

		<b>PA TURNPIKE COMMISSION POLICY</b> <i>This is a statement of official Pennsylvania Turnpike Policy</i>	<b>NUMBER:</b> 10.06  <b>APPROVAL DATE:</b> 10-20-2015
<b>POLICY SUBJECT:</b>  Innovation Council	<b>RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:</b>  Executive Office	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> 10-20-2015  <b>REVISED DATE:</b> 11-05-2019	

**A. PURPOSE:**

To establish the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (“PTC”) Innovation Council (“Council”) as an official committee to support the transformation, modernization, and innovation of operations and processes. The Council shall foster a collaborative environment for the rapid implementation of ready-to-deploy innovations in order to deliver an efficient, high-quality transportation system.

**B. SCOPE:**

This policy outlines the representation and authority of the Council and grants to the Council the ability to establish and maintain administrative and operating guidelines regarding Innovations.

**C. GENERAL POLICY:**

Council is tasked with facilitating the implementation of state, regional, national and international technologies, tactics, techniques and any other Innovations that are developed for deployment and promoted to become standard practice within the Commission.

**D. DEFINITIONS:**

**Council** shall mean the Innovation Council. The overall composition of the Council shall be at the discretion of the CEO; however, at a minimum, the Council shall include representation from the following Departments:

- Public Relations & Marketing
- Executive Office
- Engineering
- Policy & Fare Collection
- Finance & Administration
- Information Technology
- Legal
- Maintenance
- Traffic Engineering & Operations

Council may also include representation from the following external organizations:

- Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
- Pennsylvania State Police Troop “T”
- Pennsylvania Turnpike General Consulting Engineer (“GCE”)

**Innovations** shall mean new technologies, tactics, and techniques, that can offer improved performance or effectiveness in the Commission’s operations.

**E. PROCEDURES:**

Council shall be led by a Chair or Co-Chairs that serve for two-year terms. The Chair/Co-Chairs shall be appointed at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”). The Council Chair/Co-Chairs are responsible for Council’s scheduling, agenda, and establishing and updating operating guidelines. Meetings shall be scheduled quarterly, or as needed.

Council is responsible for, but not limited to, the following:

- Fostering a culture of continuous improvement;
- Helping to facilitate the rapid implementation of Innovations;
- Quickly integrating Innovations into practice so users of PTC processes gain the benefits of a safer and more efficient transportation system;
- Coordinating industry stakeholder meetings, including product development and demonstration presentations.

*This Policy Letter supersedes all previous Policy Letters on this subject.*