Career

Patrick K. McKenna most recently served as the deputy commissioner for the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, a role that is the chief financial, operating and legislative officer. Before that, McKenna served in leadership positions in the public, private and non-profit sectors. He also worked for several years as the sole proprietor of a real estate holdings company. Mr. McKenna was previously chief financial officer for the Office of the Secretary at the United States Senate.

Education

McKenna has a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Finance from Bentley University and a Master's of Science in Management and Finance from the University of Maryland University College.

Personal

McKenna is married with three children. He and his wife, Suzanne, are enjoying raising two sons, Patrick Jr. and Connor, and a daughter, Kelsey.

He has been involved in youth sports organizations as a coach and serves on several boards of non-profit sports foundations.

Philosophy

Coming from a small state – New Hampshire – I learned how dedicated people are in government and how important public service is to people who have devoted their entire careers to this work.

I approach issues with a sense of mentoring and education, often seeking consensus between divergent viewpoints.

Leadership

I want to thank the commission for the confidence they have placed in me. As we all know, when a new leader comes in, the transition can be disruptive. I want to smooth that out as I move into my leadership role at MoDOT.

I believe in teamwork and letting experts in the field give their opinions as decisions are being considered. I think that's how the best decisions get made.