

ALLEN D. BIEHLER, P.E.
Secretary of Transportation
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Nominated by Gov. Edward G. Rendell, Allen D. Biehler, P.E., was confirmed by the State Senate as Pennsylvania's Transportation Secretary in February 2003.

Secretary Biehler is responsible for an organization of about 12,000 employees with an annual budget in excess of \$5 billion. PennDOT owns and operates the nation's fifth largest state-owned highway system and administers one of the nation's largest grant programs for mass transit, rail freight and aviation. PennDOT also processes 30 million driver and vehicle customer service transactions each year, and operates the 12 Pennsylvania Welcome Centers which greeted over three-million visitors in 2002.

Before taking the lead at PennDOT, Secretary Biehler amassed 34 years experience in transportation engineering, planning, construction administration and public transportation management.

While a vice president at the international transportation consulting firm of DMJM+Harris, Secretary Biehler was project manager for the North Shore Light Rail Transit connector and for the Strategic Visioning Study--both in Pittsburgh. He also was director of planning and preliminary engineering for the Tren Urbano rail system in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

During a 17-year career at the Port Authority of Allegheny County, Secretary Biehler served as director of planning and business development and later director of planning, engineering and construction. His duties included managing a 50-person staff and more than \$500 million in engineering, architecture, construction and value engineering contracts. He directed preparation of the agency's first strategic plan and business plan and initiated and co-directed a collaborative team effort to create an agency-wide vision and critical success measurements. He also played a role in waterway and freight transportation issues in the Port of Pittsburgh region.

Before joining the Port Authority, Secretary Biehler worked for 12 years in city and county government in Pittsburgh on highway and aviation planning. He was involved in the planning for the new landside terminal at Pittsburgh International Airport and in reviews of the administrative organization for the airport's management and operations. He was instrumental in persuading the Port Authority to implement a light rail subway in downtown Pittsburgh.

Secretary Biehler also has served on committees of the Transportation Research Board, the American Public Transportation Association and the University of Pittsburgh. He has written articles for national transportation professional journals and was awarded a Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Pittsburgh in 1997.

A native of Rochester, New York, Secretary Biehler is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in civil engineering and holds a master's equivalent certificate in transportation from Yale University. He is a certified professional engineer. He and his wife, Diane, live in Crafton, Allegheny County.