Authority, and Vice Chair of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

The Commissioner's accomplishments and leadership have been recognized by the Executive Women of New Jersey, WTS Central Florida Woman of the Year, and Orlando Business Journal's 2015 CEO of the Year for the Public Sector. She received the 2019 Service to the People Award presented by the American Society of Civil Engineers Central New Jersey Branch and the 2020 Women of Achievement Award presented by the New Jersey Chapter of Professional Women in Construction. She is the recipient of the 2021 American Council of Engineering Companies of New Jersey Distinguished Service Award and was recognized with the Richard M. Hale Chairman's Award at the 2021 47th Annual New Jersey Alliance for Action Eagle Awards ceremony. She was also the Women in Transportation New Jersey (WTSNJ) "Woman of the Year" honoree in 2021.

Ms. Gutierrez-Scaccetti is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and the Northeast Association of State Transportation Officials (NASTO) and is currently serving as the Chair of the AASHTO Committee on Transportation Communications (TransComm). She served as the 2022 President of the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA) and is currently serving as the Immediate Past President on the IBTTA Executive Committee and Chair of the IBTTA Nominating Committee. She is currently serving as chair of the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board (TRB), and Chair of The Eastern Transportation Coalition (formerly I-95 Corridor Coalition).

Commissioner Gutierrez-Scaccetti holds degrees from the University of Connecticut (BS) and Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (MS).