

**Dr. Bob L. Smith Memorial
Transportation Engineering Lecture Series**

Burt Morey, P.E.



Big Topic In The Future Of Transportation

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1052 Rathbone Hall

Light meal to follow



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Dr. Bob L. Smith was professor emeritus of civil engineering. He earned his BSCE and MSCE degrees from Kansas State College for Agriculture (KSAC) and a Ph.D. from Purdue University in 1964. Dr. Smith started his teaching career at KSAC as an undergraduate student in 1946. He received his MSCE degree in 1953 and got promoted to associate professor. After receiving his Ph.D., he was promoted to full professor. He retired in 1992 and was named Professor Emeritus.

Dr. Smith served as the director for the Kansas Transportation Engineering Conference and Traffic Assistance Service for Kansas (TASK). A dedicated and meticulous faculty member, Dr. Smith taught undergraduate and graduate-level courses in highway design and traffic engineering at K-State. He also was a visiting professor at Texas A&M University and Dartmouth College.

Dr. Smith was a prolific researcher and made pioneering contributions to research in highway geometric design and aesthetics. He published 40 articles, most notably "Handbook of Traffic Control Practices for Low Volume Roads for County Engineers" published by the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and "Practical Highway Aesthetics" published by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

Dr. Smith served on various committees of the Transportation Research Board, ASCE, and Institute of Transportation Engineers, and was regarded as the "face" of Kansas in the national transportation arena. He also served as the executive secretary of the Kansas Water Resources Board. In 1990, he won the ASCE Edmund Friedman Professional Recognition Award.

Dr. Smith dedicated his life in the pursuits close to his heart and mind; education, educating youth in strategies to realize their full potential and becoming financially savvy, improving the quality of our educators.

January 26, 1926 - July 2, 2020

Burt Morey, P.E.

Deputy Secretary and State Transportation Engineer

Burt Morey is the Deputy Secretary and State Transportation Engineer at the Kansas Department of Transportation. He has filled this role since February 2019.

Upon graduation from Kansas State University with a B.S. in Civil Engineering, Burt began a career in transportation engineering. He has worked in this field for 29 years. In that time, he has worked for various local government and the private sector organizations in bridge design, construction engineering and contract administration. He served as the KDOT Metro Engineer in Johnson County from 2007 to 2012. In 2012, Burt was selected to be the Project Director for the Johnson County Gateway design-build project -- KDOT's first design-build and largest project at the time. From November 2015 through February 2019, he served as the City Engineer of Overland Park, Kansas.

Burt and his wife Jan live in rural Leavenworth County, they have two adult (K-State Grads) children and two German Shorthaired Pointers.

Abstract

There are many big topics related to the future of transportation. I believe the most important is strong leadership. I will discuss my experience in learning leadership skills in a state department of transportation and what I see as important traits to provide strong leadership into the future of at a state department of transportation.